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AMENDED AND RESTATED
PROTECTIVE COVENANTS
OF
MEADOW VILLAGE SUBDIVISION
BIG SKY, GALLATIN COUNTY, MONTANA

WHEREAS, protective covenants for Meadow Village Subdivision dated March 24, 1971 were executed by Big Sky of Montana, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, duly qualified in the State of Montana, and recorded at the office of the Clerk and Recorder for Gallatin County, Montana on March 29, 1971 at Film 9, Page 1228 and subsequently amended on April 7, 1971 at Film 9, Page 1382; December 21, 1971 at Film 12, Page 1010; November 23, 1973 at Film 22, Page 153; July 1, 1976 at Film 33, Page 1139; September 3, 1991 at Film 117, Page 4740; November 1, 1991 at Film 119, Page 1068; September 13, 1995 at Film 156, Page 2309 and January 30, 1996 at Film 160, Page 889 for the real property known as Meadow Village Subdivision, according to the official plat on file at the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana legally described as:

Original Plat: H-14, Meadow Village, Big Sky of Montana, Inc. First Filing, recorded on March 29, 1971 and subsequently amended and supplemented by Plat: H-23, Meadow Village Sub., Amended First Filing, recorded on December 1, 1971; Plat I-12, Meadow Village, Big Sky of Montana, Inc. Second Filing, recorded May 3, 1973; Plat J-157 for the Meadow Village 25 Lot Addition to Meadow Village Second Filing recorded on November 1, 1991 and including all amendments to those plats.

WHEREAS, paragraph 15, Amendment, of the protective covenants for Meadow Village Subdivision dated November 7, 1973, and recorded at the office of the Clerk and Recorder for Gallatin County, Montana on November 23, 1973 at Film 22, Page 153 require that "These covenants, or any portion thereof, may be amended, abandoned, terminated, modified, or supplemented at any time by the written consent, duly recorded with the officer of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana, of fifty-one percent (51%) of the property owners within the subdivision."

WHEREAS, fifty-one percent (51%) of the property owners within the Meadow Village Subdivision voted to amend and restate the protective covenants for Meadow Village Subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Owners do hereby establish, dedicate, declare, publish and impose upon the real property the following Amended and Restated Protective Covenants which shall run with the land and shall be binding upon and be for the benefit and value of the real property and the Owners thereof and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Association and the heirs, successors and assigns of the Owners of said real property and shall be for the purpose of maintaining a uniform and stable value, character, architectural design, use and development of the real property.

These Amended and Restated Protective Covenants shall replace and supersede the original covenants and all amendments thereto for the Subdivision. These Amended and Restated Protective Covenants shall apply to all the real property and improvements placed or constructed thereon and unless these Amended and Restated Protective Covenants are amended, shall be in existence in perpetuity unless terminated by operation of law. Existing improvements and uses, and improvements under construction as of the date these Amended and Restated Protective Covenants are recorded with the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana, which do not comply with these Amended and Restated Protective Covenants, shall be grandfathered and shall not be required to change to comply. However, any new construction, reconstruction, restoration, or remodeling of a structure or improvement or use which changes the size, use or location shall be required to comply with these Amended and Restated Protective Covenants. In the event any of these Amended and Restated Protective Covenants are declared invalid or unenforceable, the remaining Amended and Restated Protective Covenants shall remain in full force and effect.

1. DEFINITIONS

Accessory Apartment- a dwelling unit that has been added on to, or created within, a single family dwelling where permitted.

Articles of Incorporation or Articles- shall refer to the Articles of Incorporation of the Big Sky Owners Association, Inc. as filed with the Montana Secretary of State on October 24, 1972 and any amendments and restatements thereto.

Association- refers to the Big Sky Owners Association, Inc., a Montana non-profit corporation operating pursuant to §35-2-113, et. seq., MCA, its successors or assigns.

Association's Jurisdiction- shall refer to the jurisdiction of the Association as set forth in the Bylaws.

Big Sky Architectural Committee or BSAC- shall refer to the Big Sky Architectural Committee as established in the Bylaws and these Protective Covenants.

Board of Directors or Board- shall refer to the Board of Directors of the Big Sky Owners Association, Inc.

Bylaws- shall refer to the Amended and Restated Bylaws for the Big Sky Owners Association, Inc., recorded on January 25, 2008 with the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gallatin County, Montana as Document #2290050, and any amendments or restatements thereto.

Common Area- all real and personal property, including easements, which the Association owns, leases or otherwise holds possessory or use rights in for the common use and enjoyment of its Members.

Design Regulations- refers to those design regulations adopted by the BSAC on May 30, 2003, effective July 1, 2003 and as subsequently amended.

Good Standing- refers to a Member's standing with the Association. In order to be in Good Standing, the Member must be current on the payment of their assessments, not be deemed by the Board to be in violation of these Protective Covenants, Articles, Bylaws, Design Regulations, and/or resolutions or policies of the Board; and current on any other payments deemed due and owing to the Association (including but not limited to design review fees, performance deposits and fines).



Lot- a legally described division of real property created pursuant to a subdivision plat recorded in the public land records in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gallatin County, Montana.

MCA- refers to the Montana Codes Annotated 2005 and any subsequent amendments.

Member- a Person who is an Owner of a Unit, Lot or Tract. If a Unit, Lot, or Tract is held by more than one Person, all co-Owners shall share the rights and obligations of membership in the Association, provided that there shall be collectively only one membership for each Unit, Lot, or Tract.

Membership Interest- a Membership Interest is assigned to each Unit, Lot or Tract in the Bylaws for purposes of assigning voting rights and allocating assessment liability to Members.

Mortgagee- shall mean the holder of any recorded mortgage, or the party secured or beneficiary of any recorded deed of trust, encumbering one or more, Units, Lots, or Tracts.

Occupant- means an Owner, resident, guest, invitee, tenant, lessee, sublessee, or other person in possession of a Unit, Lot or Tract.

Owner- one or more Persons who hold the record title to any Unit, Lot, or Tract of land within the boundaries of the Subdivision, excluding in all cases any Person holding an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Person- a natural person, a corporation, a partnership, a trustee, or any other legal entity.

Plat- refers to the Meadow Village, Big Sky of Montana, Inc., Second Filing, Plat I-12 recorded May 3, 1973, on record with the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana. Any other references to Plat that include alphabetical notations refer to a particular amendment of Plat I-12, which are also on record with the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana.

Protective Covenants- this document in its entirety and any subsequent amendments.

Staff- shall refer to the employees or agents of the Big Sky Owners Association, Inc.

Subdivision- refers to the Meadow Village Subdivision as described in the Plat and any amendments thereto on record with the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gallatin County, Montana; as well as, the 25 Lot Addition to Meadow Village, 2nd Filing Plat J-

157, recorded November 1, 1991 with the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gallatin County, Montana and any amendments thereto.

Tract- a legally described division of real property created pursuant to or described in a survey containing a surveyor's certificate which is recorded in the public land records in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gallatin County, Montana.

Unit- a condominium unit which is a legally described division of real property created pursuant to a Declaration of Condominium and recorded in the public land records in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gallatin County, Montana.

Zoning Regulations- shall refer to the zoning regulations adopted for the Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Zoning District on July 30, 1996 (Gallatin County Commission Resolution 1996-38) and as subsequently amended.

2. USE

A. **Residential Lots**

i. Lots 1 through 32 of Block 1, Lots 1 through 24 of Block 2, Lots 1 through 41 of Block 3, Lots 1 through 45 of Block 4, Lots 1 through 53 of Block 5 and Lots 1 through 30 of Block 6 of the Plat and any amendments thereto, shall be used for single family dwellings only.

ii. Lots 42 through 66 of the 25 Lot Addition to Meadow Village, 2nd Filing Plat J-157 recorded November 1, 1991 with the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Gallatin County, Montana, and any amendments thereto, shall be used for single family dwellings only.

iii. No building or improvement shall be placed, constructed, reconstructed, altered or remodeled on any Lot except to provide for a single family dwelling, with an attached garage. Likewise, the BSAC, as provided in Article 4, may, in its discretion, allow for the construction of an Accessory Apartment above an attached garage where the location of such and the size of the Lot are such that there is sufficient room for the same and they do not unreasonably interfere with the view, building sites, landscaping, elevations and general aesthetic considerations and factors of nearby lots. Nothing herein requires the BSAC to approve an Accessory Apartment; it is solely based on the BSAC's discretion and the above criteria. In the event the BSAC does approve an Accessory Apartment, the Owner must also receive approval under the applicable Zoning Regulations. Any plans for a dwelling on any Lot shall provide for off-street parking for at



least two vehicles; however, the BSAC may require additional parking if an Accessory Apartment is proposed.

iv. Each dwelling unit shall be constructed so as to include not less than 1,600 square feet of covered space of which 1,000 square feet must be living space and 600 sq. feet may be covered garages, porches, or patios.

v. No building, structure, alteration or improvement shall exceed 25 feet in height measured from the average level of finished grade.

vi. No building or structure shall be erected, placed, constructed or remodeled so as to be less than 25 feet from the front lot line, less than 15 feet from the side lot line or less than 10 feet from the rear lot line, except that corner lots shall have a 30 foot set back requirement from the side lot line contiguous to courts or roads.

vii. No Lot shall be subdivided in any manner, except that the same Owner of record may acquire, own, develop, re-sell and for all purposes treat as one Lot, an individual Lot together with one-half of a contiguous Lot. The remaining half Lot cannot be developed as a half Lot and must thereafter be combined with the contiguous whole Lot on the opposing side with the result that two larger Lots may be created from three smaller ones. Two or more contiguous whole Lots, if owned by the same Owner of record, may be combined to constitute one Lot. Any combination of more than one contiguous Lots, if owned by the same Owner of record, may be combined as one Lot for the purpose of applying these covenants by the Owner of record making such election in writing and duly recording the same with the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana, and thereafter such combined Lots shall be treated as one for the purpose of applying these Protective Covenants; any such combination of Lots shall have a side Lot line set back requirement of 30 feet from the side lines of the combined Lot area.

B. Multiple Dwelling Tracts

i. Tracts 1, 1-a, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and Tract E of the Plat and any amendments thereto as well as Tract 2-A [Plat I-12-B and any amendments thereto], Lot 2 of Tract 8 [Plat I-12-G and any amendments thereto], shall be used for condominiums, multiple dwellings, apartments, pensiones, duplexes, cooperative housing, recreation, sports, parks and the providing of buildings, parking, recreational and sporting facilities, food and other services necessary for such use and the installation of wells, pump houses or pipe lines for a water supply, except that the Tracts shall not be used for any other commercial use.



ii. No buildings, structures, alterations or improvements on multiple dwelling tracts shall exceed 35 feet in height measured from the average level of finished grade.

iii. No multiple dwelling tract shall be subdivided in any manner. Except that two or more contiguous multiple dwelling tracts may be combined as one for the purpose of applying these Protective Covenants by the record Owner making such election in writing and recording the same with the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana, and shall comply with all applicable Zoning Regulations. Thereafter such combined Tracts shall be treated as one for the purpose of applying these Protective Covenants.

iv. Plans for any improvements on any multiple dwelling tract shall provide for off-street parking which shall include at least two parking spaces for every dwelling unit or comply with the applicable Zoning Regulations, whichever is greater.

C. Tracts

Tract A-1 and Tract A-3A

As previously granted in the protective covenants of Meadow Village, Second Filing recorded on November 23, 1973 at Film 22, Page 154 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana, Boyne USA, Inc. as successor by merger to Big Sky of Montana, Inc., does hereby grant to the public forever the use of Tract A-1 of Plat I-12-B and Tract A-3A of Plat I-12-L and any amendments to those plats, as a golf course; provided that the ownership and maintenance of said course shall remain with Boyne USA, Inc., its successors, grantees and assigns and provided further that Boyne USA, Inc., its successors, grantees and assigns shall have the right to establish reasonable rules and regulations for said course. Boyne USA, Inc., its successors, grantees and assigns may designate other recreational uses of the said Tract A-1 of Plat I-12-B and Tract A-3A of Plat I-12-L and any amendments to those plats, so long as the same do not interfere, or are inconsistent, with the said use of Tract A-1 of Plat I-12-B and Tract A-3A of Plat I-12-L and any amendments to those plats, as a public golf course.

Use of those Tracts as a golf course and for other recreational uses shall include the placing, construction and remodeling of buildings, structures and improvements related or pertaining to such use including, without being limited to, playgrounds, parks, club houses, tennis courts, swimming pools, parking, water wells, pipelines, or pumping stations for a water supply, maintenance and



storage buildings, shelter and comfort stations and health clubs, together with such easements as Boyne USA, Inc., its successors, grantees and assigns may hereafter designate, but in no event, shall such construction or such easements be inconsistent with these covenants or detract from the use and development of the remainder of the premises.

Tract A-4

Tract A-4 of Plat I-12-K and any amendment thereto, shall be used for a church and related activities. The use will include the construction of buildings, structures and improvements related to such use. This Tract will provide ingress and egress rights for the placement and maintenance of underground utilities. Except for the steeple on the church, no building, structure, alteration, or improvement shall have a ridge line exceeding twenty-five (25) feet in height measured from the average level of finished grade. Said use of Tract A-4 shall not interfere or be inconsistent with the said use of Tract A-1 of Plat I-12-B and Tract A-3A of Plat I-12-L and any amendments to those plats as a public golf course.

Tract B-1 and Tract B remainder

Tract B-1 and Tract B remainder of Plat I-12-D and any amendment thereto, shall be held by Boyne USA, Inc, its successors, grantees and assigns as an open area for future development and shall be subject to Boyne USA, Inc. future designation as use for parks, agriculture, recreational facilities and parking, together with improvements associated with such use and for pedestrian access to adjacent property but which use shall include, where necessary, the installation of wells, pump houses or pipelines for a water supply, together with such easements as may hereafter be designated. Future designation as used in this paragraph shall mean that Boyne USA, Inc, will upon prior to designating and putting this real property to use or selling it, will file with the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana, a supplement to these Protective Covenants designating such use as consistent with this paragraph. Such supplement will not be deemed an amendment to these Protective Covenants.

Tract C

Tract C on the Plat and any subsequent amendment thereto shall be held by the Association as open space, but which use shall include, where necessary, the installation of wells, pump houses or pipelines for a water supply, together with such easements as may hereafter be designated.



Tract D

The remainder of Tract D on the Plat and any subsequent amendment thereto shall be held by Big Sky Resort, LLC, its successors, grantees and assigns as an open area for future development and shall be subject to Big Sky Resort, LLC's future designation, use and development, which shall, however, in no way be inconsistent with these Protective Covenants or detract from the use and development of the remainder of the premises, together with such easements as the Owner of such Tract may hereafter designate. Future designation as used in this paragraph shall mean that Big Sky Resort, LLC, will upon prior to designating and putting this real property to use or selling it, will file with the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana, a supplement to these Protective Covenants designating such use as consistent with this paragraph. Such supplement will not be deemed an amendment to these Protective Covenants.

3. EASEMENTS

- A. **Reservation of Easements.** Easements for roads, drainage, electricity, telephone, lighting, water, sewer, cable television and all other utilities, skiing, bicycle paths, bridle paths, pedestrian traffic, or any other service or utility shall be and are hereby reserved as shown on the Plat, and any amendments thereto, as well as easements for all of the above except for roads along the front, side and rear setback areas of all Lots as well as across all numbered and lettered Tracts and areas in the Subdivision. Such easements shall not interfere with and shall be subject and servient to any and all buildings subsequently erected in such areas, the easements herein provided for to bypass such buildings.
- B. **Requirement to Bury Utilities.** All utilities, pipe and service lines shall be buried.
- C. **Road Easements.** All road easements as shown on the Plat shall include a corresponding easement for drainage, electricity, telephone, lighting, water, sewer, cable television and all other utilities, skiing, bicycle, bridle paths and pedestrian traffic.
- D. **Landscaping Easements.** Easement areas may be landscaped by Owners so as to enhance their appearance so long as the landscaping does not interfere with the use of the property as an easement. However, Owners who landscape within these easements do so at their own risk.



4. ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

- A. **Membership and Term.** There is hereby created the Big Sky Architectural Committee (hereinafter "BSAC"), which is a committee of the Association. Said BSAC is the same committee as that established and/or referred to in the covenants of other subdivisions created within the area defined by the Association's Jurisdiction, as well as the committee established in the Bylaws. The membership and term of the committee members on the BSAC, as referenced herein, shall be established in the Bylaws.

- B. **Powers and Duties** Along with such other powers and duties as enumerated in the Bylaws for the BSAC, the BSAC shall have the following authority:
 - i. The BSAC shall have the authority to establish Design Regulations and such other reasonable rules and procedures as it deems necessary to carry out its functions, which rules, and procedures may not be inconsistent with the provisions of these Protective Covenants, the Articles or the Bylaws.

 - ii. The BSAC has the express authority by these Protective Covenants to regulate the location of any structures to be located on a Lot or Tract in this Subdivision. If no location is specified by the Owner thereof when his or her plans are submitted to the BSAC, the BSAC may select the location of the same for the Owner. The intent and purpose of this provision is to provide for those locations which, in the opinion of the BSAC, are best suited to each specific Lot and or Tract and do not interfere, or create the least interference, with residences on contiguous and nearby Lots in this Subdivision, with regard to elevations, view, building site features, landscaping and factors and considerations of an aesthetic nature.

 - iii. The BSAC has the express authority by these Protective Covenants to review and accept or deny all plans for any construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodel, maintenance, and landscaping prior to construction or installation for property within the Subdivision.

 - iv. The BSAC shall have the authority to approve or reject materials, designs and colors submitted with plans or the plans themselves if they are not compatible, or are inappropriate, with the rest of the Subdivision, the Design Regulations, or these Protective Covenants.

 - v. The Association and the BSAC through their authorized officers, employees, and/or agents shall have the right to enter any Lot or Tract upon twenty-four (24) hours notice to the Owner or Owner's agent for the purpose of



- ascertaining whether such Lot or Tract or the construction, erection, placement, remodeling or alteration of any improvement thereon is in compliance with the approved architectural or landscape plans approved by the BSAC. The BSAC, the Association or such officer, employee, or agent thereof shall not be deemed to have committed a trespass or wrongful act solely by reason of such action or actions under this part. Notice as provided under this part may be either in person, via telephone, e-mail, or in writing, provided such notice is documented.
- vi. The BSAC shall have the authority to require reasonable fees to be paid with the filing of plans to offset expenses. In addition, the BSAC shall have the authority to set and require that Owners or their agent post certain deposits prior to commencing construction for the purpose of assuring that construction and landscaping will be completed within the time specified and in substantial compliance with the aesthetics of the approved architectural and landscape plans.
- vii. The BSAC shall have the authority to revoke or suspend its approval and/or order the suspension or cessation of any construction or work in violation of these Protective Covenants or of any Design Regulations, rules or procedures established by the BSAC.
- viii. In addition to the above powers and duties, the BSAC may have such powers and duties as delegated to it by the Board.
- C. **Submission of Plans before Lot and/or Tract Alterations.** No building, construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodel, landscaping, parking, fence, wall or other improvement shall be placed, constructed, erected, repaired, restored, reconstructed, painted, altered, remodeled, added to or maintained on any Lot or Tract until drawings, plans and specifications (which must have been prepared by a licensed architect where applicable for construction, reconstruction, alteration, or remodeling) and such other information as the BSAC may reasonably require, including, without being limited to: colors, building materials and models, have been submitted to, and approved by, a majority of the BSAC in writing; nor may the same be commenced until the BSAC shall have issued its authorization allowing for such improvements. Simultaneously with the filing of any initial building plans for any Lot and/or Tract the Owner thereof must also submit to the BSAC a landscape plan. The landscape plan must set forth in detail the landscaping to be installed, placed or planted on such Lot or Tract, including paths, walks, shrubs, trees, rocks, fences, walls or any feature to be incorporated into a landscape design or plan which must serve to enhance the appearance of the site and such landscape plan must be approved before construction commences. All improvements, construction, reconstruction, alterations, remodeling or any activity requiring the approval of the BSAC must be completed in substantial



compliance with the plans and specifications approved by the BSAC and shall be in full compliance with all of the applicable terms and provisions of these Protective Covenants.

- D. **Construction and Landscaping.** All construction shall be diligently prosecuted to completion and, shall in any event be completed within eighteen (18) months of commencement unless specific written extension is granted by the BSAC. No construction material shall at any time be placed or stored so as to impede, obstruct or interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic and no construction materials shall be placed or stored on Lots or Tracts for a period not to exceed 30 days following substantial completion of construction as shall be determined by the BSAC. The landscaping provided for in the landscape plan must be completed within eighteen (18) months of commencement of construction unless specific written extension is granted by the BSAC.
- E. **Liability.** The standards and procedures established by this Article or the BSAC are intended to enhance the overall aesthetics of the Subdivision. Neither the BSAC, the individual members, or the Association shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the structural integrity or soundness of approved construction or modifications, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes and other governmental requirements, nor for ensuring the appropriateness of soils, drainage, and general site work. Neither the Association, the Board, the BSAC or member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages, or loss arising out of the manner or quality of approved construction on or modifications to any Unit, Lot or Tract within the real property. In all matters, the BSAC and its members shall be defended and indemnified by the Association.

5. OWNERS ASSOCIATION, MEMBERSHIP, AND VOTING RIGHTS

- A. **Association.** The owners association for Meadow Village Subdivision shall be the Big Sky Owners Association, Inc. Pursuant to Montana Law, the Association shall operate under the Bylaws.
- B. **Membership.** All Owners of a Unit, Lot, or Tract shall automatically, upon becoming the Owner, be a Member of the Association, and shall remain a Member thereof until such time as the ownership ceases for any reason, at which time the membership in the Association shall automatically cease. All Owners in the Subdivision, as Members of the Association, shall be bound by the provisions of the Articles and Bylaws of the Association, copies of which are made a part hereof by reference. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from the ownership of any Unit, Lot or Tract subject to assessment. It



is the responsibility of the grantor to contact the Association and provide it with a copy of the recorded document of transfer evidencing the grantee's name and accurate mailing address. Membership shall begin and the Membership Interests shall vest upon recording a deed. Membership shall terminate and Membership Interests shall be revoked upon a Person divesting record ownership of a Unit, Lot or Tract. No Member may withdraw nor be expelled while being an Owner. A Mortgagee does not have membership rights until it obtains title to the Unit, Lot or Tract by foreclosure or deed in lieu thereof.

- C. **Exercise of Voting Rights.** Each Membership Interest shall have and exercise such voting rights as set forth in the Bylaws.

6. ASSESSMENTS

- A. **Liens and Assessments: Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments.** Each Owner of any Unit, Lot or Tract, within the Subdivision, 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. Annual assessments shall be billed on an annual basis as established in the Bylaws and notice of the same shall be mailed to each Owner as established in the Bylaws. All assessments become due 30 days after the date of mailing notice of such assessments. All assessments together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land, run with the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made.

Failure of the Board to set the annual assessment amount or to deliver or mail to each Owner an assessment notice shall not be deemed a waiver, modification, or a release of any Owner from the obligation to pay these assessments. In such event, each Owner shall continue to pay the annual assessments on the same basis as during the last year for which an annual assessment was made, if any, until a new budget becomes effective and a new annual assessment is levied pursuant thereto. Any such budget may include as an expense item any shortfall in amounts previously collected.

No Owner may exempt himself/herself from liability for any assessments by non-use of or abandonment of his/her Unit, Lot or Tract, or any other means. The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner. No diminution or abatement of assessments or set-off shall be claimed or allowed for any alleged failure of the Association or Board to take some action or perform some function required of it, or for inconvenience or



discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements, or from any other action it takes.

Upon request, the Association shall furnish to an Owner or his/her title company or mortgage company written (mailed, e-mailed, or faxed) or oral verification of the amount of such assessment owing and whether the Owner has paid such assessment. The Association may require the advance payment of a reasonable processing fee for the issuance of such verification.

- B. **Annual Assessments.** The Board shall establish and levy annual assessments in an amount that the Board estimates will be sufficient to raise the funds needed to perform the duties of the Association during each fiscal year. The annual assessments shall include a portion for reserves in such amounts as the Board in its discretion considers appropriate to meet the costs of the future repair, replacement or additions to the major improvements and fixtures that the Association is obligated to maintain and repair.
- C. **Special Assessments.** In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Board, at any time, may levy and establish the due dates for a special assessment in order to raise funds for unexpected operating or other costs, insufficient operating or reserve funds, or such other purposes as the Board in its discretion considers appropriate.
- D. **Uniform Rate of Assessment.** Annual and Special Assessments for Members in this Subdivision shall be fixed at the same uniform rate for each Unit, Lot, and Tract. That is, each Unit, Lot, and Tract shall be assessed the same amounts regardless of size, and may be collected on a basis to be determined by the Board in the Bylaws.
- E. **Restrictions on Increases in Annual or Special Assessments.** The Board may not increase an annual assessment or levy a special assessment on any Unit, Lot or Tract except as set forth in the Bylaws.
- F. **Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments and/or Fines: Remedies of the Association.** Any assessment or fine not paid within sixty (60) days after the due date shall be delinquent, shall incur a late payment penalty in an amount to be set by the Board from time to time, not to exceed the maximum permitted by applicable law, and shall bear interest at a rate established by the Board which shall not exceed the maximum interest rate authorized by law until paid. Failure to pay within sixty (60) days of the due date will result in the Association recording a lien against the property being assessed or bringing an action at law or both. Suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid assessments, fines, late



charges, interest and attorney's fees shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.

The Association will record that lien with the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana, or bring an action at law to collect the lien or foreclose the lien against the real property in the same manner as a mortgage on real property, and the Association shall be entitled in any such actions or foreclosure proceedings to recover its costs, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees. The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid for the Unit, Lot, or Tract at foreclosure sale, and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same. During the period a Unit, Lot, or Tract is owned by the Association following foreclosure, no right to vote shall be exercised on behalf of the Unit, Lot, or Tract and no assessment shall be assessed or levied on the Unit, Lot, or Tract. The Board may authorize the execution and recordation of a deed conveying title to the Unit, Lot, or Tract which deed shall be binding upon the Owners, their successors, and all other parties.

7. PROPERTY USE RESTRICTIONS

- A. **Water and Sewer.** Within the Subdivision all improvements or structures designed for occupancy or use by humans shall be connected to the Big Sky County Water & Sewer District No. 363, and no private well, septic tank, leaching field or other private sewage treatment facility shall be used or installed in the Subdivision, unless approved by the Big Sky County Water & Sewer District No. 363.
- B. **Trash and Garbage.** No trash, waste, garbage, litter, junk, or refuse shall be thrown, dumped or left on any portion of the Subdivision and no burning of the same shall be permitted. No incinerator or other device for burning of trash or garbage shall be installed or used except as may be approved by the BSAC. Each Owner shall provide suitable receptacles for the containment and collection of trash and garbage, which must be enclosed and comply with the Zoning Regulations. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit or deny the installation or use of wood burning fireplaces, in accordance with the Design Regulations.
- C. **Signs.** All signs, real estate signs, billboards, posters, displays, advertisements or any structures relating thereto are prohibited unless they have received the written approval of the BSAC prior to installation or use, or they are a permitted sign under the Design Regulations. This restriction shall also include signs for identification of streets, residences, places of business and directional or location



markers or signs. The Owner must also receive approval under the applicable Zoning Regulations.

- D. **Animals.** Animals such as dogs, cats, birds or horses are allowed in the Subdivision as pets only and so long as they are strictly controlled by their Owners to prevent them from becoming a nuisance to the neighbors or harassing wildlife. Kennels, stables or other facilities for the keeping or retention of animals shall be restricted to areas so designated and approved by the BSAC. The commercial keeping, breeding, care, or raising of any animal is forbidden. No animal shall be allowed on a prolonged basis to howl, bark, yelp or utter other annoying noise. If a particular animal or animals shall, in the discretion of the Board, become a nuisance, the Board shall have the authority to require that the same be kept tethered, confined on the Owner's property or kept inside the Owner's residence and the Board may further require that when the said animal or animals are taken from the said property such animals must then be kept on a leash or bridle and must be under the Owner's control at all times. Owners not controlling their animals or abiding by the above shall be fined and at the discretion of the Board, nuisance animals will be removed from the Subdivision by the Owner.
- E. **Environment.** Every attempt shall be made to preserve and protect the environment indigenous to the area. Disturbance, destruction or damage to all plant life, all animal life and their natural habitats, streams, ponds, springs, underground aquifers, soils and rocks is strictly forbidden except where absolutely necessary for the placement or construction of improvements within the Subdivision or for the proper and orderly development of the real property. No existing tree may be cut, removed, or voluntarily destroyed by any party, including Owners, without obtaining the prior written approval of the BSAC. Such removal must be for aesthetic purposes, to promote safety, to facilitate construction or as a part of a landscape plan. All areas not utilized as sites for improvements where disturbed by construction or any human activity shall be returned as quickly as possible to their natural condition and replanted with native plant life except where otherwise utilized for lawns, gardens or exterior living areas.
- F. **Mining.** No mining, quarrying, excavation, oil drilling, or mining development of any kind shall be allowed in or within the Subdivision except for such excavation as may be necessary in connection with the construction or placing of improvements thereon in accordance with the terms and restrictions of these Protective Covenants.



- G. **Temporary Structures and Storage.** No trailer, mobile home, basement, tent, shack, garage or camper shall be used at any time, on the real property, as a residence or a place for habitation or sleeping, temporarily or permanently. No trailer, boat, mobile home, snowmobile, motorcycle, camper or any structure of a temporary nature shall be permitted to be kept or stored within the Subdivision unless within a fenced or screened parking space, which must be approved by the BSAC. However, nothing in this section prevents the BSAC from establishing a policy to permit the temporary parking of a trailer, boat, mobile home, motorcycle, or camper within the Subdivision for a set limited amount of time each month, with the prior written approval of the BSAC. The BSAC reserves the right to revoke its approval.
- H. **Recreational Vehicles.** No snowmobiles, "ATV-like" vehicles, or helicopters shall be operated within the boundaries of the Subdivision for any purpose, with the exception that such vehicles may be used and operated only for: maintenance of public roadways and spaces (including but not limited to parks, trails and road right of ways); emergencies or safety purposes; and snow mobiles and/or groomers may be used by the Lone Mountain Ranch or its successor in interest or assigns to groom and/or maintain such designated cross country ski trails.
- I. **Nuisance.** No activity shall be conducted in any Lot or Tract that constitutes a nuisance or unreasonably interferes with the use or quiet enjoyment of the Occupants of any other Lot or Tract. No noxious, illegal, or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any Lot or Tract, nor shall anything be done there which may be, or may become, an annoyance or nuisance to the Subdivision and surrounding area. No Owner shall permit anything to be done or kept in his or her Lot or Tract that violates any law, ordinance, statute, rule or regulation of any local, county, state or federal agency.
- J. **Television and Radio Antennas.** No exterior visible television or radio antennas are permitted in the Subdivision. However, those dishes that are one meter or less used for satellite television are permitted in the Subdivision, but only in compliance with the Design Regulations.
- K. **Weeds and Ground Cover.** The Owner of each Lot and/or Tract shall control or eliminate all noxious plants on his or her Lot and/or Tract, provided, however, that he/she shall only use herbicide approved for domestic use and/or approved by the State of Montana and/or Gallatin County for use around waterways as required. Ground cover shall be maintained and replaced in a timely manner for any Lot or Tract alterations.



- L. **Drainage Control.** All structures erected within the 25 Lot Addition to Meadow Village, 2nd Filing Plat J-157, and any amendments thereto, shall be equipped with rain gutters. All rain gutters and driveways shall drain away from all foundations.

8. ENFORCEMENT

- A. **Procedure.** Each Owner or his/her tenants, guests and/or invitees of any Unit, Lot or Tract shall comply with these Protective Covenants, and as lawfully amended from time to time. Each Owner shall be responsible to the Association for compliance with the foregoing by his/her tenants, guests and/or invitees. The Association shall have the right (but not the obligation) to enforce these Protective Covenants, through its procedure adopted by resolution of the Board, abatement of the violation by the Association, or by proceedings either at law or in equity against any Person(s) violating or attempting to violate any of these Protective Covenants. Legal proceedings may be either to restrain violation of the Protective Covenants or to recover damages or both. Such procedures adopted by the Board to enforce these Protective Covenants shall include provisions for due process (including but not limited to notice and an opportunity to be heard at a regular meeting of the Board) for Person(s) violating or attempting to violate any of these Protective Covenants.

- B. **Discretion.** The decision to have the Association pursue enforcement action in any particular case shall be left to the Board's discretion, except that the Board shall not be arbitrary or capricious in taking enforcement action. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing sentence, the Board may determine that, under the circumstances of a particular case:

- i. the Association's position is not strong enough to justify taking any or further action; or
- ii. the covenant, restriction or rule being enforced is, or is likely to be construed as, inconsistent with applicable law; or
- iii. although a technical violation may exist or may have occurred, it is not of such a material nature as to be objectionable to a reasonable person or to justify expending the Association's resources; or
- iv. it is not in the Association's best interest, based upon hardship, expense, or other reasonable criteria, to pursue enforcement action.

Such a decision shall not be deemed a waiver of the right of the Association to enforce such provision at a later time under other circumstances or preclude the Association from enforcing any other covenant, restriction or rule, nor shall it



preclude any Owner from taking action at law or in equity to enforce these Protective Covenants.

- C. **Costs of Enforcement.** Costs incurred for enforcing the provisions of these Protective Covenants and/or the Bylaws (inclusive of giving notice of the violation), costs of correcting the defect or undoing the violation, if undertaken by the Association, or any fines levied against the Owner after the Owner or his/her tenants, guests and/or invitees is determined by the Board to be in violation of these Protective Covenants shall be paid by the Owner. Any costs incurred for enforcing the provisions of these Protective Covenants and/or the Bylaws, for correcting the defect or undoing the violation, or fine assessed against the Owner that is not paid within sixty (60) days as provided for in Article 6, Part F above, shall result in a lien being recorded against the Unit, Lot, or Tract and/or the Owner's interest therein, such lien to be enforceable by sale under the laws of the State of Montana. Such lien will be recorded at the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana.

Should any lawsuit, arbitration or other legal proceeding be instituted by the Association against an Owner alleged to have violated one or more of the provision of these Protective Covenants and/or the Bylaws and should the Association be wholly or partially successful in such proceeding, the offending Owner shall be obligated to pay the costs of such proceeding, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs and costs of collecting the judgment.

- D. **Delegation.** The Board may delegate any of its obligations with respect to enforcement as set forth above to its Staff or any committee of the Board, including but not limited to the BSAC; except that any decision to pursue or not pursue any legal proceeding may not be delegated, and shall be determined by the Board.
- E. **Remedies Cumulative.** Each remedy provided under this Article 8, are cumulative and not exclusive.
- F. **Joint and Several Liability.** In the case of joint ownership of a Unit, Lot, or Tract, in any form, the liability of each Owner thereof in connection with the liabilities and obligations of Owners as set forth in or imposed by these Protective Covenants shall be joint and several.

9. AMENDMENT

These covenants, or any portion thereof, may be amended, abandoned, terminated, modified or supplemented at any time by the written consent or certification thereof, duly recorded with the officer of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County, Montana, of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Membership Interests within the Subdivision. Proposed amendments can be drafted and put to a vote of the Members within the Subdivision either by the Board or any Member within the Subdivision.

10. SEVERABILITY

A determination of invalidity of any one or more of the covenants or conditions hereof by judgment, order or decree of a court shall not affect in any manner the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

11. ZONING

Meadow Village Subdivision is part of the Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Zoning district. Compliance with these covenants and receiving BSAC approval as detailed in Article 4 herein, does not assure compliance with the Zoning Regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we certify that these Amended and Restated Protective Covenants of Meadow Village Subdivision have been adopted by a vote of fifty-one percent (51%) of the property owners within the Subdivision and these Amended and Restated Protective Covenants of Meadow Village Subdivision hereby supersede those covenants recorded at the office of the Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County Montana on March 29, 1971 at Film 9, Page 1228 and subsequently amended on April 7, 1971 at Film 9, Page 1382; December 21, 1971 at Film 12, Page 1010; November 23, 1973 at Film 22, Page 153; July 1, 1976 at Film 33, Page 1139; September 3, 1991 at Film 117, Page 4740; November 1, 1991 at Film 119, Page 1068; September 13, 1995 at Film 156, Page 2309 and January 30, 1996 at Film 160, Page 889.

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