**Section 6 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

6.1 Use. Lots may not be used except for single-family residential purposes. No building shall be erected, altered, placed, or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family residence not to exceed two and one-half stories in height. Each residence shall include not less than a two-car garage, which shall be built as part of the residence and attached to it.

6.2 Dwelling Size. No residence shall be built on a Lot having a ground floor area upon the foundation, exclusive of one-story open porches, breezeways or garages, of less than 1,200 square feet for a one-story residence, or less than 1,500 square feet of total living area, (excluding one-story open porches, breezeways and garages), for a residence that has more than one story.

6.3 Building Lines. No structure shall be located on a Lot nearer to the front Lot line, or nearer to the side street line than the minimum building setback lines shown on the Plat. In any event, no building shall be located nearer than a distance of 7 feet to an interior Lot line. No dwelling shall be located on an interior Lot nearer than 25 feet to the rear Lot line for lots 11 through 51, and 15 feet for lots 1 through 10.

6.4 Minimum Lot Size. No residence shall be erected or placed on a Lot having a width of less than 60 feet at the minimum building setback line, nor shall any residence be erected or placed on any Lot having an area of less than 7,000 square feet.

6.5 Utility Easements. Easements for the installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the Plat and over the rear 10 feet of each Lot. No Owner shall erect on a Lot, or grant to any person, firm or corporation the right, license, or privilege to erect or use, or permit the use of, overhead wires, poles or overhead facilities of any kind for electrical, telephone or television service (except such poles and overhead facilities that may be required at those places where distribution facilities enter and leave the Subdivision). Nothing in these Covenants shall be construed to prohibit street lighting or ornamental yard lighting serviced by underground wires or cables. Electrical service entrance facilities installed for any residence or other structure on a Lot connecting it to the electrical distribution system of any electric public utility shall be provided by the Owner of the Lot who constructs the residence or structure, and shall carry not less than 3 wires and have a capacity of not less than 200 amperes. Any public utility charged with the maintenance of underground installations shall have access to all easements in which said installations are located for operation, maintenance and replacement of service connections.

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

6.7 Nuisance. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done there which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to residents in the Subdivision.

6.8 Temporary Structures. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, boat trailer, camper or camping trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be constructed, erected, located or used on any Lot for any purpose (including use as a residence), either temporarily or permanently; provided, however, that basements may be constructed in connection with the construction and use of a single-family residence building.

6.9 Outside Storage. No boat, boat trailer, recreational vehicle, motor home, truck, camper or any other wheeled vehicle shall be permitted to be parked ungaraged on a Lot for periods in excess of 48 hours, or for a period of which is in the aggregate is in excess of 8 days per calendar year. The term "truck" as used in this Section 6.9 means every motor vehicle designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, which is rated one-ton or more.

6.10 Free-Standing Poles. No clotheslines or clothes poles, or any other free standing, semi-permanent or permanent poles, rigs, or devices, regardless of purpose, with the exception of a flag pole displaying the United States flag and a basketball pole, shall be constructed, erected, or located or used on a Lot, provided however, that the installation and location thereof must be approved by the Committee under section 5.

6.11 Signs. No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on a Lot except one professional sign of not more than one square foot, or one sign of not more than five square feet, advertising a Lot for sale or rent, or signs used by a builder to advertise a Lot during the construction and sales periods.

6.12 Antennas. No radio or television antenna with more than 24 square feet of grid area, or that attains a height in excess of 6 feet above the highest point of the roof of a residence, shall be attached to a residence on a Lot. No free-standing radio or television antenna shall be permitted on a Lot. No solar panels (attached, detached or free-standing) are permitted on a Lot. No satellite receiving disk or dish in excess of 20 inches in diameter shall be permitted on a Lot, provided however, that the installation and location thereof must be approved by the Committee under Section 5.

6.13 Oil Drilling. No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted on or in a Lot. No derrick or other structure designed for boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted on a Lot.

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

6.15 Dumping. No Lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage and other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers. No incinerators shall be kept or allowed on a Lot.

6.16 Workmanship. All structures on a Lot shall be constructed in a substantial, good and workmanlike manner and of new materials. No roof siding, asbestos siding or siding containing asphalt or tar as one of its principal ingredients shall be used in the exterior construction of any structure on a Lot, and no roll roofing of any description or character shall be used on the roof of any residence or attached garage on a Lot.

6.17 Driveways. All driveways on Lots from the street to the garage shall be poured concrete and not less than 16 feet in width.

6.18 Individual Utilities. No individual water supply system or individual sewage disposal system shall be installed, maintained or used on a Lot in the Subdivision.

6.19 Street Utility Easements. In addition to the utility easements designated in this document, easements in the streets, as shown on the Plat, are reserved and granted to all public utility companies, the owners of the Real Estate and their respective successors and assigns, to install, lay , erect, construct, renew, operate, repair, replace, maintain and remove every type of gas main, water main and sewer main (sanitary and storm) with all necessary appliances, subject, nevertheless, to all reasonable requirements of any governmental body having jurisdiction over the Subdivision as to maintenance and repair of said streets.

6.20 Storm Water Runoff. No rain and storm water runoff or such things as roof water, street pavement and surface water caused by natural precipitation, shall at any time be discharged or permitted to flow into the sanitary sewage system serving the Subdivision, which shall be a separate sewer system from the storm water and surface water runoff sewer system. No sanitary sewage shall at any time be discharged or permitted to flow into the Subdivision's storm and surface water runoff sewer system.

6.21 Completion of Infrastructure. Before any residence on a Lot shall be used and occupied as such, the Developer, or any subsequent Owner of the Lot, shall install all infrastructure improvements serving the Lot as shown on the approved plans and specifications for the Subdivision filed with the Plan Commission and other governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the Subdivision. This covenant shall run with the land and be enforceable by the Plan Commission or by any aggrieved Owner.

6.22 Certificate of Compliance. Before a Lot may be used or occupied, such user or occupier shall first obtain from the Allen County Zoning Administrator the improvement location permit and certificate of compliance required by the Allen County Zoning Ordinance.

6.23 Enforcement. The Association, Developer and any Owner (individually or collectively) shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or subsequently imposed by the provisions of these Covenants. Failure by the Association, Developer or an Owner to enforce any provisions in the Covenants shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so later.

6.24 Invalidation. Invalidation of any one of these Covenants by judgment or court order shall not affect the remaining provisions, and such provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

6.25 Duration of Covenants. These Covenants shall run with the land and be effective for a period of 20 years from the date the Plat and these Covenants are recorded; after which time the Covenants shall automatically be renewed for successive periods of 10 years.

6.26 Amendments. Any provision of these Covenants may be amended, but such amendment is subject to the following requirements and limitations:

6.26.1 After primary residences are constructed on all Lots in the Subdivision and certificates of occupancy are issued by the Plan Commission for such residences, in order to amend a provision of these Covenants, an amendatory document must be signed by the Owners of at least 75% of the Lots in the Subdivision and by the owners of at least 75% of the lots in future sections, if any, of Laurel Ridge. For purposes of this Section 6.26.1, the term "owner" shall have the same meaning with respect to Lots in such future sections, as the term "Owner" is defined in Section 1.10.

6.26.2 Until primary residences are constructed on all Lots in the Subdivision and certificates of occupancy are issued for those residences, in order to amend the Covenants, Developer, in addition to those persons whose signatures are required under Section 6.25.1, also must sign the amendatory document.

6.26.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6.25.1, Developer and its successors and assigns shall have the exclusive right for a period of two years from the date the Plat and these Covenants are recorded, to amend any of the Covenant provisions (except Section 6.2) without approval of the Owners.

6.26.4 In order for any amendment of these Covenants to be effective, the approval of the Plan Commission shall be required.

6.27 Subdivision. No lot or combination of Lots may be further subdivided until approval for such subdivision has been obtained from the Plan Commission; except, however, the Developer and its successors in title shall have the absolute right to increase the size of any Lot by adding to such Lot a part of an adjoining Lot (thus decreasing the size of such adjoining Lot) so long as the effect of such addition does not result in the creation of a "Lot" which violates the limitation imposed under Section 1.9.

**Section 7. ATTORNEY FEES AND RELATED EXPENSES.** In the event the Association, Developer, an Owner, or the Plan Commission is successful in any proceeding, whether at law or in equity, brought to enforce any restriction, covenant, limitation, easement, condition, reservation, lien, or charge now or subsequently imposed by the provisions of these Covenants, the successful party shall be entitled to recover from the party against whom the proceeding was brought, the attorney fees and related costs and expenses incurred in such proceeding.

**Section 8. SIDEWALKS.** Plans and specifications for the Subdivision approved by and on file with the Plan Commission require the installation of concrete sidewalks within the street rights-of-way in front of Lots 12, 13, 27 through 35, and 45 through 51, as the obligation of the Owners of those Lots (exclusive of Developer). The sidewalk to be located on a Lot shall be completed in accordance with such plans and specifications prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for such Lot. A violation of this Covenant is enforceable by the Plan Commission or its successor agency, by specific performance or other appropriate legal or equitable remedy. Should a certificate of occupancy be issued to Developer for a Lot on which a sidewalk must be constructed, Developer shall be considered as an Owner subject to enforcement of this Covenant with respect to that Lot.

**Section 9. FLOOD PROTECTION GRADES.** In order to minimize potential damage to residences from surface water, minimum flood protection grades are established of 853.0 feet Mean Sea Level for Lots 1 through 10, 857.0 feet Mean Sea Level for Lots 42 through 44, 855.0 feet Mean Sea Level for Lot 45 and 46, 854.0 feet Mean Sea Level for Lot 47, and 853.30 feet Mean Sea Level for Lots 48 through 50. All residences on such Lots shall be constructed so that the minimum elevation of the first floor, or the minimum sill elevation of any opening below the first floor, equals or exceeds the applicable minimum flood protection grade established in this Section 9.

**Section 10. MANDATORY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.** The Association shall be obligated to contract for disposal of garbage and other solid waste to and may pay for the cost of such disposal through assessments established under Section 4. An Owner who privately arranges for solid waste disposal to service the Owner's Lot shall not be excused from payment of any part of an assessment attributable to the cost of waste disposal for which the Association contracts under this Section 10.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, PT Development Corp., an Indiana corporation, by its duly authorized President, Joseph L. Zehr, Owner of the Real Estate, has signed this document on this 11th day of August, 1997.

PT Development Corp.

By: _____
Joseph L. Zehr, President

STATE OF INDIANA )
) SS
COUNTY OF ALLEN )

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 11th day of August, 1997, personally appeared Joseph L. Zehr, known to me to be the duly authorized President of PT Development Corp. and acknowledged the execution of the above and aforegoing as his voluntary act and deed and on behalf of said corporation for the purposes and uses set forth in this document.

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Orrin R. Sessions, Notary Public
Resident of Allen County, Indiana

My Commission Expires:
5-30-2000

Witness my hand and notarial seal.

This instrument was prepared by Thomas J. Blee, Attorney at Law.



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