CEDAR CREEK LANDING

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

This Declaration is made and executed this day of to as the "Developer"), of P.O. Box 163, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Developer is the fee simple owner or holds assignable easements in certain real property located in Cedar Creek Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"), and desires to develop therein a residential community; and

WHEREAS, the Developer desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities in said community and for the maintenance of said common lands and facilities and to this end, desires to subject the Property to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Restrictions"), as hereinafter set forth, for the benefit of the Property and each owner thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has deemed it desirable for the efficient preservation of values and amenities in said community, to create an agency to which will be delegated and assigned the powers of maintaining and administering the community facilities, common lands, and administering and enforcing the covenants and restrictions and levying, collecting and disbursing the assessments and charges hereinafter created; and

WHEREAS, the Developer will cause a nonprofit corporation, Cedar Creek Landing Owners Association, Inc., to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, for the purpose of exercising the functions aforesaid.

NOW THEREFORE, the Developer hereby declares that the following Restrictions shall run with, burden and bind the Property, and the Developer hereby declares the Property, as described in Exhibit "A," is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, occupied and used subject to the restrictions hereinafter set forth and during the period of time hereinafter set forth; and subject to all easements, rights of way and restrictions previously placed upon the Property as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County by the Developer, or its predecessors in title.

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ARTICLE I

Definitions

The following words, when used in this Declaration (unless the context shall prohibit) shall have the following meanings:

- A. "Association" shall mean and refer to Cedar Creek Landing Owners Association, Inc., or such other membership corporation as the Developer shall form, its successors and assigns.
- B. "Common Areas" shall mean and refer to those areas of land designated on the Record Plat and incorporated herein by reference. The Common Areas shall be designated as Common Areas, and shall include all private streets and open or common space as shown on the Record Plat. The Common Areas shall include the roads, namely, Mane Street, Filly Way, Hackney Circle, Gelding Drive, Dobbin Court, Percheron Way, Wither's Way, and Outlots A, B, C, D and F, (omitting Outlot E). All Common Areas are intended to be devoted to the common use and enjoyment of the members of the Association, as herein defined, and are not dedicated for use by the general public. All Common Areas shall be subject to the restrictions created herein, and shall be subject to all restrictions, easements and rights-of-way previously granted by the Developer or its predecessors in title.
- C. "Developer" shall mean and refer to Thetavest, Inc., and any successor.
- D. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any unimproved or improved plot of land intended and subdivided for a detached single family residence, shown upon the Record Plat as a numbered parcel, but shall not include the "Common Areas" as hereinabove defined.
- E. "Member" shall mean and refer to all those Owners who are members of the Association as provided in Article II, Section 1 of this Declaration.
- F. "Mortgage" shall mean and refer to any mortgage, deed of trust, or similar instrument granted as security for the performance of any obligation.
- G. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, holding a fee simple title to any Lot, but shall not mean or refer to any mortgagee or subsequent holder of a mortgage, unless and until such mortgagee or holder has acquired title pursuant to foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure.
- H. "Record Plat" shall mean the plat of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Sussex County,

recorded in Plot Book ____ at Page ___, depicting the Property and all of the Lots and the Common Areas.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

section 1. Every Owner of a Lot, which is subject to assessment or shall be eligible for a later assessment shall be a Member of the Association provided, however, that any such person or entity who holds such interest merely as security for performance of an obligation shall not be a Member, unless and until such person or entity has succeeded to such Owner's interest by enforcement of such security interest. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from the ownership of any Lot, which is subject to assessment. Provided, however, that the Developer shall be considered an Owner of each Lot held by it, whether such Lot or Lots are or are not subject to assessment.

Section 2. The Association shall have one class of voting membership; Class A: which shall be all Owners, including the Developer. Class A members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot all such persons shall be members. The vote of such Lot shall be exercised as the Owners themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Section 3. The Developer shall establish the Association by the filing of a Certificate of Incorporation of the Association when the Developer, at its sole discretion, deems the creation of such Association appropriate, except that the Certificate of Incorporation shall be filed by the Developer no later than December 31, 1997.

ARTICLE III

PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DECLARATION

Section 1. Property. The real property subject to this Declaration is all that property located in Cedar Creek Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware as shown on the Record Plat, and as described in Exhibit "A," and this Declaration and the lands subject to this Declaration shall also be subject to restrictions, easements or rights of way previously granted by the Developer, or its predecessors in title as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Sussex County.

ARTICLE IV

PROPERTY RIGHTS IN THE COMMON AREAS

- Section 1. Owner's Easement of Enjoyment. Subject to the provisions of Section 3, of ARTICLE IV, every Owner shall have a right of easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Areas, and such easement shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot.
- Section 2. <u>Title to Common Areas</u>. The Developer shall convey legal title in the Common Areas to the Association, but it may retain legal title to the Common Areas until such time as the Developer has completed improvements thereon, and until such a time as, in the opinion of the Developer, the Association shall be able to maintain the same, but, notwithstanding any other provision herein, the Developer hereby covenants for itself, its successors and assigns, that it shall convey all its right, title and interest in the Common Areas to the Association, free and clear of all liens, but subject to all previous restrictions of record and this Declaration no later that the 31st day of December, 1997.
- Section 3. Extent of Member's Easements. The rights and easements of enjoyment created hereby shall be subject to the following:
- (a) The right of the Association, in accordance with its Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Areas and in aid thereof to mortgage the properties, and the rights of such mortgagee in the property shall be subordinate to the rights of the Owners hereunder, provided, however, that no such borrowing or mortgaging shall be made unless approved by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible votes at a meeting duly called for such purpose.
- (b) The right of the Association to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to protect the above described properties against foreclosure.
- (c) The right of the Association as provided in its Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws, to suspend the enjoyment rights of any Member in any easement or in any Common Areas, for a period during which any assessment against such Member remains unpaid for infractions of the Association's published rules and regulations.
- (d) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of its interest in the Common Areas (subject to easements created hereunder, or previously created of record) to any public agency, authority or utility for such

purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members, provided that no such dedication or transfer or determination as to purposes or as to the conditions thereof, shall be effective unless an instrument of consent signed by the Members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the votes has been recorded.

- (e) The right of the Developer prior to the conveyance of the Common Areas to the Association, and of the Association, to grant and reserve easements and rights-of-way through, under, over and across the Common Areas, for the installation, maintenance and inspection of lines and appurtenances for public water, sewer, drainage, gas, electricity, telephone and other utilities.
- (f) The right of the Association to adopt rules and regulations governing the use by the Owners of the Common Areas.
- (q) The right of the Association, pursuant to adopted rules and regulations, to assess liquidated damages in an amount reasonably determined by the Association's Directors to be imposed as a special assessment against any Lot owner who violates or proposes to violate any of these restrictive covenants or the rules of use adopted by the Association, in an amount necessary to compensate the Association and the remaining Lot owners for the damages that would occur for a violation of the restrictive covenants. The reasonableness of the liquidated damages imposed by the Board of Directors of the Association for anticipatory or actual breaches of the restrictions or the rules of use shall be presumed reasonable and shall be enforced by a court of competent jurisdiction as a reasonable assessment of liquidated damages unless the affected Lot owner can establish that there is an arbitrary relationship between the amount of the liquidated damages and the harm sought to be prevented by the established liquidated damage. All such liquidated damages shall be assessed as a special assessment of liquidated damages in accordance with Article V.
- Section 4. <u>Delegation of Use</u>. Any Owner may delegate his rights of enjoyment to the Common Areas and facilities to the members of his family, tenants, guests, or contract purchasers (and members of the family of any tenant or contract purchaser) who resides on the Lot, or to such other persons as may be permitted by the Association.
- Section 5. Obligations of the Association. The Association shall:
- (a) Take title to, own, manage and maintain the portion of the Common Areas as completed, particularly the roads and any recreational areas.

- (b) Operate and maintain, for the use and benefit of all Members of the Association, all Common Areas and facilities and improvements developed thereon.
- (c) Operate and maintain all facilities on, mow the grass on, plant and replace landscaping on, all Common Areas.
- (d) Maintain and restrict the use or uses to be made on or to the Common Areas.
- (e) May improve any recreational area with recreational facilities such as tennis courts, swimming pools and/or play ground equipment, only if the improvement is erected at the Developer's expense, or if the improvement is approved by 75 percent of lot owners other than the Developer.

ARTICLE VI

COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE DEVELOPER

Until the common areas are improved and accepted as approved by Sussex County, title to the common areas shall be retained by The Developer shall be entitled to utilize the Developer. initial assessments and annual assessments paid by lot owners at a fixed rate per annum of \$50.00 per annum to defer maintenance expenses in the Common Areas until 75 percent of all lots in the recorded subdivision are sold to third party purchasers for value. In the event that the actual maintenance of the common areas exceeds the expenses discharged by an annual assessment of \$50.00 per year, per sold lot, then in that event, the Developer shall pay the excess maintenance requirements until 75 percent of the lots are sold. After 75 percent of the lots are sold, the Developer shall be under no obligation to contribute to common area maintenance expenses. Any capital improvements to common areas shall be made by the Developer at its expense until 75 percent of the lots are sold by the Developer to a third party purchaser for value.

ARTICLE VI

COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE AND TO ACCEPT AND DISCHARGE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Developer, for itself and its successors and assigns, and for each Lot within the Property, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other transfer document therefor, whether or not it shall be expressly established in such Deed or other transfer document, hereby covenants and agrees to pay the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges; (2) liquidated damage assessments, if imposed, pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section 3(g);

and (3) an initial assessment in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) due upon the conveyance of any Lot from the Developer to a third party purchaser for value (except to the Developer), such assessments to be fixed, established and The annual assessment, collected as hereinafter provided. liquidated damage assessment and initial assessment, together with interest and costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the Lot, and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each such assessment is made. Each assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees for the collection thereof, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment was due. A personal obligation for delinquent assessment shall not pass to the Owner's successor in title (other than as a lien on the land), unless expressly assumed by them.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. Assessments levied by the Association shall be for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents in the Property, or for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Areas of the Property, and for services and facilities devoted to this purpose and related to the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas, including, but not limited to, the payment of taxes and insurance thereon, repair, replacement and additions thereto, for of labor, equipment, materials, management and the cost supervision thereof, or for operating reserve funds and reserve funds for repair and replacement of the Common Areas and the facilities thereon, or for a purpose of discharging a duty or obligation of the Association, and/or for liquidated damages for the breach or anticipated breach of the restrictions or Rules of the Association by a Lot Owner.

Basis and Maximum Annual Assessment. Section 3. respective Lot to be sold by the Developer, as conveyed by the Developer after the final date of transfer to any Owner, shall thereafter be subject to assessments to be paid to the Association. The amount of such annual assessment shall be fixed annually at Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per year until 75 percent of all lots in the Development are sold to third parties other than the Developer, or a successor Developer, and thereafter periodically as needs for annual assessments arise, as determined by the Association through the Board of Directors, and shall be charged or assessed in equal proportions against each Lot within the Property, assessments for liquidated damages. The first assessment year shall be January 1, 1997, and the assessment rate for the first assessment year is set at Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and thereafter each annual assessment shall be made for each subsequent calendar year commencing as of January 1 of each year. Each annual assessment shall be due and payable on or before thirty (30) days after it has been fixed and levied. It shall be the duty of the Association to notify all Owners, whose addresses

are listed with the said Association, within thirty (30) days after said annual assessment has been fixed or levied, giving the amount of the charge of the assessment for said year, when due, and the amount due on each Lot or parcel of land owned by each such Owner. Failure of the Association to levy the assessment for any one year shall not affect the right of the Association to do so for any subsequent year.

Establishment of Annual Assessment Rate. Section 4. Board of Directors of the Association may, after 75 percent of all lots are transferred and sold to third parties other than the Developer, after consideration of current maintenance costs and future needs of the Association, fix the annual assessment in an amount deemed appropriate and may provide for the payment in monthly or quarterly installments; provided however, that if any periodic payment obligation is not paid on its due date, the full annual amount of the assessment shall be due. In establishing each annual assessment after the first annual assessment, the Board of Directors may increase the annual assessment by twenty percent (20%) over the previous year's assessment. Any increase in the annual assessment in excess of twenty percent (20%) over the previous year's assessment shall require approval by twothirds (2/3) of the eligible votes of the Association.

section 5. <u>Initial Assessment</u>. In addition to the annual assessment or other assessments, the Developer, for use of the Association, hereby establishes an initial assessment to be paid by the purchaser upon the conveyance of each Lot from the Developer (except the Developer) to a third party purchaser for value; and the amount of such initial assessment is set at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The Developer may use that fund to pay the cost of any obligation to maintain the Common Areas pending transfer of the fund and the Common Areas to the Association.

Section 6. Special Assessment for Liquidated Damages. The Association, through its Board of Directors, has the power and duty to impose liquidated damage assessments for violations of these Restrictions and/or By-Laws or Rules of the Association. Such assessment shall be imposed in the manner set forth in Article IV, Section 3(g).

section 7. Date of Commencement Assessment; Due Date. The annual assessments as to any Lot shall commence on the conveyance of such Lot, prorated for the remaining portion of said year, providing such conveyance is after January 1, 1997. In the event a Lot is conveyed prior to January 1, 1997, the annual assessment will commence January 1, 1997. The due date of any liquidated damage assessment shall be established by the Board of Directors in establishing the liquidated damage assessment.

Effect of Nonpayment of Assessment. Section 8. Personal Obligation of the Owner; the Lien; Remedies of the Association. If any Assessment is not paid on the date when stated to be due in the notice of assessment, then the Assessment shall be deemed delinquent, and if the delinquent payment is a periodic payment (i.e. monthly, quarterly, etc.), the entire assessment shall be delinquent, and shall, together with such interest thereon and cost of collection thereof, including reasonable attorney's fees, as hereinafter provided, continue as a lien on the Lot and any structure built thereon which shall bind such Lot in the hands of the Owner, his heirs, devisees, personal representatives, successors and assigns. In addition to such lien rights, the obligation of the assessment shall be a personal obligation of the then Owner to pay such Assessment, however, the personal obligation shall not pass to his successors in title (other than as a lien on the land) unless expressly assumed by them. If the Assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the delinquency, the Assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of the legal interest rate authorized by 6 Del. C. § 2301 as amended and the Association may bring legal action against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or may enforce or foreclose the lien against the Lot; and in the event a judgment is obtained, such judgment shall include interest on the Assessment from its due date and reasonable attorney's fees to be fixed by the Court, together with the costs of collection. No Owner of a Lot may waive or otherwise escape liability for an Assessment provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Areas or abandonment of his or The Association reserves the right to suspend the its Lot. enjoyment rights of any Member in any easement or Common Area for the period during which any assessment against such Member remains unpaid.

Section 9. Subordination of the Lien to the First Mortgage. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage on the Lot. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, sale or transfer of any Lot by foreclosure of any first mortgage or any proceedings in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which become due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

Section 10. Exempt Property. The following property subject to this Declaration shall be exempted from the assessments, charges and liens created herein:

- (a) All properties dedicated to and accepted by a government body, agency or authority and devoted to public use;
 - (b) All Common Areas;

(c) All Lots owned by the Developer until sold to third persons, unless such Lots are improved by a permitted structure.

ARTICLE VII

RESTRICTIVE AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS

Section 1.

- A) <u>Utility Easements</u>. The Developer, its successors and assigns, and the Association, hereby reserve the right to grant easements over, under, on and through the Common Areas and in the reserved easement area of each Lot for the installation, construction, reconstruction, relocation, removal, maintenance, repair, operation, inspection of sewer, water drainage, electric, gas, television, telephone, and cable telephone and television facilities and wires, lines, conduits and other necessary and proper attachments in connection therewith, for the benefit of the property, the Developer, any federal, state or local authority, commission or agency having jurisdiction thereover or any corporation, either public, quasi-public or private, supplying or serving such facilities.
- B) The Developer reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, a ten foot (10') drainage and/or utility easement from the right-of-way from the front Lot line extending ten feet (10') from the right-of-way of all Lots. Developer further reserves a ten foot (10') drainage and/or utility easement along the interior side and rear of all perimeter boundary lines.
- section 2. <u>Utility Easements. Prior Restrictions.</u> The Property is subject to all those prior easements, rights-of-way and restrictions placed upon the Property by the Developer's predecessors in title as such be recorded among the land records in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County.
- Section 3. Residential Use. All Lots in the Property shall be used for residential purposes exclusively, and no structure, except as hereinafter provided, shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain upon any such Lot other than one (1) detached single family dwelling, with attached garage building or carport (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the main dwelling), and one (1) accessory building such accessory building not to exceed two stories in height. The use of any such main dwelling or accessory building shall not include any activity normally conducted as a business except as provided in Article VII, Section 8. No such accessory building may be constructed prior to the construction of a main dwelling. All such accessory buildings may be used only in connection with the main dwelling. All improvements shall be in conformity with the minimum building and architectural standards of Cedar Creek Landing. Provided

however, a Lot or Lots owned by the Association may be improved by tennis courts, a swimming pool and structures related to the use and enjoyment of such recreational facilities if authorized by seventy-five percent (75%) of the Owners, or if the improvements are constructed at the cost and expense of the Developer.

Section 4. Architectural Review Committee, Approval of Building Plans.

- A) In order to insure the development and maintenance of Cedar Creek Landing as a residential development of high standards, there shall be a three (3) member Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The initial members shall be appointed by the Developer ("the Developer appointed ARC members"), and shall serve until such time as their successors are designated by the Association, but in no event earlier than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots are transferred by the Developer. The ARC is vested with the power to control all buildings, structures, improvements and landscaping to be placed upon any Lot within Cedar Creek Landing.
- B) No building, structure, fence, wall or other erection shall be commenced, erected, maintained or used, nor shall any addition to or change or alterations therein, or in the use thereof, be made upon any Lot which is the subject matter of the Restrictive Covenants, no matter for what purpose or use, until complete and comprehensive plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, floor plans, exterior architectural scheme, location and placements on the Lot, structure or other erection, the grading and landscaping of the Lot to be built upon or improved, and such other required information shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee or its successors. The plans shall be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for approval along with a payment in the amount as set forth from time to time by the ARC to discharge its expenses, if any. the ARC does not reject a submitted plan within twenty-one (21) days of verified receipt, the plan shall be deemed approved by the ARC. Verified receipt shall be by accepted certified mail, registered mail, or written receipt of hand delivery. shall be delivered to Thetavest, Inc. until the Association is registered, and thereafter to the registered agent of the Association. A copy all such plans and specifications, finally approved as aforesaid, shall be lodged permanently with the said Committee, or its successors; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that nothing herein shall require the aforesaid approval as to interior decorations, alterations or changes.
- c) The Architectural Review Committee, or its successors, shall have the right to refuse to approve any such plans or specifications, grading or landscaping plans or changes,

which are not suitable or desirable in the sole discretion of the Architectural Review Committee, or its successors, for purely aesthetic or other reasons; and in passing on such plans, the Architectural Review Committee shall take into consideration the suitability of the proposed building or other improvements or erections and/or the materials of which the building or other improvements or erections are to be built, and the site upon which it is proposed to be built, the harmony thereof with the surroundings, and the effect of such improvements, additions, alterations or changes used, as planned, on the adjacent or neighboring property, and any and all factors which in its opinion, would affect the desirability or suitability of such proposed improvements, erections, alterations or changes.

- D) In addition to the powers stated above, the Architectural Review Committee shall administer and enforce the Minimum Building and Architectural Standards of Cedar Creek Landing. The Developer hereby declares that each residential Lot to be improved by a residential structure must conform with the following minimum building and architectural standards for each Main Dwelling developed on any Lot:
- (i) The minimum roof pitch shall be 5'/12' for a one-story, main dwelling;
- (ii) The roof pitch for a two-story main dwelling with a gable roof shall be $5^{\prime}/12^{\prime};$
- (iii) For a two-story main dwelling, the roof pitch may be modified to accommodate hip roofs, gambrel roofs and/or mansard roofs; provided however, that a gambrel, hip or mansard roof must have a minimum 2.5'/12' foot pitch;
- (iv) Shed roofs and flat roofs shall not be allowed on a main dwelling;
- (v) The minimum size of each residential structure shall be 1,248 square feet at the base of the foundation, or at the exterior base of the perimeter walls, exclusive of eves and overhangs, unheated porches and decks are excluded from the minimum base dimensional calculation;
- (vi) The housing unit must meet the Southern Standard Building Code requirements generally known as `BOCA and/or Sussex County residential building code requirements;
- (vii) The exterior finish material shall be aluminum, vinyl, wood, brick, stucco, drivit; unfinished cinder block shall be prohibited as an exterior building material for the exterior siding and/or the foundation;

(viii) Exterior colors of the residential structures shall be white, earthtones, brick, Williamsburg or colonial colors;

(ix) All exterior color schemes and change of color schemes must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee;

(x) All residential structures must have a masonry foundation at the perimeter of the base walls of the main dwelling. The masonry foundation must have a finish coating of stucco or a parged surface, at a minimum; brick is an alternative acceptable finished surface of the exterior foundation. No exterior foundation shall be unfinished concrete block or cinder block;

(xi) All garages, attached or detached, must have exterior dimensions of 14^\prime x 24^\prime single car, or 24^\prime x 24^\prime for two cars. Design of garage and/or carports must conform with the design of the main dwelling and be approved by the ARC.

- E) The Cedar Creek Landing Architectural Review Committee, the Association, and/or the Developer shall have the right to enforce the provisions of this Section and the requirements of the Minimum Building and Architectural Standards against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate said requirements by appropriate legal action.
- Section 5. Limitation to Modular Homes and Site Built Homes. A manufactured home which moves to a building site on wheels attached to its own chassis shall not be allowed. A structure manufactured off site in modulars to be installed on a foundation erected on site, or a site built residential structure/house, shall be allowed if approved by the Cedar Creek Landing Architectural Review Committee, and if the structure conforms or exceeds the standards of Article VI, Section 4, part D, the Building and Architectural Standard of Cedar Creek Landing.
- section 6. Minimum Initial Landscaping. In addition to other provisions regarding landscaping and improvement of Lots, each Lot which is approved for a main dwelling after placement or construction on a Lot, shall require within one (1) year of a Certificate of Occupancy, landscaping in accordance with a plan approved by the Architectural Review Committee at the time the housing plan is approved. The mandatory landscaping plan shall require the lot owner to install appropriate trees and shrubs as approved by the ARC in addition to lot grading and grass seeding. The minimum landscaping to be installed on the Lot must be completed within one (1) year after date of occupancy.

Section 7. Minimum Driveway Improvements. Within six (6) months of the date of the Certificate of Occupancy being issued for any main dwelling, the home owner must improve the interior driveway with a surface treatment as approved by the Architectural Review Committee, which approval shall be issued in conjunction with the approval of the house plans. The completed driveway surface, i.e., tar and chip, asphalt, or all-weather surface, must be installed within six (6) months of the date of occupancy.

Section 8. Restrictions Against Business Use. No numbered Lot within the property shall be used at any time to conduct a business or trade through the use of advertising media or signs identifying the business. Notwithstanding the prohibition on using residential property for trade or business purposes, a residential house may be used to conduct business limited to communication from the residential home to business customers, if the communication takes the form of telephone, mailing and/or computer connections.

Section 9. <u>Resubdivision</u>. No Lot shall be resubdivided, sold or otherwise alienated in a lesser or smaller parcel, unless approved by the Architectural Review Committee in writing.

Section 10. <u>Sanitation and Water</u>. No individual water wells shall be allowed within the subdivision, if the subdivision is served by a central water system. Until such time as the community is served by a central water system, individual wells shall be allowed.

In the event a centralized sewer system becomes available, all Lots shall connect to the central sewer system. Pending development of a central sewer system, if available, each Lot shall obtain a permit for an on-site wastewater disposal system approved by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

Section 11. Signs and Advertising Regulated. No signs, notice or advertising matter of any nature or description shall be erected, used or permitted upon any of the Lots, or on vehicles parked for more than seven (7) continuous hours on the Common Areas (including streets) except after securing the written permission of the Developer and/or the Association.

Section 11. Setback Restrictions - Height Limitation.

A) No building or improvement, of any kind including accessory buildings shall be erected on any Lot, nearer than thirty feet (30') to the front Lot line (the line abutting the Common Area street).

- B) Each side yard of any Lot shall be fifteen feet (15') from the respective side lines of such Lot.
- c) In the case of a single ownership of more than one Lot which are contiguous, the foregoing side set back lines shall apply to the parcel owned as a whole, if the Owner or occupier thereof makes use of the same thereof as a whole.
- D) No main dwelling or accessory building shall be erected on any Lot nearer than thirty feet (30') to the rear line, which is the line parallel to the front line.
- E) No main dwelling shall be erected to a height greater than thirty-five feet (35'); and any accessory building shall be limited to two (2) stories and no more than twenty-five feet (25') in height. The height of any building shall be as determined pursuant to the Sussex County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.
- F) A building not attached to the main dwelling commonly called an accessory building, shall require approval by Architectural Review Committee before placement construction. The type of roof, pitch of roof and exterior finish shall be compatible with the main structure, i.e., consisting of the same color and veneer of exterior surface as the main structure. The roof pitch minimums shall be dependent upon use. For garage use, the pitch should be the same as the main structure. The roof pitch of storage structures may be from the minimum 5'/12' as determined reduced Architectural Review Committee.
- Section 13. Garbage Receptacles. Each Lot shall provide receptacles for garbage in a screened area not generally visible from any interior road; the method of screening of garbage receptacles shall require the approval of the Architectural Review Committee.
- Section 14. Storage Receptacles. No fuel tanks or similar storage receptacles may be exposed to view; but same may be installed within the main dwelling, or within an accessory building or buried underground or properly screened from view, in accordance with a plan approved by the Architectural Review Committee.
- Section 15. Construction and Demolition. Once construction or demolition of any building has been commenced on any Lot, such construction or demolition shall proceed without delay until the same is completed, except where such completion is impossible or results in great hardship to the Owner or builder due to strikes, fires, national emergencies or national calamities. Cessation of work upon the construction or demolition of any building once started and before completion thereof for a continuous period of

sixty (60) days shall be prima facie evidence of an attempt to abandon the same in its partially completed or demolished state and shall be deemed to be a public nuisance. In the event construction plans have been approved by the Architectural Review Committee, construction must commence pursuant to said approved plans within one (1) year of the date of approval. Failure to commence construction within one (1) year of the date of approval of plans will void the approval.

Section 16. Fences. No fence shall be placed in front of the front setback line. No other fence whatsoever shall be erected or allowed to remain on any Lot, except as approved by the Architectural Review Committee.

Section 17. Nuisance. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to prevent the development of any unclean, unsightly, or unkept conditions of buildings or grounds upon a Lot which shall tend to substantially decrease the beauty of the Property as a whole, or the beauty of the specific area. No noxious or offensive activity shall be permitted upon any Lot nor shall anything be done thereon tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to the Property. There shall not be maintained upon any Lot any plant, animal, device or thing of any sort the normal activities of which is in any way noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant or of such a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Property. Specifically included under this section is the prohibition against any livestock being kept on any Lots. The keeping of any nondomestic animals shall be deemed a nuisance per se under this section; but the keeping of domestic cats and dogs, or other traditional household pets, unless the activity of such pets is in any way noxious, dangerous, unsightly or unpleasant, shall not be prohibited under this section.

Section 18. Landscaping. No landscaping, shrubs or trees to be placed on any Lot in conjunction with the erection of any main dwelling shall be planted, until complete and comprehensive landscaping plans shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee. The land area not occupied by structures, hard-surfacing, vehicular driveways or pedestrian paths shall be kept planted with grass, trees or shrubs or other ground covering or landscaping in conformance with the requirements set by the Architectural Review Committee.

Section 19. <u>Weeds</u>. No noxious weeds, or accumulated trash of any kind shall be permitted to grow or be maintained upon any Lot by the Owner or occupier thereof. The Association or its successors and assigns may first notify the Owner or occupier to cut and/or remove any such offending growth or trash within thirty (30) days from the giving of such notice. Any such notice must be in writing. If the Owner or occupier shall fail or neglect to comply with any such notice, then and in such an

event, the Association or its successors shall be empowered to enter upon any such Lot, together with such assistance and equipment as may be required and thereupon to cut and/or remove the same, all without being deemed a trespass and all at the expense of the Owner of the Lot. This covenant shall not be construed as an obligation on the part of the Association or its successors to provide garbage or trash removal services.

Section 20. <u>Square Footage</u>. The square footage and construction costs of all improvements on any Lot shall be in accordance with the plans for each Lot as approved by the Architectural Review Committee, but in no case shall the under roof heated interior space of a main dwelling, exclusive of porches and decks, garage or similar non-year-round heated space be less than one thousand two hundred forty-eight (1,248) square feet.

Section 21. <u>Parking Spaces</u>. Each Lot shall provide for parking two (2) automobiles on site and off all roadways.

Section 22. Sales and Marketing Office. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Developer, its successors and assigns shall be permitted to place and maintain a sales and marketing office on any Lot, or in any part of the Common Areas, exclusive of the street rights-of-way, or may use the structural facilities located on any recreational areas, including the exclusive use of the buildings, patio area and the parking spaces in connection with sales and marketing. The Developer shall permit the reasonable use of the structural facilities located on any recreational area by Lot Owners which do not interfere with the Developer's sales and marketing activities, provided that said determination shall be at the sole discretion of the Developer. The above use shall terminate when the Developer, in its sole discretion, so determines, but in any event said use shall terminate on December 31, 2010.

ARTICLE VIII

General Provisions

Section 1. Duration and Amendment. The Restrictions of this Declaration run with and bind the Property and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, or the Owner of any Lot subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, as the 'case may be, in perpetuity. Subject, however, to the provision that the Association or its successors, by and with the vote or written consent of eighty percent (80%) of the eligible votes of the membership, shall have the power to waive, terminate, modify, alter, change, amend, eliminate or add to these Restrictions and this Declaration at any time hereafter. abandonment, termination, modification, such waiver, alteration, change, amendment, elimination or addition shall take

effect when a copy thereof, executed and acknowledged by the Association or its successors in accord with the usual form of execution and acknowledgement of deeds, together with written consents of the requisite number of Owners, has been filed for record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Sussex County, and the same shall thereafter remain in effect in perpetuity unless otherwise provided.

Section 2. Remedies. The Developer, the Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce this Declaration and the Restrictions contained herein by any proceeding at law or in equity, against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any provision of this Declaration or any Restrictions contained herein, to restrain violation, to require specific performance, and/or to recover damages; and to proceed against any Lot to enforce any lien created by these Restrictions. expense and cost in enforcement by the Association shall be chargeable to the Owner of the Lot, including the costs of reasonable attorney's fees. In the event any legal action is taken by the Association, such fees, approved by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall constitute a lien on the Lot, collectible in the same manner as assessments hereunder.

Section 3. <u>Assignability</u>. The Developer, his successors and assigns, shall at all times have the right to fully transfer and assign any or all of its rights and powers under this Declaration, subject to the Developer's obligations hereunder.

Section 4. Nonwaiver. Failure of the Developer or any Owner, or their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, to enforce any Restrictions contained in this Declaration shall in no event be considered a waiver of the right to do so thereafter, as to the same violation or breach or as to such violation or breach occurring prior or subsequent thereto.

Section 5. Construction and Interpretation. The Association, to the extent provided herein, may adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations regarding the administration, interpretation and the enforcement of the provisions of this Declaration and the Minimum Building and Architectural Standards. In so adopting and promulgating such rules and regulations and in making any finding, determination, ruling or order or in carrying out any directive contained herein relating to the issuance of permits, authorizations, approvals, the Association take regulations, shall rules or consideration the best interest of the Owners to the end that the Property shall be preserved and maintained as a viable community.

Section 6. <u>Severability</u>. All the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and reservations contained in this Declaration are hereby declared to be severable, and a finding by any court of

competent jurisdiction that any of them or any clause or phrase thereof is void, unlawful or unenforceable, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations or clause or phrase thereof.

Section 7. Non-liability. Nothing contained in this Declaration shall be construed in any manner as to impose upon the Association or the Developer, or their successors or assigns, any liability whatsoever for property damage and/or personal injury occurring to any person or persons whomsoever, or by reason of any use of any Common Areas, or roads, or adjacent waters, depicted on Exhibit "A" hereto. Any and all persons using any such roads, Common Areas, or any of them, shall do so at their own risk and without any liability whatsoever on the part of the Association, the Developer or their respective successors or assigns, as the case may be.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Thetavest, Inc. has executed this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, the day and year first above written.

THETAVESI

Attest

STATE OF DELAWARE

SS.

COUNTY OF SUSSEX

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this // 100/ day of (A.D. 1996, personally came before me, The Subscriber . Craig Hudson Public for the State and County aforesaid, President of THETAVEST, INC., a corporation of (the State of Delaware, party to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged this Indenture to be his act and Deed, and the act and the Deed of the said corporation; that the signature of the President is in his own proper handwriting; that the seal affixed is the common and corporate seal of the said corporation duly affixed by its authority; and that the act of signing, sealing, acknowledging and delivering the said Indenture' was first duly authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors of the said corporation.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of Office, aforesaid.

the day and year

Joan L. Tyndall Notary Public, Delaware Comm. Exp. 2/9/97