# DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT OF VIEWPOINT RANCHES SUBDIVISION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF MASON §

THAT, GROBE-LICH PROPERTIES, LTD., a Texas limited partnership, ("Declarant"), being the owner of that certain unplatted subdivision known as VIEWPOINT RANCHES SUBDIVISION (hereinafter referred to as the "Subdivision"), and being described as 228.547 acres of land, more or less, situated in Mason County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds on Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof for all pertinent purposes, and, as such, desiring to create and carry out a uniform plan for the improvement, development, and sale of the subdivided Tracts situated within the Subdivision, does hereby adopt and establish the following easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions ("Protective Covenants") to run with the land and to apply in the use, occupancy, and conveyance of the aforesaid described subdivided Tracts therein, which easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions shall be binding on all parties having a right, title or interest in or to the above described Subdivision or any part thereof, and their heirs, successors and assigns, and which easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof; and each contract or deed which may be executed with regard to any of such property shall be conclusively held to have been executed, delivered and accepted, subject to the following restrictions and covenants:

# ARTICLE I.

# **DEFINITIONS**

"Declarant" shall mean and refer to GROBE-LICH PROPERTIES, LTD., a Texas limited partnership, their successors and assigns, if such successors or assigns should acquire all of the undeveloped and unsold lots or acreage from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

"Declaration" shall mean this instrument as it may be amended from time to time.

"Improvement" or "Improvements" shall mean or refer to all structures or other improvements to any portion of the Property, whether above or below grade, including, but not limited to, buildings, barns, carports, fences, pens, walls, well houses, entryways, gates, exterior lighting, flag poles, recreation areas, utility installations (including, without limitation, water, telephone, electric, satellite, propane gas tanks and systems, and septic tanks and systems), driveways, and any exterior additions, including any changes or alterations thereto.

"Managing Owner" shall mean GROBE-LICH PROPERTIES, LTD., a Texas limited partnership, or such other Owner who, pursuant to the terms and provisions of Article IV of this Agreement (dealing with Managing Owner) becomes a successor person or entity charged with

the rights, privileges, duties, obligations, and liabilities assigned to the Managing Owner in this Agreement.

"Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner (including Declarant), whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Tract, including contract Sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

"Property" or "Subdivision" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinbefore described as the "Subdivision" and more particularly described as 228.547 acres of land, more or less, situated in Mason County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds in **Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B"** attached hereto and made a part hereof for all pertinent purposes, and any additional property that may be made subject to this Declaration pursuant to Article II hereof.

"Roadways" shall mean and refer to that real property being 60 feet in width with a cul-de-sac which is more particularly described in **Exhibit** "C" attached hereto and made a part hereof for all pertinent purposes.

"Single Family Dwelling" shall mean and refer to any Improvement on a Tract which is designed and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by one individual, by a single family, or by individuals related by blood, marriage or adoption, who are maintaining a common household.

"Tract" shall mean and refer to any plot of land subdivided out of the Property.

### ARTICLE II.

## ADDITION OF LAND

Section 1. Addition of Land. Declarant hereby reserves to itself and shall hereafter have the right, but not the obligation at any time and from time to time, in its sole and absolute discretion, and without notice to or the approval of any party or person whomsoever or whatsoever, to impose this Declaration or a substantially similar Declaration upon additional property adjacent, contiguous or nearby to the Property (the "added Property"). Declarant may, at any time and from time to time, add any other lands to the Property, and upon such addition, this Declaration and the covenants, conditions, restrictions, obligations and roadway easements set forth herein shall apply to and inure to the benefit of the added land, and the rights, privileges, duties and liabilities of the persons subject to the Declaration shall be the same with respect to the added land as with respect to the lands originally covered by this Declaration, unless such supplemental Declaration shall provide for changes to the Declaration to deal with the unique character of Declarant's overall development plans for the added property. In order to add lands to the Property hereunder, Declarant shall be required only to record in the Official Public Records of Mason County, Texas, a notice of addition of land (in the form of a Supplemental Declaration) containing the following provisions:

(a) A reference to this Declaration, which reference shall state the book and page numbers

of the Official Public Records wherein this Declaration is recorded;

- (b) A statement that the provisions of this Declaration shall apply to the added land;
- (c) A legal description of the added land;
- (d) A conveyance of an access easement over the roadway or roadways; and
- (e) Any covenants, conditions, or restrictions that are different or unique to the added land.

# ARTICLE III.

# DEDICATION OF ROADWAY/RESERVATION OF RIGHTS/ MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Section 1. Dedication of Roadways. Declarant will construct a crushed granite gravel roadway, with a width of 20 feet and a 12 inch base over the roadways which provide ingress, egress and regress to the Properties (the "Roadway or Roadways"). Declarant hereby dedicates the Roadways for the common use of all Owners, and does hereby grant to all such Owners, their heirs, successors and assigns, and their agents, licensees, guests, tenants, invitees and permittees, the free nonexclusive and uninterrupted use, liberty, privilege and easement of passage in and along the Roadways, together with free ingress, egress and regress, over and across the same, at all times and seasons forever, in, along, upon and out of said way (the "Roadway Easement"). The right to use and enjoy the Roadway Easement shall exist in favor of and shall inure to the benefit of the Owners, and each of them, and each of their respective heirs, successors and assigns, and their respective agents, licensees, tenants, guests, invitees and permittees in common with each other, the Declarant, the Declarant's successors and assigns, and their respective agents, licensees, tenants, guests, invitees and permittees. The Roadway Easement shall further be deemed an easement appurtenant to the Property, and the added Property and each and every portion thereof. The right of ingress and egress provided by the Roadway Easement may be exercised by any reasonable means, whether now in existence or known or whether by a means which may come into existence in the future, and regardless of any increased burden which may result from such use.

- <u>Section 2. Maintenance of Roadways.</u> The Owners shall have the exclusive right to repair, replace and maintain the Roadways.
- <u>Section 3. Roadway.</u> Attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"** and incorporated herein is a description of the Roadway Tract.
- Section 4. THE ROADWAY CONSTRUCTED UPON THE ROADWAY TRACT WILL BE MAINTAINED AND REPAIRED BY MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS WHICH ARE COLLECTED FROM OWNERS OF TRACTS WITHIN THE PROPERTY.
  - Section 5. ALL ROADWAYS PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE VIEWPOINT

RANCHES SUBDIVISION, AN UNPLATTED SUBDIVISION IN MASON COUNTY, TEXAS, (THE "SUBDIVISION") SHALL BE PRIVATELY MAINTAINED BY THE OWNERS OF TRACTS IN THE SUBDIVISION. MASON COUNTY, TEXAS SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE ROADWAY. THE ROADWAY FOR ACCESS TO THE SUBDIVISION WILL BE MAINTAINED AND REPAIRED BY MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS WHICH ARE COLLECTED FROM OWNERS OF TRACTS WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A TRACT WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION, EACH OWNER OF SUCH TRACT COVENANTS AND AGREES TO WAIVE ANY RIGHT SUCH OWNER MAY HAVE TO DEMAND OR COMPEL THE MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR OF THE ROADWAYS OF THE SUBDIVISION BY MASON COUNTY, TEXAS AND IS ESTOPPED FROM DOING SO.

<u>Section 6. Unobstructed Roadway.</u> Each Owner agrees that no Owner may impede, block, obstruct or otherwise interfere with the use of the roadway easement by any other Owner.

Section 7. Maintenance Assessment. Each Owner agrees to pay all assessments which may be made on their respective Tract for the purpose of maintaining, repairing and replacing a roadway upon the roadway tract and maintaining, repairing and replacing drainage easements. These expenses (herein "maintenance expenses") may include, but shall not be limited to, (1) the reconstruction, repair, maintenance, upkeep or replacement of the entry gate and cattleguard, roadway, shoulders, drainage ditches, concrete slab and culverts as an all-weather roadway, (2) landscaping located at the entry, (3) repair, maintenance, repair, replacement and reconstruction of Drainage Easements, and (4) the costs of professional and other outside services, labor, equipment, and materials necessary to carry out the purpose as set out herein.

<u>Section 8. Commencement of Assessments.</u> Beginning January 1, 2023, the Owner of each Tract shall pay to the Managing Owner \$300.00 per year (the annual maintenance assessment) without deductions, set off or prior demand, as its contribution to costs and expenses for the repair, maintenance, restoration and improvement of the roadway.

<u>Section 9. Division of Tracts.</u> If any of the Tracts are divided by an Owner of a Tract, the maintenance assessment shall be a charge upon each of the resulting tracts after the division.

Section 10. Extraordinary Maintenance Assessment. In the event the Managing Owner has obtained proposals and bids for repair, maintenance and improvement of the roadway or drainage easements which will exceed the annual maintenance assessments (extraordinary maintenance expense), notice shall be given to each owner in writing at their mailing address for receipt of tax statements from the Mason County Appraisal District, fifteen (15) days prior to the proposed date of a meeting to consider proposed extraordinary maintenance expenses, together with a notification of the place of meeting which shall be in Mason County, Texas. A quorum for the purpose of approving a proposal for an extraordinary maintenance expense expenditure shall be the attendance of Owners, or their agents acting by written proxy, owning at least 50%

of the Tracts within the Property. Approval by Owners, or their agents acting by written proxy, representing more than 50% of the Tracts in attendance at a quorum shall be required for the approval of an extraordinary maintenance assessment for the extraordinary maintenance expense, provided Declarant shall not be obligated to pay an extraordinary maintenance assessment that Declarant has not approved.

Section 11. Default in Payment. Any Owner who shall fail to deliver their annual maintenance assessment or their extraordinary maintenance assessment to the Managing Owner, within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of notice of assessment, shall be in default. In the event any Owner shall advance the amount which is due by the defaulting Owner for the payment of the defaulting Owner's maintenance assessment, the advancing Owner shall be entitled to recover from the defaulting Owner the amount in default, interest at the rate of 10.00% per annum from and after the date that the defaulted amount is advanced by the advancing Owner, together with court costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees incurred in collection. The maintenance assessments, together with interest, court costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees shall be a charge on the defaulting Owner's Tract and shall be secured by a continuing lien upon the Tract provided a notice of lien has been filed in the Official Public Records, Mason County, Texas. The inception date of the lien shall be the The lien to secure the payment of maintenance assessments shall be date of its filing. subordinate to the lien of any home equity, purchase money or improvement lien made upon the tract. The validity, enforcement, and priority of the lien shall be subject to the filing of a notice of default in the payment of maintenance assessments in the Official Public Records of Mason County, Texas.

<u>Section 12. Term of Office.</u> Except as otherwise provided in this Article III, the term of office for the Managing Owner shall commence upon the effective date of this Agreement and shall end upon the earliest of the following dates:

Two (2) years from commencement of the term of office, the date of death of the Managing Owner, the effective date of the resignation of the Managing Owner, the date of removal from office in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 13, or the expiration of the maintenance term of this Agreement.

Section 13. Resignation or Removal From Office. The Managing Owner, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Managing Owner, may resign effective as of thirty (30) days next following written notice to all other Owners. The Managing Owner may be removed from office without cause by the Owners representing at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the total acreage in the Subdivision.

Section 14. Election of Successor of Managing Owner. Upon expiration of the term of office or the resignation or removal from office of the Managing Owner, any Owner may, upon ten (10) calendar days written notice to all other Owners, call a meeting of Owners for the purpose of appointing a successor Managing Owner. The successor Managing Owner must be an Owner and the appointment of a successor Managing Owner shall require approval of the

Owners representing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total acreage in the Subdivision.

<u>Section 15. Accounting.</u> On or before January 31 of each calendar year, the Managing Owner shall provide an accounting in writing to all of the Owners of the receipts and expenses for the prior calendar year, supported by evidence of the source of the receipt and the statement and/or invoice for any expense incurred.

Section 16. Transfer Fee. A transfer fee of \$100.00 shall be paid to the Managing Owner upon the conveyance of a Tract. The transferor shall notify the Managing Owner of the conveyance, the transferee's name, address, telephone number and email address and deliver the transfer fee to Managing Owner. Until further notice, the transfer fee and notice shall be delivered c/o Declarant at P. O. Box 717, Comfort, Texas 78013.

#### ARTICLE IV.

## EASEMENTS – UTILITY AND DRAINAGE

Section 1. Reservation of Utility Easements. Declarant reserves unto Declarant and its successor and/or assigns, perpetual easements (the "Utility Easements") for the installation and maintenance of utilities and all necessary appurtenances thereto, whether installed in the air, upon the surface or underground, along and within, (i) all Roadways, (ii) ten (10) feet along and outside of all boundaries of the Roadways, (iii) ten (10) feet of the rear, front and side boundary lines of all Tracts, and (iv) twenty (20) feet along the entire perimeter boundary of the Subdivision; with the authority to place, construct, operate, maintain, relocate and replace utility lines, systems and equipment thereon. Nothing shall be placed or permitted to remain within the easement areas which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities. The easement areas within each Tract and all Improvements within it shall be maintained by the Owner of the Tract, except as otherwise provided in this Declaration and except for those Improvements for which an authority or utility provider is responsible. Upon granting a utility easement by Declarant to a utility provider, utility providers shall have all of the rights and benefits necessary and convenient for the full enjoyment of the rights herein granted, including, but not limited to the free right to ingress to, and egress from, easement areas, and the right from time to time to cut and trim all trees, undergrowth and other obstructions that may injure, endanger or interfere with the installation, operation or maintenance of utilities. Declarant shall have the right, without the necessity of joinder by any Owner, to execute and deliver any and all instruments that may be required by any provider of such utilities in order to grant or assign such provider the right to utilize the easement reserved hereby to provide such utilities.

<u>Section 2. Access Easements.</u> Declarant hereby reserves for itself and its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive right of access to and easement across all Tracts for purposes of exercising their respective rights or performing their respective duties under these Declarations (including, without limitation, any rights or duties of maintenance or repair).

<u>Section 3. Drainage Easements.</u> Easements for drainage ("Drainage Easements") throughout the Subdivision are reserved along and within the Roadways. The Drainage

Easements are reserved by Declarant, for Declarant and Declarant's successors and assigns. Declarant reserves the right: (i) to construct drainage channels and install culverts along and within the Drainage Easements, and (ii) to construct water retention berms (the "Water Retention Berms") to be situated within the Drainage Easements. Declarant shall have all of the rights and benefits necessary and convenient for the full enjoyment of the rights herein granted, including, but not limited to the free right of entry onto all Tracts for the purpose of construction and installation of any drainage channel, culverts and Water Retention Berms, and the right to cut and trim all trees, undergrowth and other obstructions that may interfere with the construction or installation of any drainage channels, culverts and Water Retention Berms. No owner of any Tract in the Subdivision may perform or cause to be performed any act which would alter or change the course of such drainage easements in a manner that would divert, increase, accelerate or impede the natural flow of water over and across such easements. More specifically, and without limitation, no owner may:

- (1) alter, change or modify the existing natural vegetation of the drainage easements in a manner that changes the character of the original environment of such easements;
- (2) alter, change or modify the existing configuration of the drainage easements, or fill, excavate or terrace such easements or remove trees or other vegetation therefrom without the prior written approval of the Declarant;
- (3) construct, erect or install a fence or other structure of any type or nature within or upon drainage easements which will impede the natural flow of water over said easement;
- (4) permit storage, either temporary or permanent, of any type upon or within such drainage easements; or
- (5) place, store or permit to accumulate trash, garbage, leaves, limbs or other debris within or upon the drainage easements, either on a temporary or permanent basis.

After the initial construction of any drainage channels, culverts and Water Retention Berms by Declarant, the Owners shall have the right to, and shall be responsible for, the maintenance and repair of such drainage channels, culverts and Water Retention Berms to the extent required in order to cause them to adequately perform the drainage and water retention function for which they were initially constructed; provided that the Owner of a Tract on which a Drainage Easement, drainage channel, culvert and/or Water Retention Berm is situated shall be responsible for the normal, day-to-day maintenance of such areas on such Owner's Tract (including, without limitation, mowing such areas, and keeping such areas free from trash, garbage, leaves, limbs and other debris), and for any maintenance or repairs caused by any violation by such Owner of the restrictions provided for in these Declarations. The failure of any owner to comply with the provisions of this Section 3 shall in no event be deemed or construed to impose liability of any nature on the Declarant, and such Declarant shall not be charged with any affirmative duty to police, control or enforce such provisions. The drainage easements provided for in this provision

shall in no way affect any other recorded easement in the Subdivision.

<u>Section 4. Maintenance of Drainage Easements.</u> The Owners shall have the right to repair, maintain and replace the Drainage Easements.

Section 5. No Liability for Damage to Improvements. Declarant shall not be liable to any Owner for any damage to any vegetation (including, without limitation, shrubbery, trees, lawns or flowers) or other Improvements situated within such easement area, as a result of any activity relating to the construction, maintenance, operation, or repair of any utility lines or facilities in any such easement area. A provider of utility services shall not be liable to any Owner for any damage to any vegetation (including, without limitation, shrubbery, trees, lawns or flowers) or **Improvements** situated within such easement other area. result any activity relating to the construction, maintenance, operation, or repair of any utility lines or facilities in any such easement area, except to the extent liability or obligation to repair any such damage arises out of this Declaration, or any State, County, or Municipal statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations, or the custom and practice of such utility provider. Prior to the construction of any utilities on a developed lot ("developed lot" shall mean any Tract which has a Single Family Dwelling constructed thereon), Declarant reserves the right to require that the utility provider pay the cost of repairing and restoring the easement area to the same condition as it was prior to construction.

Section 6. Changes, Additions, and Reservations. Declarant reserves the right to make changes in and additions to the easements described in this Article IV for the purpose of more efficiently and economically installing any Improvements. Further, Declarant reserves the right, without the necessity of the joinder of any Owner or other person or entity, (i) to grant, dedicate, reserve or otherwise create easements for utility purposes, (including, without limitation, water, sewer, gas, electricity, telephone, cable television, and drainage) in favor of any person or entity furnishing or to furnish utility services to the Property or the Added Property, but only to the extent reasonably necessary and appropriate, and (ii) to execute and deliver any and all instruments and documents in connection therewith, including, without limitation, any and all instruments and documents that may be required by any provider of such utilities.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

The Declarant hereby declares that the Property shall henceforth be owned, held, transferred, sold and conveyed subject to the following covenants, conditions and restrictions which are intended for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, the Property and shall be binding on Declarant and all Owners, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, and which shall inure to the benefit of Declarant and each Owner of any part of the Property, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns. THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS SHALL APPLY TO ALL TRACTS UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE IN A PARTICULAR RESTRICTIVE COVENANT.

# Section 1. General Restrictions

- 1. Not more than one single-family dwelling may be erected on any Tract. In addition, one (1) guest house, one (1) B & B (Bed and Breakfast), or VRBO Unit (Vacation Rental by Owner), and related outbuildings, barns, stables, pens, fences and other similar improvements may be constructed or erected on a Tract.
- 2. A residence or dwelling shall not be occupied until the exterior thereof shall be completely finished and plumbing is connected to a septic system or other water disposal system which has been approved by Mason County and /or State of Texas Health Department and/or other governing body regulating wells and septic systems.
- 3. Buses, mobile homes, modular homes and/or manufactured homes shall not be used as a dwelling (permanent or temporary) on any Tract. Recreational vehicles or travel trailers may be used temporarily provided they are not visible from the Easement Road. All boats, tractors, golf carts and ATV's, motorcycles, and other similar types of vehicles may be stored on a Tract provided they are not visible to the public view.
- 4. All perimeter fences erected on any Tract shall be of new material and erected in accordance with professional fence building standards regarding quality and appearance. No chain link fence shall be permitted.

#### Section 2. Setback Lines

- 1. Except for entrance and other gates, fences, roadways, wells, well houses, septic systems and buried or overhead electric, telephone and other buried or overhead utility lines or fiber optic cable, no improvement shall be stored, placed or erected nearer than a 75 feet from any side boundary of a Tract; and 250 feet from the centerline of the Easement Road.
- 2. In the event any Owner shall own two tracts that abut each other, the abutting boundary line shall not be subject to the setback restrictions.
- 3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any boundary of a Tract that does not abut other land in the Property, is not subject to this setback restriction.
- 4. Upon submission of a written request to the Declarant, the Declarant may, from time to time in its sole discretion, permit Owners to construct, erect or install improvements which are in variance with the setback requirements as provided in this Declaration. Such variances must, in the Declarant's sole discretion, not detrimentally affect the integrity of the Subdivision. The Declarant shall not be liable to any Owner for claims, causes of action, or damages arising out of the grant or denial of any variance to an Owner. Each request for a variance submitted hereunder shall be reviewed separately and apart from other such requests and the grant of a variance to any Owner shall not constitute a waiver of the Declarant's right to strictly enforce the covenants and restrictions provided hereunder, against any other Owner.

If written notice of approval of the variance request has not been delivered to the requesting Owner within 30 days of the date of submission of the request, it shall be conclusively presumed that the Declarant has denied the request for a variance.

#### Section 3. Use Restrictions

- 1. Except as set forth below, all Tracts constituting the Property shall be used and occupied by the Owner of the Tract for single-family purposes only, and no Tract shall be used for any professional, business or commercial activity for which the general public is invited to the Tract. Notwithstanding the above and as exceptions thereto, a bed and breakfast or VRBO Unit may be operated by an Owner on a Tract. For purposes of these restrictions, the term "bed and breakfast" shall mean a lodging service within rooms of the principal dwelling or in a separate guest house.
- 2. Pigs, hogs or swine are not permitted on the Property unless raised in conjunction with a 4-H or FFA related project.
- 3. Fences. The Owner of a Tract may fence the perimeter of the Tract at Owner's sole cost and expense. The fence shall be constructed of new material and shall be completed and maintained in a good and workmanlike manner, regarding quality and appearance. Perimeter fences designed to restrain livestock shall be constructed of netting material with three strands, barbed or smooth wire, or a minimum of six (6) strand barbed wire with a minimum 2 7/8 inch metal pipe line posts every 120 feet, t-posts every 10 feet and minimum 2 7/8 inch corner posts with H brace and diagonal brace. Fences constructed after December 1, 2021 upon a tract which does not exceed 40 acres in size, shall not exceed a height of 60 inches.

Until such time as Owner completes the construction of a perimeter fence designed to restrain livestock, Owner agrees that Declarant, Declarant's agents, lessees, or assigns, may graze livestock upon the Tract of Owner without compensation or lease payment to Owner. Each Owner and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, by acceptance of title to an interest in a Tract, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Declarant (and their respective tenants or assignees), from and against, and hereby waive and release any claims or causes of action such Owner may have with respect to, any injuries to any persons or any damages to any properties that may be caused by livestock on an Owner's Tract, or that may otherwise arise out of, or be suffered or incurred in connection with, the exercise by Declarant (or their tenants or assignees) of the right to graze livestock on an Owner's Tract, and/or the presence of livestock on an Owner's Tract. Upon completion of the construction of the required fence, all privileges to continue the grazing of livestock by Declarant, Declarant's agents, lessees, or assigns, shall terminate and immediately cease.

Declarant's right to graze livestock upon a tract, is subordinate to the rights of a lienholder under a purchase money, mechanic's or home equity lien or any other security interest in a Tract.

- 4. The owner of a tract which has a boundary on the perimeter of the Subdivision (a boundary which abuts property other than a Subdivision Tract boundary) shall maintain the fence on the Tract's perimeter boundary in a manner which will restrain livestock.
- 5. There shall be no commercial feedlot operation or commercial breeding of animals or fowl on any Tract. Animals used for grazing a tract while simultaneously raising young (e.g., a cow/calf operation) shall not be considered commercial breeding of animals.
- 6. Abandoned or inoperative equipment, vehicles or junk shall not be stored or maintained on any Tract. Owners are to keep each Tract clean and neat in appearance and free of litter at all times.
- 7. Further division of a tract without written approval of Declarant is prohibited prior to January 1, 2042. After January 1, 2042, tracts may be subdivided by an Owner not the Declarant provided that the resultant tracts shall comply with Mason County Subdivision regulations.
- 8. Hunting blinds/stands/game feeders shall not be placed within 100 feet of the boundary of any Tract unless the abutting Tract is owned by the same Owner. Commercial hunting of wildlife is not allowed.
- 9. No noxious or offensive activity shall be conducted on any Tract that may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to other Owners within the Property.
- 10. Oil/gas drilling, development or refining and mineral quarrying or mining operations of any kind are prohibited.
- 11. Gun ranges and persistent discharge of firearms is prohibited.

# ARTICLE VI.

#### **TERM**

The covenants, conditions and restrictions set forth in this Declaration are made and adopted to run with the land and shall be binding upon the undersigned and all parties and persons claiming through and under them until January 1, 2052, at which time said covenants and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless and until an instrument executed by Owners of at least two thirds (2/3rds) of the Tracts has been recorded agreeing to terminate said covenants and restrictions in whole or in part; provided that, if Declarant owns any interest in the Property at the time, the covenants and restrictions may only be terminated if the Declarant joins in executing such instrument.

# ARTICLE VII.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

Section 1. Compliance with Provision of this Declaration. Each Owner shall comply strictly with the provisions of these restrictions as the same may be amended from time to time. Failure to comply with any provision of this Declaration shall constitute a violation of the Declaration, and shall give rise to a cause of action to recover sums due for damages or injunctive relief or both, maintainable by an aggrieved Owner or Declarant. Declarant makes no warranty or representation as to the present or future validity or enforceability of the Declaration, its terms or provisions. Each Owner acquiring a Tract in reliance on this Declaration, its terms and provisions shall assume all risks of the possible amendment, validity and enforceability thereof, as well as the possibility that variances from the restrictions contained in this Declaration may be granted from time to time; and, by acquiring the Tract, each Owner agrees to hold Declarant harmless from any damages resulting from any amendment to, variances from, or invalidity or unenforceability of this Declaration.

Section 2. Right of Enforcement. Declarant, its successors or assigns, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by proceedings at law or in equity, the terms, provisions, covenants, conditions, and restrictions of this Declaration. Failure of Declarant to take any action upon any breach or default shall not be deemed a waiver of their right to take action upon any subsequent breach or default. Declarant, for itself, its successors or assigns, reserves the right to enforce this Declaration, though it may have previously sold and conveyed all Tracts controlled hereby. The reservation by Declarant of this right of enforcement shall not create a duty or obligation of any kind to enforce same, and Declarant shall not be subjected to any claim, demand, or cause of action from any Owner by virtue of not enforcing any term, provision, covenant, condition or restrictions herein contained.

#### Section 3. Declarant Right to Self Help.

- (a) The Declarant shall have the authority to employ self-help to enforce compliance with any provision of this Declaration. Upon the occurrence of a default or other violation of this Declaration, the Declarant may provide notice to the defaulting Owner of the matter of noncompliance, the action necessary to cure the noncompliance, and a date by which the noncompliance shall be cured; such notice to be sent in accordance with subparagraph (b) below. In the event the Owner fails to cure the matter of noncompliance within the required time, Declarant may take action to cure the matter of noncompliance.
- (b) Notice of default or other violation of this Declaration and of the Declarant's intent to act pursuant to this provision shall be in writing or electronically. In the event of continuing noncompliance, a second notice, at least ten (10) days subsequent to the date of the mailing of the first notice, shall be sent to the noncomplying Owner. Not sooner than thirty (30) days after date of the mailing of the first notice, the Declarant may send a third notice (the "Notice of Intent to Remedy") to the noncomplying Owner of the Declarant's intent to remedy the noncomplying condition. The Notice of Intent to Remedy shall be sent by United States Certified Mail, return receipt requested by overnight delivery or by electronic transmission. In the event the

noncomplying condition is not cured within ten (10) days after the date of the Notice of Intent to Remedy, the Declarant may commence actions to remedy the noncomplying condition at the sole expense of the noncomplying Owner.

(c) In the event that Declarant acts to remedy a noncomplying condition in accordance herewith, all sums incurred by the Declarant in connection therewith, including any attorneys' fees, shall be charged against the Owner, and shall be payable by the Owner upon demand. If such sums are not paid within three (3) days after demand for payment is made therefor, such sums shall bear interest at a rate equal to the lesser of (a) twelve percent (12%) per annum, or (b) the highest legal rate permitted by law to be charged the Owner. In addition, the Declarant may exercise any and all other rights and remedies that may be available hereunder, or under Texas law, to enforce an Owner's obligations hereunder.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

#### PARTIAL INVALDITY

The invalidation of any of the terms, provisions, covenants, conditions or restrictions contained in this Declaration, by judgment, court order, operation of law or otherwise, shall in no way affect the validity any of the other terms, provisions, covenants, conditions or restrictions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

# ARTICLE IX.

# **AMENDMENT**

- (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, as long as Declarant owns any interest in the Property, the Declarant and the Owners (but expressly excluding their respective mortgagee's, if any) of at least two thirds (2/3rds) of the Tracts may amend this Declaration, by executing and filing an instrument containing such amendment, in the office of the County Clerk of Mason County, Texas. Except as otherwise provided herein, from and after the date that Declarant no longer owns any interest in the Property, the Owners (but expressly excluding their respective mortgagees, if any) of at least eighty percent (80%) of the Tracts may amend this Declaration by executing and filing an instrument containing such amendment, in the office of the County Clerk of Mason County, Texas.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, Declarant shall have the right at any time, at its sole discretion and without any joinder or consent of any other party, to amend this Declaration for the purposes of correcting any error, ambiguity or inconsistency appearing herein or for any reason whatsoever deemed necessary for the benefit of the overall development as determined by Declarant, in its sole discretion. Said amendment shall be effective upon filing of the instrument containing such amendment in the office of the County Clerk of Mason County, Texas.

#### ARTICLE X.

# WAIVER AND LACHES

The obligation to abide by the provisions contained in this Declaration shall be deemed to be of a continuing and continual basis. Each and every day an Owner allows a condition to exist on such Owner's Tract which is not in compliance with the requirements contained herein shall constitute a separate and individual violation hereof, and shall give rise to a new cause of action for such breach. The intended effect and express purpose of this provision shall be that every Owner, by accepting title to a Tract, hereby waives the affirmative defenses of the statute of limitations, waiver and laches with respect to covenant violations. Failure of Declarant or of any Owner to enforce the terms of this Declaration shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

## ARTICLE XI.

#### **NOTICE**

Whenever written notice or demand to an Owner is permitted or required hereunder, such notice shall be given by the mailing of such notice to such Owner at the address of such Owner appearing on the records of the Mason County Appraisal District, by electronic transmission or by overnight delivery service. Notice shall conclusively be deemed to have been given on the date such notice is deposited in the United States Mail, properly addressed, electronically transmitted, or delivered to an overnight delivery service, whether received by the addressee or not.

# **ARTICLE XII.**

#### ASSIGNMENT BY DECLARANT

Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant may in writing filed of record referring to this Declaration by volume and page number, expressly assign, in whole or in part, any of its privileges, exemptions, rights and duties under this Declaration to any other person or entity and may permit the participation, in whole or in part, by any other person or entity in any of its privileges, exemptions, rights and duties hereunder. Upon assignment by Declarant of any or all of Declarant rights, the Declarant shall no longer be liable for performance of such assigned rights provided that the assignee expressly assumes in the recorded assignment the obligations of Declarant that are assigned.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

#### **HEADINGS**

The headings contained herein are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any provision of this Declaration.

EXECUTED by said Declaran	at, this day of December, 2021.
	GROBE-LICH PROPERTIES, LTD.
	By: GROBE-LICH INVESTMENTS, LLC, Its General Partner
	By: DALE A. CRENWELGE, Member
THE STATE OF TEXAS	§
COUNTY OF GILLESPIE	§
by DALE A. CRENWELGE, Men	edged before me on this the day of December, 2021, mber of GROBE-LICH INVESTMENTS, LLC, General TIES, LTD., a Texas Limited Partnership, on behalf of said
	Notary Public, State of Texas