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## AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR KEDRON HILLS

THIS AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR KEDRON HILLS is made this 12 day of 12 day of 14 day, 2009, by Kedron Hills Community Association, Inc., a Georgia non-profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Kedron Hills"), in accordance with the then applicable Declarations governing such property.

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on July 23, 190, that certain Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Kedron Hills was recorded in Deed Book 1114, Pages 100 - 405 Fayette County, Georgia records (hereinafter referred to as the "Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, Kedron Hills desires to amend Article 10 (Use Restrictions), Section 10.3 (Leasing) of the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment was presented to the membership and was duly adopted by the affirmative vote or written consent of at least sixty-seven (67%) percent of the Owners pursuant to Article 14 (General Provisions), Section 14.2 (Amendment):

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Article 10, Section 10.3 of the Declaration regarding Leasing is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following amended language:

## LEASING.

In order to preserve the character of Kedron Hills Subdivision as predominantly owner-occupied, and to comply with the eligibility requirements for financing in the secondary mortgage market, leasing of Lots shall be governed by the restrictions imposed by this Article. Except as provided herein, the leasing of Lots shall be prohibited.

(a) <u>Definition</u>. "Leasing," for purposes of the Declaration, is defined as the regular, exclusive occupancy of a Lot by any person or persons other than the Owner; provided, however, leasing shall not include exclusive occupancy by the spouse, child or parent of an Owner and shall not include the occupancy by a roommate of an Owner who occupies the Lot as such Owner's primary residence. Leasing shall be limited to single families. In other words, only one family shall be allowed to lease a Lot from and Owner and no Owner may lease out individual rooms, nor may the Owner lease his or her Lot to unrelated individuals.

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If an Owner is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, or other legal entity not being a natural person or persons, then any natural person who is an officer, director, or other designated agent of such corporation, manager or member of such limited liability company, partner of such partnership, beneficiary or other designated agent of such trust, or agent of such other legal entity shall be deemed an Owner of such Lot for purposes of this Article. Such person's designation as an Owner of such Lot pursuant to this Article shall terminate automatically upon the termination of such person's relationship with the entity holding record title of the Lot.

- (b) General. Owners desiring to lease their Lots may do so only if they applied for and received from the Board of Directors either a "leasing permit" or a "hardship leasing permit". Such a permit, upon its issuance, will allow an Owner to lease his or her Lot provided that such leasing is in strict accordance with the terms of the permit and this Article. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish conditions as to the duration and use of such permits consistent with this Article. All leasing permits and hardship leasing permits shall be valid only as to a specific Owner and Lot and shall not be transferable between either Lots or Owners (including a subsequent Owner of a Lot where a permit was issued to the Owner's predecessor in title). Additionally, Owners must be in good standing with all fees and assessments paid to be granted a leasing permit or a hardship leasing permit.
- (c) Leasing Permits. An Owner's request for a leasing permit shall be approved if current, outstanding leasing permits have not been issued for more than five percent (5%) of the Lots at any given time in the Kedron Hills Subdivision. A leasing permit shall be automatically revoked upon the happening of any of the following events: (1) the sale or transfer of the Lot to a third party (excluding sales or transfers to (a) an Owner's spouse, (b) a person cohabitating with the Owner, and (c) a corporation, partnership, company or legal entity in which the Owner is a principal; (2) the failure of an Owner to lease his or her Lot within ninety (90) days of the leasing permit having been issued; or (3) the failure of an Owner to have his or her Lot leased for any consecutive ninety (90) day period thereafter. If current leasing permits have been issued for more than five percent (5%) of the Lots at any given time, no additional leasing permits shall be issued (except for hardship leasing permits) until the number of outstanding current leasing permits falls below five percent (5%) of the Lots in the Kedron Hills Subdivision. Owners who have been denied a leasing permit shall automatically be placed on a waiting list for a leasing permit and shall be issued the same if they so desire when the number of current outstanding leasing permits issued falls below five percent (5%) of the Lots in the Kedron Hills Subdivision. The issuance of a hardship leasing permit to an Owner shall not cause the Owner to be removed from the waiting list for a leasing permit.
- (d) <u>Hardship Leasing Permits</u>. If the failure to lease will result in a hardship, the Owner may seek to lease his or her Lot on a hardship basis by applying to the Board of Directors for a hardship leasing permit. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to issue or deny requests for hardship leasing permits in its discretion after considering the following factors. (1) the nature, degree and likely duration of the hardship, (2) the harm, if any, which will result to the Kedron Hills Subdivision if the permit is approved, (3) the number of hardship leasing permits which have been issued to other Owners, (4) the Owner's ability to cure the hardship and (5) whether previous hardship leasing permits have been issued to the Owner. A "hardship" as described herein shall include, but not be limited to the following situations: (1) an Owner must relocate his or her residence outside the Atlanta metropolitan area and cannot, within six (6) months from the date that the Lot was placed on the market, sell the Lot except at a price below the current appraised market value, after having made reasonable efforts to do so; (2) where the Owner dies and the Lot is being administered by his or her estate; and (3) the Owner takes a leave of absence or temporarily relocates and intends to return to reside in the Lot. Hardship leasing permits shall be valid for a term not to exceed one (1) year. Owners may apply for additional hardship leasing permits. Hardship leasing permits shall be automatically revoked if during the term of the permit, the Owner is approved for and receives a leasing permit.
  - (e) <u>Leasing Provisions</u>. Leasing shall be governed by the following provisions:
- (1) <u>Notice</u>. At least seven (7) days prior to entering into the lease of a Lot, the Owner shall provide the Board of Directors with a copy of the proposed lease, the name, address, and home and business telephone numbers of the

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proposed lessee and the names of all other people occupying the Lot, the Owner's address other than at the Lot, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require.

- (2) General. Lots may be leased only in their entirety; no fraction or portion may be rented. There shall be no subleasing of Lots or assignment of leases unless approved in writing by the Board. No transient tenants may be accommodated in a Lot. All leases shall be in writing and in a form approved by the Board prior to the effective date of the lease. All leases shall be for a period of at least six months, except with written Board approval. The Lot Owner must provide the tenant copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and Association rules and regulations, and the lease form shall provide that the Owner has done so. All leases shall be between the Owner and the Lessee and not between the Lessee and any Property Management Company.
- (3) <u>Liability for Assessments and Compliance With Declaration</u>, <u>Bylaws</u>, and <u>Rules and Regulations</u>. Any lease of a Lot in the Community shall be deemed to contain the following provisions, whether or not expressly therein stated, and each Owner covenants and agrees that any lease of a Lot shall contain the following language and agrees that if such language is not expressly contained therein, then such language shall be incorporated into a lease by existence of this covenant on the Lot. Any lessee, by occupancy of a Lot, agrees to the applicability of this covenant and incorporation of the following language into the lease:
- (i) <u>Liability for Assessments</u>. Lessee agrees to be personally obligated for the payment of all assessments and all other charges against the Owner which become due during the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by the lessee or which become due as a consequence of lessee's activities, including, but not limited to, activities which violate provisions of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The above provision shall not be construed to release the Lot Owner from any obligation, including the obligation for assessments, for which he or she would otherwise be responsible.

When a Lot Owner who is leasing his or her Lot fails to pay any assessment or any other charge for a period of more than thirty (30) days after it is due and payable, then the delinquent Lot Owner hereby consents to the assignment of any rent received from the lessee during the period of delinquency, and, upon request by the Board of Directors, lessee shall pay to the Association all unpaid annual and special assessments and other charges, as lawfully determined and made payable during the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by lessee; provided, however, lessee need not make such payments to the Association in excess of, or prior to the due dates for monthly rental payments unpaid at the time of the Board's request. All such payments made by lessee shall reduce, by the same amount, lessee's obligation to make monthly rental payments to lessor. If lessee fails to comply with the Board's request to pay assessments or other charges, lessee shall pay to the Association all late charges, fines, interest, and costs of collection, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, to the same extent lessee would be required to make such payments to the Association if lessee were the owner of the premises during the term of the agreement and any other period of occupancy by lessee. The above provision shall not be construed to release the Lot Owner from any obligation, including the obligation for assessments, for which he or she would otherwise be responsible.

(ii) Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations. Lessee shall abide by and comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and shall control the conduct of all other occupants and guests in order to insure compliance with the foregoing. Lessee acknowledges that the violation by lessee or any occupant living with lessee of any provision of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted thereunder shall constitute a default under this lease. Owner shall cause all occupants of his or her Lot to comply with the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and is responsible for all violations and losses caused by such occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such occupants of the Lot are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. If the lessee, or a person living with the lessee, violates the Declaration, Bylaws, or a rule and regulation for which a fine is imposed, such fine may be assessed against the lessee and/or the Owner; provided, however, if a fine is not paid by the lessee within the time period set by the Board of Directors, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Board of the lessee's failure to do so. Unpaid fines shall constitute a lien against the Lot. Any lessee charged with a violation of the

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Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto is entitled to the same procedure to which an Owner is entitled prior to the imposition of a fine or other sanction.

Any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto by lessee, any occupant, or any person living with lessee is deemed to be a violation of the terms of the lease and authorizes the Owner to terminate the lease without liability and to evict the lessee in accordance with Georgia law. The Owner hereby delegates and assigns to Kedron Hills Neighborhood Association, Inc., acting through the Board, the power and authority of enforcement against the lessee for breaches resulting from the violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, including the power and authority to evict the lessee on behalf and for the benefit of the Owner, in accordance with the terms hereof, or to require the Owner to do so. If the Owner hires a Property Management Company to take care of and manage the property of the Owner, including the leasing of the Lot of the Owner, then Owner agrees that the Association can deal directly with the Property Management Company and that the Property Management Company will accept service of process for any litigation brought against Owner and/or Lessee while the Lot is being leased. In the event the Association proceeds to evict the tenant, any costs, including attorney's fees and court costs, associated with the eviction shall be specially assessed against the Lot and the Owner thereof, such being deemed hereby as an expense which benefits the leased Lot and the Owner thereof.

(iii) <u>Use of Common Property</u>. The Owner transfers and assigns to the lessee, for the term of the lease, any and all rights and privileges that the Owner has to use the Common Property, including, but not limited to, the use of any and all recreational facilities and other amenities.

(iv) <u>Applicability of this Paragraph</u>. Notwithstanding the above, this Paragraph shall not apply to any leasing transaction entered into by the Association or the holder of any first Mortgage on a Lot who becomes the Owner of a Lot through foreclosure or any other means pursuant to the satisfaction of the indebtedness secured by such Mortgage, and they shall be permitted to lease without obtaining a permit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Declaration the day of wil, 2009.

KEDRON HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.,

a Georgia non-profit corporation

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