Class II: The Class II member(s) shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class II membership shall cease and be converted to Class I membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (1) when the total votes outstanding in Class I membership equals the total votes outstanding in the Class II membership or
- (2) on that date which is ten (10) years from the date of the recording of this document.
 - (3) at the discretion of Declarant.

6. Assessments:

Section 1. Purpose of Assessments:

The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the owners in the Properties and for capital improvements and maintenance of the Common Area and any improvements thereon.

- Section 2. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligations of Assessment: The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed, therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association:
 - (1) annual assessments or charges;
- (2) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided;

The annual and special assessments together with interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest and costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees (as provided in North Carolina General Statutes Section 6-21.2) incurred by the Association in collecting delinquent assessments shall also be the personal obligation of the person or entity who was the Owner at the time when the assessment became due. The obligation of an Owner for delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors or assigns in title.

- Section 3. Minimum Annual Assessment: Assessments shall commence beginning the first day of the month following conveyance of the Common Area to the Homeowner's Association. The Declarant shall pay assessments in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of the normal assessment on lots owned by Declarant.
- Section 4. Collection of Assessments: (a) The first pro rata payment of the balance of the current year assessment shall be due and payable beginning the first day of the month following conveyance of the common area to the Homeowner's Association. The Board of