

**Instructions to Preparing Attorney
Declaration of Maintenance Covenant and Grant of Protection Easements
for Stormwater Control Facilities**

City of Raleigh Code of Ordinances, Part 10, Section 9.2.2.G.2

The following are instructions to the drafting attorney for preparation of the form Declaration of Maintenance Covenant and Grant of Protection Easements for Stormwater Control Facilities (the “Maintenance Covenant”) in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.2.2.G.2 of Part 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Raleigh (hereinafter, Part 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Raleigh is referred to as the “Unified Development Ordinance” or the “UDO”). Use of and acceptance of this form by the City of Raleigh cannot be construed as acceptance or waiver of any other provisions of the UDO applicable to the proposed development. The applicant remains responsible for compliance with all other applicable provisions of the UDO and all other conditions of approval as indicated in the project approval granted by the City.

This Maintenance Covenant must be recorded immediately after recording of the subdivision plat and must be the first encumbrance against the subdivided Property. Any mortgages, non-governmental liens, or deeds of trust against the Property must be subordinated to this Maintenance Covenant.

PREPARATION OF THIS FORM MAY BE DEEMED TO BE THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND SHOULD ONLY BE PERFORMED BY AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Before preparing this form, you should have copies of all approval documents issued for the proposed development by the City of Raleigh. These approval documents may list additional conditions of approval that must be satisfied prior to authorization to record lots or issuance of permits for the project. Once completed, submit the completed Maintenance Covenant with all exhibits (which may include these instructions until execution) to the City at Legaldocumentreview@raleighnc.gov for review prior to execution.

The instructions below are numbered in accordance with the areas in the Maintenance Covenant requiring customization for each individual project. All fields must be filled out and none should be left blank or with the reference number remaining. The terms in this instructions document shall bear the same meaning as defined in the Maintenance Covenant.

- [1] Name of attorney (or law firm) preparing this form for submission to the City for review.
- [2] Brief description for registry index; typically book of maps reference for subdivision plat, street address, or deed book reference for instrument conveying property to declarant.
- [3] Wake or Durham County Tax Property Identification Number.
- [4] City of Raleigh Case File Number. Typically preceded by SPR.
- [5] Name of Development (as shown on plat or in site plan application).
- [6] Legal name of Declarant, which should match name of owner in property records and in deed conveying property.

- [7] If this development is part of a multi-phase development, indicate the number of this Maintenance Covenant. (For example, covenant number for the 2nd phase would be 2. If this is a single-phase development, indicate “N/A”.)
- [8] This section must be filled in with the legal name of the association responsible for Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities, if applicable. If an association is not responsible for such Maintenance, this field should be filled out as “N/A”.
- [9] This section must be filled in with the Lot number (as shown on the Plat) for the Lot of the commercial Owner that is responsible for Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities, if applicable. If a commercial Lot Owner is not responsible for such Maintenance, this field should be filled out as “N/A”.
- [10] Insert year of execution (day and month should be written in by hand at execution).
- [11] Insert legal name of Declarant, as owner of the Property.
- [12] Insert Wake or Durham, whichever is applicable to the Property.
- [13] Insert deed book and page information for deed conveying the Property to the Declarant.
- [14] Insert “X” if Declarant is representing that no encumbrances exist on the Property as described in the adjacent statement. If this section is not checked, subordination must be obtained from any superior beneficiaries, trustees, mortgagees, or lien holders. If such a representation is not being made by the Declarant, “N/A” should be inserted in this field.
- [15] Insert address for notices sent to the Declarant.
- [16] Insert legal name of Declarant.
- [17] Print name of individual signing on behalf of Declarant.
- [18] Print title of individual signing on behalf of Declarant. The individual signing the Maintenance Covenant on behalf of Declarant must be authorized to bind the Declarant to legal obligations.
- [19] Insert legal name of trustee on deed of trust to be subordinated to Maintenance Covenant, if applicable. Multiple subordination pages must be utilized if multiple deeds of trust, mortgages, or liens must be subordinated. If not applicable, indicate “N/A” in this field.
- [20] Insert legal name of beneficiary on deed of trust to be subordinated to Maintenance Covenant. If not applicable, indicate “N/A” in this field.
- [21] Insert deed book and page information for deed of trust being subordinated to Maintenance Covenant. If not applicable, indicate “N/A” in this field.
- [22] Insert full name of attorney (as licensed) that prepared this Maintenance Covenant form.
- [23] Insert North Carolina State Bar identification number for attorney listed in #22, above.

Exhibit A: Recording information should be inserted for subdivision map or other recorded map showing all lots covered by this Maintenance Covenant, which should include all Lots benefitted by the shared Stormwater Control Facilities.

Exhibit B: Recording information should be inserted for subdivision map or other recorded map showing the metes and bounds of all Stormwater Control Facilities shown on the recorded map, which should be labeled as shown in Exhibit B.

Instrument Prepared By: _____[1]_____
(utilizing form drafted by the City Attorney's Office for the City of Raleigh)

Brief Description for Index: _____[2]_____

Parcel Identifier: _____[3]_____

Mail After Recording To: Planning and Development Department
City of Raleigh
Attn: Legal Document Review
P. O. Box 590
Raleigh, N.C. 27602

**DECLARATION OF MAINTENANCE COVENANT AND GRANT OF PROTECTION
EASEMENTS FOR STORMWATER CONTROL FACILITIES**

Required by City of Raleigh Code of Ordinances. Part 10, Section 9.2.2.G.2

City of Raleigh Case or File Number: _____[4]_____

Name of Development (as shown on recorded plat): _____[5]_____

Legal Name of Declarant: _____[6]_____

Maintenance Covenant Number (For a Multi-Phase Development): _____[7]_____

Name of Owner's Association Responsible for Maintenance of Stormwater Control Facilities
within the Development (if applicable): _____[8]_____

Lot Number of Commercial Lot Owner Responsible for Maintenance of Stormwater Control
Facilities (if applicable): _____[9]_____ (as shown on map referenced in **Exhibit A**)

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This Declaration of Maintenance Covenant and Grant of Protection Easements for Stormwater Control Facilities (this “Maintenance Covenant”) is established this _____ day of _____, _____[10]_____, by _____[11]_____, the “Declarant” (as defined herein), who is the owner of certain real property located in _____[12]_____ County, North Carolina, as described further in **Exhibit A** of this Maintenance Covenant (the “Property”), for the benefit of the Declarant, the Responsible Party (as defined herein), all successor Owners (as defined herein) of the Property, their successors, assigns, and heirs, and the City of Raleigh. (If the date above is blank, the effective date of this instrument shall be the date of its recordation in the county registry.)

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Raleigh, under various state and federal laws, is required to regulate the maintenance of Stormwater Control Facilities (as defined herein) constructed to serve new development within the City’s planning jurisdiction to ensure that, following initial construction, the Stormwater Control Facilities are operated, maintained, and, to the extent necessary, repaired in accordance with applicable state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Raleigh may be subject to substantial regulatory and financial penalties from the State of North Carolina and the federal government if the above-referenced rules and regulations are not applied to new development occurring within the planning jurisdiction of the City of Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Raleigh has determined that, to maintain the City of Raleigh’s compliance under applicable state and federal regulations, certain obligations are to be met by developers and subsequent owners of Stormwater Control Facilities constructed to benefit Owners of newly created Lots (as defined herein) in new developments; and

WHEREAS, Declarant, as Owner of the Property (which is part or all of the real property described in Book _____[13]_____, Page _____[13]_____, _____[12]_____ County Registry), wishes to develop the Property in accordance with the rules, regulations, and laws of the City of Raleigh (including conditions of approval as shown in the aforesaid City of Raleigh Case Number) and the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Declarant intends to construct one or more Stormwater Control Facilities that will serve the Property and that will benefit more than one Lot within the Property (or any portion thereof), thus subjecting the Property to this Maintenance Covenant pursuant to the requirements of Section 9.2.2.G.2 of Part 10 of the City of Raleigh Code of Ordinances (hereinafter, Part 10 of the City of Raleigh Code of Ordinances is referred to as the “Unified Development Ordinance” or the “UDO”); and

WHEREAS, this Maintenance Covenant has been procured in accordance with the requirements of N.C. General Statutes Chapter 143, Article 21, Part 1, N.C. General Statutes 160D-925, and Section 9.2.2.G.2. of the UDO.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to comply with the requirements of Section 9.2.2.G.2 of the UDO of the City of Raleigh, the Declarant hereby establishes this Maintenance Covenant in order to encumber, restrict, and obligate the Property and any successor Owners of the Property (or any portion thereof) to the terms, conditions, and obligations herein.

Article I

Definitions, Construction, and Amendment

1. Definitions. As used in this Maintenance Covenant, the following words and terms have the following definitions.

(a) “Association” is defined as the entity organized and operated under the laws of the State of North Carolina as the homeowners’ or property owners’ association for the Property (if applicable).

(b) “City” or “City of Raleigh” is defined as the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, a North Carolina municipal corporation.

(c) “City Approval” is defined as the written approval of the City of Raleigh, as given by the Director of Engineering Services or his or her designee on the applicable document or plat.

(d) “Code” is defined as the Raleigh City Code of Ordinances as it may be amended from time to time, and includes all duly adopted regulations, rules, directives, and policies of the City pursuant to or in furtherance of the Code.

(e) “Declarant” is defined as the Person identified as the Declarant hereinabove and its heirs, successors, and assigns, and includes any Person who has the powers of a Declarant established in a Subsequent Document, and its heirs, successors, and assigns.

(f) “Development” is defined as the real property approved for development by the City under the City of Raleigh Case or File Number shown on the first page of this Maintenance Covenant. The Property may be part or all of the real property that constitutes the Development.

(g) “Governmental Authority” (or “Governmental Authorities”) is defined as the City, the County (or Counties, if applicable) in which the Property is located, the State of North Carolina, the United States of America and all other governmental entities and quasi-governmental entities that have jurisdiction over the Property or any part thereof, and all applicable departments and agencies of any of them, whichever is/are applicable.

(h) “Lot” or “Parcel” is defined as any portion of the Property, together with any improvements thereon, which is shown upon any recorded plat of any part or all of the Property,

and which is not any of the following: dedicated public street rights-of-way; or greenway, open space, or park lands owned in fee simple by the City.

(i) “Maintain”, “Maintenance”, “Maintaining”, or any similar term used herein is defined to include any one or more of the following, as the context requires: acquisition, purchase, construction, re-construction, installation, maintenance, inspection, examination, upkeep, cleaning, renewal, alteration, repair, replacement, repainting, remodeling, restoration, removal, improvement, administration, operation, use, planting, mowing, cutting, trimming, pruning, fertilizing, watering, and preservation.

(j) “Maintenance Covenant” is defined as this document, together with all exhibits and amendments to this document.

(k) “Owner” is defined as the record Owner, whether one or more Persons, of fee simple title to any Lot, but excluding those having an interest in a Lot solely as security for the performance of an obligation or a tenant.

(l) “Person” is defined to include any natural person, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, Governmental Authority (including the City), or other entity.

(m) “Parcel” is defined as “Lot”, above.

(n) “Property” (or “Properties”) is defined as all of the real property which is subject to any part or all of the terms of this Maintenance Covenant, as described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto, as it may be amended, and incorporated herein by reference.

(o) “Registry” is defined as the office of the Register of Deeds (or any successor office under applicable law) for the North Carolina County or Counties in which deeds, plats, easements, mortgages, and deeds of trust for the Property are recorded. All references herein to recording or to any requirement to record a document or plat refer to recording in the Registry of the County or Counties in which the applicable portion of the Property is situated.

(p) “Responsible Party” is defined as an Association or a commercial Lot Owner that is responsible for Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities following transfer of such responsibility from the Declarant to the Association or commercial Lot Owner by deed or easement. Until such point that the title to the Stormwater Control Facilities is transferred, by deed or easement, to an Association or commercial Lot Owner, the Responsible Party shall be the Declarant.

(q) “Stormwater Control Facilities” is defined as one or more of the following devices and measures, together with associated private drainage easements utilized for conveying stormwater (however identified on a plat or in a document) that serves the Property and which are located outside of public street rights-of-way and drainage easements accepted into public use by the City, including, but not limited to, conduits, inlets, channels, pipes, level spreaders, ditches, grassed swales, sand filters, wet ponds, dry detention basins, wetlands, permanently protected undisturbed

open space areas (or similarly designated areas, such terms to be used interchangeably in this Maintenance Covenant), bio-retention areas, retention or detention ponds, and other devices and measures, necessary to collect, convey, store, and control stormwater runoff and pollutants for more than one (1) Lot in the Property.

(r) “Stormwater Operations Maintenance Manual and Budget” or “Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget” is defined as that manual, however named, approved by the City and incorporated into this Maintenance Covenant by reference, as the same may be amended from time to time, that documents the cost estimate to construct the Stormwater Control Facilities, the requirements for the Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities, and the projected annual costs for such Maintenance. The most up-to-date, City-approved version of the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget must be kept on file with the City’s Stormwater Division.

(s) “Subsequent Document” is defined as any document, map, or plat affecting or encumbering the Property or any portion thereof that is recorded in the Registry after this Maintenance Covenant is recorded in the Registry.

2. Applicability. The Property, this Maintenance Covenant and all provisions of Subsequent Documents and other separately recorded instruments applicable to the Property (or any portion thereof) are subject to the ordinances, regulations, and rules of the City, and shall be construed in accordance with all of the applicable provisions of the Code, whether or not such Code provisions are specifically referenced in this Maintenance Covenant or in any Subsequent Document. It shall be the responsibility of the Responsible Party and each Owner of each portion of the Property to comply with all provisions of the Code applicable to such portion of the Property. No Subsequent Document may avoid, vary, negate, or waive the obligations and rights of the Declarant, any Owner, or the Responsible Party without amendment to this Maintenance Covenant (with City Approval, as provided in Article I, Section 4) to allow such avoidance, variation, negation, or waiver.

3. Conflicts.

(a) The provisions of the Code control over any inconsistent provisions of this Maintenance Covenant or any Subsequent Document.

(b) As applicable provisions of the Code are amended, modified, revised, deleted, or moved to different sections, this Maintenance Covenant is deemed to be revised so as to conform to the provisions of the Code as they may exist from time to time and are applicable to the Property or any part thereof.

(c) The provisions of this Maintenance Covenant shall control over any inconsistent provisions of any Subsequent Documents unless this Maintenance Covenant is amended, with City Approval as provided in Article I, Section 4 below, to allow subordination of this Maintenance Covenant to the Subsequent Document. To the extent that any Subsequent Document affecting the Property conflicts with the provisions of the Code or the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, the conflicting provision shall be automatically cured to comply with the Code and the

General Statutes of the State of North Carolina. To the extent that the requirements of the Code and the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina conflict, the more stringent provision shall prevail and apply.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Maintenance Covenant, any provision of this Maintenance Covenant or Subsequent Document that is more restrictive than an applicable provision of the Code is not an inconsistent provision of this Maintenance Covenant unless the Code specifically provides otherwise, and is not deemed revised to conform to the Code.

(e) To the extent that definitions or provisions in a Subsequent Document are different than the definitions or provisions utilized in this Maintenance Covenant yet bear a similar meaning, the provisions of this Maintenance Covenant shall apply as if the defined term or provision of this document was utilized. Specific exceptions to this provision may only be achieved through amendment to this Maintenance Covenant as provided in Article I, Section 4, below.

(f) If additional Maintenance Covenants are recorded for the Development, those additional Maintenance Covenants shall have the priority of this Maintenance Covenant with respect to Subsequent Documents.

(g) Allocation of assessment obligations among Owners in any Subsequent Document does not constitute a conflict with this Maintenance Covenant. Provided, however, the rights of the City in this Maintenance Covenant, including, without limitation, the rights of the City to enforce liens and collect monies from Owners and any Association, shall not be impaired or adversely affected by any such allocation of assessment obligations in any Subsequent Document.

4. Amendment of Maintenance Covenant.

(a) Amendments to this Maintenance Covenant are valid from the time of recording in the Registry. Any amendment of this Maintenance Covenant must have prior City Approval. Any amendment of this Maintenance Covenant that requires City Approval is void *ab initio* if recorded without the required City Approval. Any amendment to an exhibit attached and incorporated into this Maintenance Covenant will similarly require an amendment to this Maintenance Covenant.

(b) During the first ten (10) year period following the date of the recording of this Maintenance Covenant in the Registry, the Declarant may amend this Maintenance Covenant with City Approval and without the consent or joinder of any other Person, so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property.

(c) If the amendment provisions of Section 4(b), above, are no longer applicable to the Property, this Maintenance Covenant may be amended with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Owners of Lots within the Property and with City Approval.

Article II

Obligations of the Raleigh City Code for Stormwater Control Facilities and Maintenance

1. Construction of Stormwater Control Facilities. The Declarant shall be responsible for the construction of the Stormwater Control Facilities and the Declarant will be responsible for the Maintenance thereof in accordance with the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget prior to conveying title of the Stormwater Control Facilities, their appurtenances, and vegetation to the Responsible Party by deed or easement. The Stormwater Control Facilities must be constructed in accordance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, rules, and directives of Governmental Authorities, including, but not limited to, the Code, and the Stormwater Control Facilities must perform as designed

2. Maintenance of Stormwater Control Facilities. Following conveyance to the Responsible Party by the Declarant, Stormwater Control Facilities shall be Maintained by the Responsible Party in accordance with the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget. At all times, the Stormwater Control Facilities must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, rules, and directives of Governmental Authorities, including, but not limited to, the Code, and the Stormwater Control Facilities must perform as designed. The Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget must meet all applicable requirements of the Code.

3. Location of Stormwater Control Facilities. A description of the portions of the Property where the Stormwater Control Facilities are located, including all private drainage easements conveying stormwater over, under, across, through, and upon the Property to and from the Stormwater Control Facilities, is provided in **Exhibit B**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

4. Drainage Easement. The Declarant dedicates, establishes and declares to and for the benefit of each Lot within the Property (or any portion thereof):

(a) the perpetual, irrevocable and non-exclusive easement, right and privilege to discharge, transport, and store stormwater from any portion of the Property into, over, under, across, through and upon the Stormwater Control Facilities and private drainage easements as described in **Exhibit B**, and

(b) the perpetual, irrevocable and non-exclusive easement, right and privilege to use and Maintain Stormwater Control Facilities, including the right of access to and from the Stormwater Control Facilities, including private drainage easements and other portions of the Property as reasonably necessary to Maintain the Stormwater Control Facilities; and

5. Relocation of Private Drainage Easements.

(a) Private drainage easements situated on the Property may be relocated only by a written agreement signed by the Responsible Party that is responsible for Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities associated with such private drainage easements and by the Owners of all portions of the Property on which the private drainage easement then is located, and by the Owners of all portions of the Property on which the private drainage easement is to be relocated. The consent of tenants, mortgagees, and beneficiaries and trustees under deeds of trust with respect

to the affected portions of the Property shall not be required for the relocation to be effective. All relocations of a private drainage easement shall be accompanied with a letter sealed by a professional engineer licensed in the State of North Carolina stating that the relocated private drainage easement will not cause any adverse stormwater runoff unto the benefitted and/or adjoining properties.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no relocation of any private drainage easement shall be valid without prior City Approval. Any relocation without the required City Approval is void *ab initio*.

(c) Relocation of a private drainage easement is valid from the later of the time of either recording of the plat or other instrument of relocation in the Registry or such later date specified therein.

6. Stormwater Control Facilities Maintained by an Association.

(a) If an Association is responsible for the Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities, then membership in the Association shall be mandatory for each Parcel served by the Stormwater Control Facilities and any successor Owner of the Parcel with membership being appurtenant to the Lot and running with ownership of the Lot. The Association shall have the power to levy assessments for the costs and expenses of Maintaining the Stormwater Control Facilities. All assessments required by this section that are levied against a Lot that remain unpaid shall become a lien on that Lot. (Calculation of the assessment charge shall be set forth in a subsequent recorded document.)

(b) Any Association that is the Responsible Party for the Maintenance of Stormwater Control Facilities shall be established in accordance with Chapters 47C or 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes (or successor statutes) and the Association declaration shall conform to this Maintenance Covenant and to Section 9.2.2.G.2 of the UDO (or its successor provision). Compliance with these terms shall be through Subsequent Documents executed and recorded by the Owners of the Property at a later date.

(c) If an Association is responsible for Maintaining the Stormwater Control Facilities, the costs and expenses of Maintaining any Stormwater Control Facilities (including any costs of complying with the terms of this Maintenance Covenant) shall be common expenses of the Association and shall include, without limitation, all costs for insurance premiums associated with the Stormwater Control Facilities and any other costs listed in the operations and maintenance budget established in the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget.

7. Stormwater Control Facilities Maintained by a Commercial Lot Owner.

(a) If a commercial Lot Owner is responsible for Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities, said Owner is responsible for making all repairs and replacements of the Stormwater Control Facilities in accordance with the construction drawings approved by the City and the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget.

(b) Each Parcel served by the Stormwater Control Facility and any successive Owner of any Parcel shall be subject to an assessment charge levied by the designated responsible commercial Lot Owner. The assessment charge shall include, without limitation, the actual costs for Maintaining the Stormwater Control Facility, all costs for insurance premiums associated with the Stormwater Control Facility, all costs of required inspections of the Stormwater Control Facility, and any other costs listed in the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget. Calculation of the assessment charge shall be set forth in a subsequent recorded document. Any assessment charge levied against a Lot and remaining unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days or longer after the payment due date shall be delinquent and shall constitute a default of this Maintenance Covenant entitling the Lot Owner responsible for Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities to bring an action at law against the defaulting party plus interest charges, together with all costs and expenses of collection incurred, such as without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorney fees actually incurred. Each Parcel Owner served by the Stormwater Control Facility shall have the right to Maintain, repair, and replace the Stormwater Control Facility if after forty-five (45) days written notice the commercial Lot Owner responsible for Maintenance, repair, and replacement fails to faithfully discharge its responsibility. The Parcel Owner doing the work shall have the same right as the designated commercial Lot Owner has to assess the other Lots served by the Stormwater Control Facility.

(c) At any time the commercial Lot Owner responsible for the Maintenance of Stormwater Control Facilities may assign its responsibilities and rights to a property owners association established in accordance with Chapters 47C or 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes or successor statutes, in which instance the Owners of the Parcels served by the Stormwater Control Facilities shall be members of the created property owners association.

8. Insurance. As part of the routine costs and expenses of Maintaining the Stormwater Control Facilities, the Responsible Party must procure and maintain liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000.00 for the protection of the Stormwater Control Facilities.

9. Penalties Associated with Failure to Maintain Stormwater Control Facilities. Operation and Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities must comply with all relevant provisions of the Code. Failure to Maintain the Stormwater Control Facilities in accordance with the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget and any applicable regulation of a Governmental Authority is a violation of the Code and may subject each Lot

Owner and the Responsible Party to significant daily civil penalties and other enforcement actions by the City of Raleigh and/or other Governmental Authorities, including assessments.

10. Joint and Several Liability. Each Owner shall be jointly and severally responsible for Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities, including payment of any unpaid *ad valorem* taxes, public assessments for improvements, and unsafe building and public nuisance abatement liens charged against the Stormwater Control Facilities and Lots benefited by those Stormwater Control Facilities, and including all interest charges thereon, together with the costs and expenses of collection incurred by themselves (or other collecting agent), including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred. Each Owner has a right of contribution against all other Owners whose portions of the Property are served by the same Stormwater Control Facilities for payment of such costs and expenses to the extent that the Owner having such right of contribution pays more than such Owner's pro rata share thereof, such pro rata share being determined either by other assessment provisions for Maintenance of Stormwater Control Facilities established in Subsequent Documents or by dividing the acreage of such Owner's portion of the Property served by the Stormwater Control Facilities by the total acreage of the portion of the Property served by the same Stormwater Control Facilities when no maintenance assessments apply to the Property.

11. Permanently Protected Undisturbed Open Space Areas. Within any permanently protected undisturbed open space areas (and similarly designated areas) shown on any recorded plat of any portion of the Property, there must not be any land disturbing activity, any placement of impervious surfaces, any tree disturbing activity (as defined in the Code), any removal of vegetation, any new development or expansion thereof, or new use, construction, or encroachment without first obtaining a stormwater control permit from the City.

12. Establishment of Segregated Account to Hold Funds Designated Solely for Maintenance Expenses. The Responsible Party must establish, collect, and retain funds for the Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities. Such funds must equal ten percent (10%) of the estimated costs to construct the Stormwater Control Facilities as is established in the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget. The Responsible Party shall have five (5) years from the date(s) the City accepted the as-built certification(s) for the Stormwater Control Facilities to collect and retain such funds. All such funds shall be held by the Responsible Party in a segregated account used solely for the purposes of Maintaining the Stormwater Control Facilities. After the fifth anniversary of the City's acceptance of the as-built certification(s) for the Stormwater Control Facilities, every annual inspection report for the Stormwater Control Facilities to be submitted thereafter to the City's Engineering Services Department pursuant to Section 9.2.2.H. of the UDO (or its successor provision) must include a certification signed by the Responsible Party that ten percent (10%) of the estimated costs to construct the Stormwater Control Facilities are being held by the Responsible Party in a segregated account used solely for the purposes of Maintaining the Stormwater Control Facilities as is required by Section 9.2.2.G.2.t. of the UDO (or its successor provision) and this Maintenance Covenant.

Article III Rights Granted to City of Raleigh

1. Action for Specific Performance. Recognizing the consequences to the City of Raleigh of non-compliance with the obligations of this Maintenance Covenant, Declarant hereby grants the City of Raleigh the right to seek, in any court of appropriate jurisdiction, judicial action for specific performance of any of the obligations established within this Maintenance Covenant. This right of the City shall not limit any other remedies or enforcement options available to the City under this Maintenance Covenant, the Code, or any other applicable law, including later adopted ordinances or statutes that may supplement or supersede the requirements stated herein.

2. Grant of Easements.

(a) Declarant hereby dedicates and grants unto the City a permanent, non-exclusive and irrevocable easement over the Lots, Stormwater Control Facilities, and private drainage easements for the purpose of permitting City inspection and, if deemed necessary, as determined by the City, in its sole discretion, for Maintenance and other work on the Stormwater Control Facilities (the “Protection Easement”).

(b) Declarant hereby dedicates and grants to the City a permanent, irrevocable, and non-exclusive right of ingress, egress, and regress over and across all public or private easements on the Property, including, but not limited to, private roads, for Maintenance and other work on the Stormwater Control Facilities (the “Access Easement”). The rights granted to the City in this subsection shall extend to employees, agents, and contractors of the City.

3. Use of Protection and Access Easements. The City, its officers, employees, contractors, and agents may access the Property and enter the Stormwater Control Facilities for purposes of exercising the City’s rights hereunder. This Maintenance Covenant shall in no way obligate the City to monitor and Maintain the Stormwater Control Facilities, and the City shall not be liable to any person, firm, partnership, company, corporation, governmental agency, or entity for the condition or operation of the Stormwater Control Facilities. Further, this Maintenance Covenant shall in no way diminish, limit, or restrict the right of the City to enforce any of its ordinances as permitted by law or to exercise any rights or powers granted to it.

4. City Right to Maintain and Repair Stormwater Control Facilities and Right of Reimbursement.

(a) If Stormwater Control Facilities serving any portion of the Property are not performing adequately or as intended or are not properly Maintained or replaced, the City, in its sole discretion, may, after providing written notice to the Lot Owners and the Responsible Party, enter the Property and perform Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities as is necessary to remedy the situation.

(b) The City shall be fully reimbursed for its costs of inspecting, monitoring, designing, constructing, repairing, reconstructing, replacing, and installing the Stormwater Control Facility or Stormwater Control Facilities. Such costs shall include the costs of administration, overhead, contracting, and public advertising associated with the work performed by the City pursuant to this Article.

(c) In addition to any other rights the City has to be reimbursed for its costs, the City may levy an assessment against each Lot served by the noncompliant Stormwater Control Facility. No assessment will be levied by the City without prior notice to the affected Lot Owners. Any unpaid assessment levied by the City shall be, as allowed by law, a lien against any delinquent Lot.

5. City Right to Private Assessments.

In addition to all other remedies set forth in this Maintenance Covenant, the Declarant assigns to the City any powers or rights of assessment that presently exist or that may be created (including those created through a Subsequent Document) for purposes of funding common expenses for services benefitting the Lots (including those of an Association and including any assessments for Maintenance of Stormwater Control Facilities). The Declarant also appoints the City as attorney-in-fact for the express purpose of assessing and pursuing the collection of unpaid costs incurred by the City in its Maintenance of any Stormwater Control Facility serving any of the Lots.

The City shall not exercise the assignment and appointment herein until all of the following occur:

(a) The City has not been fully reimbursed for any costs associated with Maintenance performed by the City (or its contractors) to any Stormwater Control Facility serving any portion of the Property.

(b) The City has provided the Responsible Party written notice requesting full payment and full reimbursement has not been made to the City within thirty (30) days of this notice.

(c) At least sixty (60) days prior written notice of the assignment of assessment rights is provided to the Responsible Party (and the members of the Association if an Association is the Responsible Party).

The Declarant further assigns to the City the right to compel the Responsible Party to ratify such assignment of assessment rights and appointment as are made in this section at a later date and to, if deemed necessary at the City's sole discretion, make a similar assignment in

the future prior to the City commencing any Maintenance on any Stormwater Control Facility.

6. Provision of Membership Roster. If an Association is the Responsible Party, the Association shall, upon demand by the City, provide the City with a list of all members of the Association and the mailing address for each member that the Association utilizes to communicate with its membership. This list must be provided within thirty (30) days of the City's demand.

7. No Public Adoption.

(a) The City's exercise of its rights under this Maintenance Covenant, or its abatement of a public nuisance, or its repair of unsafe structures does not constitute adoption of any Stormwater Control Facility by the City. The legal authority of the City is not intended to impede or prohibit the Responsible Party or any Lot Owners from taking all necessary actions to Maintain the Stormwater Control Facilities so that they function safely, perform the function for which they were created, and comply with the requirements of the Code and this Maintenance Covenant.

(b) The City is not obligated to monitor or Maintain any Stormwater Control Facilities and the City shall not be liable to any person or entity for the condition or operation of any Stormwater Control Facilities.

Article IV Subordination

1. Subordination.

(To protect the interests of the City of Raleigh and the public at large, any existing deeds of trust, mortgages, or liens encumbering the Property, other than property tax liens for the current tax year or governmental improvement assessment liens, must be subordinated to this Maintenance Covenant. If no such encumbrances exist, the following representation must be checked by the Declarant. Otherwise, such encumbrances must be listed and the Maintenance Covenant must be executed by the beneficiary and trustee (if trustee execution is necessary per the terms of the security instrument), mortgagee, or lien holder to evidence such subordination.)

[____[14]____] DECLARANT REPRESENTS THAT NO SUPERIOR DEEDS OF TRUST, MORTGAGES, OR LIENS (OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAX LIENS FOR THE CURRENT TAX YEAR OR GOVERNMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIENS) ENCUMBER OR

AFFECT THE PROPERTY AT THE TIME OF THE EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF THIS MAINTENANCE COVENANT, OR THAT IF ANY OF THE FOREGOING EXIST AND ARE NOT BEING SUBORDINATED BY THE DEED OF TRUST BENEFICIARY AND TRUSTEE, MORTGAGEE, OR LIEN HOLDER BY EXECUTION OF THIS MAINTENANCE COVENANT, DECLARANT HAS AN OWNER'S POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE THAT EITHER INSURES THE PROPERTY WITHOUT EXCEPTION FOR SUCH ENCUMBRANCE OR THAT PROVIDES AFFIRMATIVE COVERAGE WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ENCUMBRANCE AND, IN SUCH EVENT, A COPY OF SUCH TITLE INSURANCE POLICY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE CITY.

(If the box above is not checked, the subordination section on the signature pages must be completed and signed by the appropriate parties.)

Article V

Miscellaneous

1. Notice. Written notice as required hereunder shall be provided to the City of Raleigh at P. O. Box 590, Raleigh, N.C. 27602, Attention: Stormwater Program Manager and to the Declarant at ____[15]____. Once the Declarant transfers, by deed or easement, responsibility for Maintenance of the Stormwater Control Facilities to the Responsible Party, the address for notice to the Responsible Party shall be provided to the City in writing, directed to the address listed above. The City may elect to notify the Responsible Party at either (i) the mailing address for the Responsible Party provided to the Wake County Tax Assessor; or (ii) the registered agent of the Responsible Party on file with the Corporations Division of the Secretary of State's Office, either of which shall be deemed to comply with any notice requirements of this Maintenance Covenant. Where notice must be provided to individual Lot Owners (as members of an Association), such notice shall be sent to the Owner of that Lot as shown on the county tax listing first class mail. Written notice shall be deemed received four (4) days following its deposit, first class mail, with the United States postal system. All mailings required by this Article shall be sent via the United States Postal Service.

2. Term. This Maintenance Covenant shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Property.

3. Severability. If any provision of this Maintenance Covenant shall be deemed invalid by a judgment, order, or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Maintenance Covenant.

4. No Merger. The rights, privileges, and easements in this Maintenance Covenant shall not merge by operation of law or terminate but shall remain in full force and effect despite the fact that the same Owner may own title to all the real properties which are affected by this Maintenance Covenant.

5. No Waiver. The failure of any Owner, an Association, a Responsible Party, or the City in any one or more instances to insist upon compliance with any provision or covenant herein or to exercise any right or privilege herein shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of such or any similar provision, covenant, right, or privilege including the right to cure a breach or default, but the same shall continue and remain in full force and effect, as if no such forbearance had occurred.

Article VI

Execution

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the covenants agreed to and the terms, conditions, obligations and restrictions imposed herein shall be binding upon the Declarant, its successors and assigns, and shall continue as a servitude running with the land in perpetuity. Declarant covenants that it is vested of the Property in fee simple, has the right to convey the same in fee simple, that the Property is free from encumbrances except as herein stated or subordinated herein, and Declarant will warrant and defend such title to the same against claims of all persons whatsoever. Title to the Property is subject to the following: all utility rights of way and easements recorded in the Registry; plats of any part or all of the Property recorded in the Registry; and restrictive covenants affecting any part or all of the Property that were recorded in the Registry prior to the recording of the deed to the Declarant that conveyed the Property to the Declarant.

Declarant acknowledges that the City of Raleigh is acting in reliance on Declarant's authority to enter into this Maintenance Covenant and the terms, conditions, obligations, and restrictions imposed herein in its authorization to subdivide the Property and in the issuance of any permits or development approvals associated with any construction of improvements on the Property and that the City of Raleigh may suffer irreparable harm from the violation of the covenants, restrictions, and obligations established herein.

[The signature pages follow this page.]

[Declarant Signature Page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Declarant hereby executes this Maintenance Covenant under seal as of the day and year first above written.

DECLARANT:

_____[16]_____

By: _____ (SEAL)

Name: _____[17]_____

Its: _____[18]_____ (Title)

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

DECLARANT
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged to me that he or she signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein and in the capacity indicated: _____

(Print name of signatory in blank)

Date: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public

Print Name: _____

[Affix Notary Stamp or Seal]

[The next page is the subordination signature page.]

[Subordination Signature Page]

_____[19]_____, as Trustee, and _____[20]_____, as Beneficiary, under that certain Deed of Trust recorded in Book _____[21]_____, Page _____[21]_____ _____[12]_____ County Registry, North Carolina, join in this Maintenance Covenant for the sole purpose of expressing their consent hereto and of binding, subjecting and subordinating said Deed of Trust and their interest in the Property to the terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement.

TRUSTEE:

_____[19]_____

By: _____ (SEAL)

Name: _____

Its: _____ (Title)

BENEFICIARY:

_____[20]_____

By: _____ (SEAL)

Name: _____

Its: _____ (Title)

[Notary acknowledgments for the Trustee and Beneficiary follow this page.]

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

TRUSTEE
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged to me that he or she signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein and in the capacity indicated: _____

(Print name of signatory in blank)

Date: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public

Print Name: _____

[Affix Notary Stamp or Seal]

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

BENEFICIARY
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged to me that he or she signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein and in the capacity indicated: _____

(Print name of signatory in blank)

Date: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public

Print Name: _____

[Affix Notary Stamp or Seal]

Attorney Certification:

I, _____[22]_____, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina, certify to the City of Raleigh that this Maintenance Covenant has been prepared in accordance with the instructions provided by the City of Raleigh, that I am familiar with the requirements of Section 9.2.2.G.2 of the UDO, and have prepared this instrument in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.2.2.G.2 of the UDO. If a deed of trust is being subordinated to this Maintenance Covenant and the signature of the trustee is not provided, I hereby certify that I have reviewed that deed of trust and verify that the terms of the deed of trust do not require trustee consent or signature for the subordination to be effective.

Attorney at Law

NC Bar #: _____[23]_____

Exhibit A
Description of Property

All Lots as shown on the plat recorded in Book of Maps _____, Page(s) _____, [12]
County Registry.

Exhibit B
Description of Stormwater Control Facilities
and Drainage Easements

All areas shown and labeled as “Private Drainage Easements”, “Stormwater Control Facility”, or “Stormwater Control Measure” (or equivalent terms) on the plat recorded in Book of Maps _____, Page(s) _____, [12] County Registry.