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DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE
COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS
NATURES EDGE
CITY OF LITCHFIELD

Known all men by these presents, that Lumber One Development Company, LLC, a limited liability company, being owner of all the following described premises situated in the County of Meeker, State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Natures Edge, according to the plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Meeker County Recorder, Minnesota.

Desiring to establish the nature of use and enjoyment of said lands, do hereby declare said premises may be subject to outstanding flowage rights and privileges, conditions and restrictions as may have been previously imposed upon the Subject Property by conveyances now of record, and do further declare said premises subject to the following express covenants, stipulations, and restrictions, to the use and enjoyment thereof, all of which are to be construed as protective covenants and restrictive running with the title to said premises and with each and every part and parcel thereof;

1. These covenants are to run with the land and shall be binding on parties and all persons claiming under them, with no modifications allowed, until such time as a majority of the addition (51%) has been developed, at which time said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of five (5) years, unless by vote of a majority of the then owners of the land, it is agreed to change said covenants in whole or in part.
2. If the parties hereto, or any of them, or their heirs or assigns shall violate or attempt to violate any of the covenants herein, it shall be lawful for any other person or persons owning any real property situated with the boundaries of the premises hereinabove described, to prosecute any proceedings at law or in equity against the person or persons violating or attempting to violate any such covenant, and either to prevent him or them from so doing or to recover

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damages or other dues for such violation. If legal action is required by the Natures Edge Neighborhood Association Committee to enforce a lot owner to comply with these covenants, all such legal fees incurred by the Natures Edge Neighborhood Association Committee shall be paid by the lot owner.

3. Invalidation of any of these covenants by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions, which shall remain in full and effect.
4. The premises and each part, parcel, lot or plot thereof shall be used exclusively for single family residential purposes. No structures shall be erected, altered placed, or permitted to remain on any part of parcel thereof which is in single ownership, other than on detached single family dwelling and private garage, and such other outbuildings and improvements as shall be authorized by the neighborhood committee hereinafter constituted.
5. No building or improvement shall be erected, placed or altered on any part, parcel, lot or plot with the boundaries of the premises above described, until the building plans, specification, and plot plan showing the location of such buildings have been approved in writing as to conformity and harmony of external design with existing structures in the area protected by these covenants, and as to location of the building with respect to topography and finished ground elevation by a committee composed of two (2) members and to be known as Natures Edge NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE, which committee shall be constituted for the term of five (5) years following the date of the original declaration of the following named persons: Tim Backes-Lumber One Cold Spring Inc. and Chad A. Carlson-Lumber One Development Company, LLC, and upon the expiration of the initial five (5) year term of the members of the neighborhood association committee, the said committee shall be composed of two (2) members, all of whom shall be designated for a five (5) year period thereafter until the expiration of these covenants. In the event of a vacancy occurring in said neighborhood association committee, by resignation, death, disability or disposal by the committee member of his property in the protected premises, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by election by the then Natures Edge Association Committee.

6. The setbacks proposed for Nature's Edge are to be according to the City of Litchfield building ordinance.
7. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any building site, tract or parcel of land in the protected area, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become any annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood; no livestock nor wild or domestic animals of any kind shall be kept or maintained, or stabled on any residential building site, other than not more than two (2) dogs, or not more than two (2) cats.
8. No trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn, mobile home, side by side or other outbuildings erected in the tract shall at any time be used as a residence temporarily or permanently, nor shall any structure of a temporary character be used as a residence.
9. No residential structure shall be erected or placed on any building site which main structure does not have an attached or detached 20'X20' garage or larger. No residential structure shall be erected or placed on any building site which has a floor area exclusive of open porches and garages of less than the following:
 - a) Rambler-900 square feet on the main living area.
 - b) Bilevel-848 square feet on the main living area.
 - c) Trilevel/Multilevel-1000 square feet of finished living area on the three living levels.
 - d) One and one half Story-1200 square feet on the top two floors.
 - e) Two Story/Two and one half Story-1200 square feet on the top two floors.
10. No residential structure shall be erected that does not provide for at least \$ 500 which shall go towards the improvement of the front elevation of house over and above the standard siding application. Some examples of improvements may be one or more of the following item: brick, window grill, shutters, high pitched roofs
11. Criteria for Building Better Neighborhood ("BBN"): The following criteria are hereby established for Natures Edge, unless it is specifically stated that the guidelines are for BBN Houses only.

- a. Homes on lots 1-12 Block 2 and 1-12 Block 3 must set the garage flush with or set back from the face of the home.
 - b. No dwelling shall have a roof pitch less than 5:12.
 - c. Driveway curb cuts will be no greater than 12' in width.
 - d. Set back for dwellings are 30' from the front property line, 5' on garage side, 10' on house side and 35' rear.
 - e. Minimum landscaping requirements are as follows: Sod in the front yard and rear yard.
 - f. Detached garage or storage building will be located in the rear yard of the home. Materials used for the detached garage or storage building will match the home and attached garage. All exterior storage buildings structure and placement must be approved by Natures Edge NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE and shall not be bigger than 120 square feet.
12. Easements for the installation and maintenance of municipal and public utility and drainage facilities are reserved over the lands as shown on the Plat are subject to the following provisions:
- a) Except as provided below, all claims for damages, if any, arising out of the construction, maintenance and repair of utilities or on account of temporary or other inconvenience caused thereby against the interested owners, or any utility company or municipality, or any of their heirs, successors, assign, agents or servant are waived by purchasers of lots within the subdivision.
 - b) No structure, planting or other material shall be place or permitted to remain with utility easements which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities or with drainage easements which may obstruct or retard the flow or water through the drainage channels within the easements.

- c) The easement areas of each lot and all improvements therein shall be maintained continuously by the owner of the lot, except for those improvements for which a public authority or utility company, or the City of Litchfield is responsible.
13. No sod, soil, sand or gravel shall be sold or removed from any part of the premises, except for the purpose of excavating for the construction or alteration of a residence or an appurtenance on said premises, or for the proper grading thereof, any excess of soil remaining from excavation or grading. And not otherwise used by the owner in the improvement of his own site, shall be disposed or properly within The Trails in which event it shall be placed where so designated by neighborhood association.
 14. No fence, hedge, boundary wall or retaining wall shall be erected, constructed, grown or maintained on or around any building site or lot in said subdivision, without the written approval of the neighborhood association committee, as to its location, material, style, height, and harmony and the landscaping design in the area. No chain linked fences allowed.
 15. The premises shall include a sodded yard upon completion of a new residential structure.
 16. The premises shall be subject in the use thereof to the lawful zoning, subdivision, and other land use ordinances of the Litchfield.
 17. No commercial trade or business of any kind shall be carried on, in or from any part of the lands which are subject to these covenants. The owner or occupant of any homesite subject to these covenants shall do nothing upon his premises which shall be or become a hazard, nuisance or annoyance to the other owners of homesites in the lands subject to these covenants.
 18. No trash, garbage, or other debris shall be kept on the premises, and each owner of the homesite covered by these covenants shall promptly carry away or cause to be carried away all such trash, garbage or debris, so that the premises belonging to each owner shall be clear and orderly. No more than three (3) vehicles, garaged under roof, shall be kept on or at any building or homesite covered by the covenants, and no parking shall be permitted on the common easement road or public roads; no junk or wrecked automobiles

shall be brought upon or kept or remain exposed upon the premises, and no commercial automotive repairs shall be undertaken or permitted on any homesite; in addition to the automobile or automobiles of the homesite owner, such owner shall be permitted to have and keep upon his premises not more than one (1) recreational vehicle, which need not be kept under roof, such as one (1) boat and trailer, or one (1) snowmobile and trailer, or one (1) camper (provided the same is not used for residence purposes while on said homesite).

19. Compliance with these covenants shall not excuse noncompliance with land use ordinances upon the same subject of the public authorities; compliances with the land use ordinance of the public authorities shall no excuse noncompliance with these covenants.
20. Neighborhood Association may remove, at lot owner's expense, any structure or condition which fails to conform with these covenants, state and local laws, upon notice to lot owner of such nonconformance and lot owner's subsequent failure to immediately remove such nonconformance.
21. All construction and use of said premises shall conform to state law and local ordinance. In the event the conditions contained in these covenants conflict with any state law or local ordinance, the latter shall govern. The lot owner is charged with knowledge of all such applicable laws.

Deeds of conveyance of said property, or any part thereof, may contain the above restrictive covenants by reference to this document, but whether or not such reference is made in such deeds, and all of such respective grantees. Violation of any one or more of these covenants may be restrained by any Court of competent jurisdiction, and damages awarded against such violator; provided, however, that a violation of these restrictive covenants, or any one or more of them shall not effect the lien of any mortgage now of record, or which hereafter may be placed of record upon said lots or any part thereof.

