

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MEDINA

22746

DECLARATION OF LIMITATIONS AND
RESTRICTIONS FOR GREAT OAKS SUBDIVISION-
PHASE I

GREAT OAKS VENTURE, a Texas Joint Venture, (THE DEVELOPER) being the Owner of the surface estate of the following described real property lying and being situated in the County of Medina and State of Texas and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

GREAT OAKS SUBDIVISION-PHASE I, a subdivision in Medina County, Texas, as shown by plat recorded in Plat Book No. 7, Page 14-18 Plat Records of Medina County, Texas, to which reference is here made, (THE SUBDIVISION)

for the purpose of carrying out a uniform plan for the development of a high class residential neighborhood, does hereby make, declare adopt and impose upon the above described real property the following covenants, conditions, restrictions, and limitations which shall apply to and become a part of all contracts of sale, contracts for deed, deeds, and other legal instruments whereby title or possession to any lot in said subdivision is hereafter conveyed or transferred, such covenants, conditions, restrictions, and limitations to run with the land and to be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all parties, now or hereafter, owning or using the above described property or any portion thereof, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.

1. Property Use: Except as otherwise provided herein or as noted on the plat of the subdivision recorded in Plat Records of Medina County, Texas, all lots shall be used for single-family residential purposes, no lot may have more than one single-family residence thereon, and no lot or portion thereof shall ever be used for a business or commercial purpose or for carrying on a trade or profession.

2. Manufactured Homes: Manufactured homes and modular home are permitted on all lots in the subdivision. In addition, manufactured homes and modular homes must observe and comply with the following restrictions and limitations, in addition to any other restrictions and limitations contained herein, to-wit:

a. All manufactured homes must have the wheels removed and placed either on a slab or upon blocks or piers.

b. All manufactured homes must be skirted within 90 days after placement on property with masonry, plaster, a material to match the exterior siding of the residence, or a material designed by the manufacturer of the home.

c. All manufactured homes shall be anchored to the land in the manner prescribed by the Texas Department of Labor and Standards.

d. No manufactured home of less than 700 square feet shall be permitted.

e. All manufactured homes shall be of new construction or no older than five (5) years from date of purchase by the original owner, unless approved in writing in advance by the Architectural Committee.

f. If a manufactured home has a front porch, the design of such porch must be approved in writing by the Architectural Committee.

It is intended hereby to delegate to the Architectural Committee control to insure the development of a high class residential area. Failure of the Architectural Committee to approve or disapprove any application required herein within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof shall be deemed for all purposes as the approval thereof.

3. Permanent Homes: All permanent homes and buildings, except for modular homes and manufactured homes, must be new construction. Each one-story home shall contain a minimum of 900 square feet of living area, exclusive of garages, carports and porches. Each two-story home shall contain a minimum of 1200 square feet of living area, exclusive of garages, carports, and porches. All plans and specifications are subject to the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.

4. Quality Workmanship: All improvements and structures including but not limited to homes, garages, barns, fences, and other improvements shall be constructed of quality material and in a workmanlike manner. Such improvements shall be maintained and situated so that their appearance will not be detrimental to the subdivision as a whole. All improvements shall be kept weatherproofed by painting or such other method as may be necessary and appropriate and none of the improvements shall be allowed to deteriorate to the detriment of the neighborhood as a whole.

5. Separate Structures: Any detached building, garage, carport, shed, structure, or addition to a residence, must be of all new material and be of equal construction quality and architectural design as the residence and shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.

6. Setback Requirements: No buildings or structures of any nature shall be located on any lot closer to the front property line than the building setback line designated on the subdivision plat filed for record in Medina County, Texas, nor closer than ten feet (10') to any side or back property line. Variations from this requirement may be granted in individual cases where tract size or topography makes this requirement impractical but any such variation must have the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.

7. Easement: Ten (10) feet inside of all property lines shall be preserved as a public utility easement (plus such additional space as may be required for guys or other utility pole support structure,) a drainage easement, or any other easement which would be beneficial to the common good.

8. Time for Completion: Any dwelling or other structure or building once commenced shall be completed with reasonable diligence and in all events shall be completed as to its exterior within six months from the commencement of construction. No building material of any kind shall be placed or stored upon any lot until the owner is ready to commence construction.

9. Temporary Structures: No structure or emplacement of a temporary character, nor any trailer, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall at any time be used as a residence or dwelling, either temporary or permanently, without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.

10. Septic Tanks and Water Wells: No residence shall be permitted in the subdivision unless it is served by a septic tank, sewer system or some other sewer system and a water system meeting the requirements of and approved by the Texas State Health Department. This includes, but is not limited to, the maintenance of a 150 foot sanitary control easement around any water well (i.e. no septic tank within 150 feet of any water well, whether the well is on owner's lot or not). Outhouses or privies are not allowed on any lot in the subdivision.

11. Repair and Upkeep: All residences and buildings must be kept in a good state of repair, and must be painted or otherwise restored when necessary to preserve the attractiveness thereof.

12. Fascia: Fascia must be installed on any structure attached to a residence such as a carport, garage, awning, patio cover, or porch, so as to match the fascia of the residence.

13. Roof: Roofing material on any structure attached to or adjacent to a

home, if visible from any street, must match the roofing material of the residence to which it is adjacent. Composition asphalt roll roofing and corrugated sheet metal shall not be used as a roof on any residence or other structure if visible from any street in the subdivision unless approved in advance by the Architectural Committee.

14. Drainage Structures and Ditches: Drainage structures under private driveways shall be constructed to Medina County specifications and must be constructed before any residence or other structure may be placed on the lot. Such structures, where needed, are to be installed at the expense of Buyer. Natural drainage shall not be disrupted, altered or changed without prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.

15. Storage of Trash and Weeds: No lot shall ever be used for outside, unenclosed storage of any nature, nor shall any lot or part thereof be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish or debris or junk. Trash, garbage or other wastes shall not be permitted except in sanitary containers. All incinerators or cans or other equipment for the storage or disposal of such materials shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and behind lot improvements so they are not visible from the street.

16. Parking: Streets shall not be used for parking except for occasional or emergency parking of vehicles. No continuous parking of automobiles or any other type of vehicle will be permitted on any street or road right-of-way in the subdivision at any time.

17. Unused Vehicles: The storage of junked, abandoned or wrecked items such as motor vehicles, boats, or other equipment or materials shall not be permitted on any lot in the subdivision. Any car or vehicle not in running condition or regularly used by the owner thereof or his agent shall not be allowed to remain on any lot in the subdivision for more than one week. Repairing of motor vehicles, boats, or other major items of a mechanical nature shall not be permitted on any lot in the subdivision.

18. Livestock and Pets: Dogs, cats or other household pets not to exceed a total of four in number (exclusive of unweaned offspring) may be kept on any lot so long as they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. In the case of poultry (excluding roosters), rabbits, or an FFA or club project such as a calf or lamb (but no pigs, hogs, or swine), no more than three (3) per acre may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. The cumulative total of cows, horses, and like animals that may be possessed at any one time shall not exceed one (1) per each two (2) acres of land owned. Any pen, corral, hutch, structure or enclosure of any kind must be constructed of new material and must be attractive in appearance in keeping with the general standard of improvement in the subdivision, and must be at all times kept neat and clean in appearance, consistent with the requirements herein specified for other improvements in the subdivision. All such improvements must be located to the rear of the residence and not closer than twenty (20) feet to any property line. No such pets or animals may be kept in a way or manner or location that creates a nuisance to other property owners such as annoying noise or flies or odors or unsightly premises.

19. Animals to be Contained: All animals shall be contained within the lot lines either by fence, leash, or other comparable device. Animals shall not be allowed outside an owners lot.

20. Fences: No fence shall be permitted on the front part of a lot without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee. The front portion of a lot is defined as that portion of a lot between the street right-of-way and the residence (or building set-back line if no residence exists). Chain link or barbed-wire fencing shall not be allowed on the front portion of a lot.

21. Trees: No tree six (6) inches or greater in diameter now or hereafter located on a lot shall be removed, cut-down, or in anyway damaged or destroyed, except where improvements are to be located, without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee.

22. Signs: Except for one sign of not more than 6 square feet advertising the property for sale or for rent, no signs of any kind shall be displayed to the public view from any lot. However, signs may be used by a contractor or other builder to advertise the property during the course of construction and for a reasonable sales period thereafter.

23. Noxious Activity: No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on or maintained on any tract, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become a nuisance to the neighborhood.

24. Firearms: The use or discharge of any type of firearms is expressly prohibited within the subdivision.

25. Boats and Trailers: No boats, boat trailers, travel trailers, recreational vehicles or other similar property shall be allowed to remain in the driveway, front yard, on the street, or any other location on any lot which is in view of the street.

26. Mail Boxes: All mail boxes shall be of a type and design and placed in a location approved by the U.S. Postmaster and the Architectural Committee.

27. Enforcement of Conditions and Restrictions: Any person owning any interest in any of the tracts in said subdivision, including mortgage interest, may enforce these restrictions through a proceeding at law or in equity against the person or persons violating or attempting to violate any covenant, condition, restriction, or limitation, either to prevent or to correct such violation, or to recover damages, or to obtain other relief for such violation. All expenses, including a reasonable attorney fee, shall be recovered from anyone violating these restrictions by the party bringing the suit.

28. Architectural Committee: There is hereby created and activated an Architectural Committee for the purpose of supervising, controlling and approving all construction plans, residences, structures, and other improvements to be built or placed upon any lot, and for the further purpose of performing such other duties and responsibilities as are allocated under other paragraphs of this declaration. The Committee is also given authority to enforce or amend these restrictions in any manner it deems appropriate and to act for the best interest of the subdivision. The initial members of the Committee shall be Rex Bohls, C. Bryan Stuckey, Jr., and Morris K. Gully. If any one or more of the three members refuses or fails to serve, the remaining member or members are hereby authorized to appoint a person or persons as replacement members. In the event all of the Committee members fail, refuse or are unable to serve, then the owners of property in the subdivision shall elect a new Architectural Committee, each lot in the subdivision to have one vote in such election. Upon formation and activation of the Property Owners Association, hereinafter provided, all rights, duties and responsibilities of the Architectural Committee, except the right to amend these restrictions, shall automatically be transferred to and vested in the Board of Directors of the Property Owners Association, whereupon the Architectural Committee shall be and is hereby abolished.

29. Property Owners Association: The GREAT OAKS Property Owners Association is hereby established. Each owner of a lot in the Subdivision shall be a member of the Association. The Association shall be activated at such time as may be determined by the Owner in it's sole discretion, but in no event shall such Association be activated later than thirty (30) days after the date that developer no longer owns 75% of the lots in the subdivision. A meeting of all members of the Association shall be called within thirty days (30) following the date of the activation of the Association for the purpose of

electing a Board of Directors and conducting such other business as may properly be brought before such meeting. Each lot in the subdivision shall be entitled to one vote in the Association. When more than one person holds an interest in any one lot, all such persons shall be members of the Association but they shall collectively cast only one vote for each lot owned. The Association shall be incorporated under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, shall have a Board of Directors consisting of three (3) members until otherwise determined, and shall act by majority vote in accordance with this Declaration and with the By-Laws of the Association.

30. Membership in Association: Each lot owner is required to be a member of the Property Owners Association. By acceptance of a deed to any lot or lots in the Subdivision, the owner thereof personally agrees to be and become a member of the Association and to be and become bound and obligated by the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

31. Obligations of Lot Owners: Each owner of a lot in the Subdivision covenants and agrees, and by acceptance of a deed to such lot is deemed to covenant and agree, to pay the Architectural Committee during its existence, and thereafter to the Association: (a) an annual assessment or charge and (b) special assessments as and when levied. The annual and special assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorneys fees, shall, to the full extent permitted by law, be a charge and a lien on the lots subject to this Declaration and each shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorneys fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the owner of each lot in the Subdivision at the time the assessment was due. The Architectural Committee may establish, collect and administer all assessments prior to the formation of the Property Owners Association. From and after the activation of the Property Owners Association, the Association shall have the duty and obligation to establish, collect and administer such assessments.

32. Annual Assessments: Each lot in the Subdivision is subject to an annual maintenance charge assessed equally against all lots subject to this Declaration in an amount to be established by the Architectural Committee during its existence and by the Board of Directors of the Association thereafter. Such assessment shall be the obligation of the record owner of each lot as of January 1 of the year in which the charge is due. The amount of the annual assessment shall be determined by the levying authority at least thirty (30) days prior to January 1 and written notice of such assessment shall be sent immediately to each member of the Association. If not paid by March 1, the annual assessment shall be deemed delinquent and shall be subject to a late charge equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the assessment.

33. Special Assessment: In addition to the annual assessment herein authorized, the Architectural Committee during its existence and by the Board of Directors of the Association thereafter, may levy a special assessment at any time deemed necessary, applicable for the current year only, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, or replacement of (a) any bridge or road within the Subdivision not being maintained by a public entity, or (b) any property within the Subdivision conveyed to the Association by the owner thereof, and for other purposes deemed necessary by the Board of Directors of the Association to maintain or improve the Subdivision for the general benefit of the owners and occupants thereof.

34. Vote on Special Assessment: If ten percent (10%) of the members of the Association object in writing to the levy of any special assessment, such assessment shall not be valid unless and until it has been approved by a majority vote of the members at a meeting duly called for such purpose. Written notice of the meeting with explanation of the proposed action shall be sent to each member of the Association not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting. Twenty percent (20%) of all

members of the Association shall constitute a quorum and such special assessments shall not be levied unless approved by a majority of those present and voting at such meeting, a quorum being present.

35. Cleaning Lots: After thirty (30) days notice to the owner thereof, the Architectural Committee or the Property Owners Association, when activated, shall have the right to clean and clear lots of unsightly weeds, grass, brush, trash, and refuse, such cleaning and clearing to be at the expense of the particular lot owner and for which a lien in favor of the Property Owners Association may be placed upon the property, including interest, costs, and attorneys fees. Such lien shall be treated by the Property Owners Association in the same manner as other assessments against such lot.

36. Uniform Assessments: Both annual and special assessment must be fixed at a uniform rate for all lots; provided, however, individual lot owners may be separately assessed for the reasonable cost of clearing and cleaning lots as authorized elsewhere in this Declaration.

37. Lien of Assessment: The lien of any assessments shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any lot shall not affect the assessment lien and such sale or transfer shall be subject to such lien. No sale or transfer shall relieve the lot owner from individual liability for assessments made during the period of his ownership and extinguishment of the lien shall not relieve the owner of his personal obligation and liability.

38. Partial Invalidity: If any portion of this Declaration is declared illegal, invalid, or unenforceable by law or court order, such action shall not affect the validity of any other provision hereof. Failure to enforce any one or more provisions hereof shall not constitute a waiver thereof as to future enforcement and shall not serve to invalidate any other provision of this Declaration.

39. Duration of Restrictions: The covenants, conditions, restrictions, and limitations herein published and impressed on all lots in the subdivision shall be binding on all owners of properties in the Subdivision for a period of twenty-five (25) years from and after the date hereof and shall be automatically extended for an additional period of twenty-five (25) years unless specifically terminated by vote as hereinafter provided. At any time within six (6) months before the expiration of the first twenty-five (25) year period, any five (5) property owners in the Subdivision may call an election to be held in the Subdivision for the purpose of terminating this Declaration. At such meeting, the vote to terminate must receive a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the owners of all lots in the Subdivision. If such meeting is not called, or if such a meeting is called and the vote to terminate is less than the three-fourths (3/4) majority herein required, then this Declaration, and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, and limitations herein contained, shall be automatically extended for an additional period of twenty-five (25) years.

40. Second Extension of Declaration: Within six (6) months before the expiration of the second twenty-five (25) year period, any five property owners in the Subdivision may call an election to be held with the Subdivision for the purpose of determining whether or not the restrictions and covenants of this Declaration shall be extended beyond the end of the second twenty-five (25) year period. At such meeting the questions shall be whether or not the Declaration shall be again extended. If a majority of the vote cast in said election shall favor the continuation of the provisions of this Declaration, the results of said election shall be set forth in a written instrument which shall be signed and acknowledged by one of those who called the election and filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Bastrop County, Texas. By the filing of such written instrument, this Declaration, and all of its terms and provisions, shall thus be extended for a third period of twenty-five (25) years. If a majority of the votes cast in said election do not favor the continuation of the limitations and restrictions, then and in such event, all

provisions of this Declaration shall be null and void upon the expiration of the second twenty-five (25) year period.

41. Further Extension: If the provisions of this Declaration are extended for a third twenty-five (25) year period, another election can be held in a similar manner to determine whether or not such provisions shall be extended for a fourth twenty-five (25) year period, with the results to be determined in the same manner as described for the third twenty-five (25) year period. Subsequent elections may be held each and every twenty-five (25) years thereafter as long as the owners of property in the Subdivision desire to continue to impose such limitations and restrictions. If no election is called at the end of the second or subsequent twenty-five (25) year period, then all provisions of this Declaration will automatically terminate at the end of such period and become null and void.

42. Amendment: The Architectural Committee as herein constituted shall have the power and authority to amend this Declaration by filing and recording such changes in the same manner as this Declaration; provided, however, when the Architectural Committee is abolished under other provisions of the Declaration, the right of amendment shall terminate and such right shall not be exercised by the successors to the Architectural Committee.

43. Deviations: The Board of Directors of the Association may exercise a limited right to approve minor deviations from the provisions hereof without an actual amendment of the Declaration, when, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, such deviation will be beneficial to other owners of lots in the Subdivision.

44. Rights of Developer: The developer or its agents shall have the right to use any unsold lot for a sales office location, future road right-of-way, or any other purpose developer deems necessary.

45. Future Phases: If and when a Property Owners Association is activated in a future phase of Great Oaks, such Association shall be activated as part of the Association formed herein and all rights, duties and responsibilities of the future Association shall be transferred to and vested in the Board of Directors of the Association formed herein.

46. Drilling: No oil well drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying, or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted on a Lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations, or shafts be permitted on any Lot. No derrick or other structure design for use in boring for oil, natural gas, or other minerals, shall be erected, maintained, or permitted on any Lot.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Developer has caused this Declaration to be executed by a duly authorized officer this 14th day of NOVEMBER, 1986.

GREAT OAKS VENTURE

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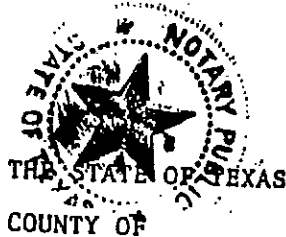
C. Bryan Sturkey, Jr.
Managing Venturer

THE STATE OF TEXAS I
COUNTY OF Medina I

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared C. BRYAN STUCKEY, JR known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that executed same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 14th day of November, A.D. 1986.



Peter P. Schmit
Notary Public, Medina County, Texas
Peter P. Schmit

My commission expires: 10-9-89

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____ known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that executed same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the _____ day of _____, A.D. 19____.

Notary Public, _____ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS I
COUNTY OF _____ I

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____ known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that executed same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the _____ day of _____, A.D. 19____.

Notary Public, _____ County, Texas

PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN ANY DOCUMENT WHICH RESTRICT THE SALE, RENTAL, OR USE OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED THEREIN BECAUSE OF RACE OR COLOR ARE INVALID UNDER FEDERAL LAW AND ARE UNENFORCEABLE.

ANY PROVISION HEREIN WHICH RESTRICTS THE SALE, RENTAL OR USE OF THE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY BECAUSE OF COLOR OR RACE IS INVALID AND UNENFORCEABLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

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ANNA VAN DE WALLE

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COUNTY CLERK, MEDINA CO.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MEDINA

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED in FILE Number Sequence on the date and at the time stamped hereon by me and was duly RECORDED in the OFFICIAL PUBLIC Records of Medina County, Texas on

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Anna Van De Walle



County Clerk, Medina County, Texas