

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF
HARPER OAKS SUBDIVISION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF GILLESPIE § KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT, DALE A. CRENWELGE, ("Declarant"), being the owner of that certain unplatted subdivision known as HARPER OAKS SUBDIVISION (hereinafter referred to as the "Subdivision"), and being described as 99.33 acres of land, more or less, out of the William Haley Survey No. 220, Abstract No. 273, situated in Gillespie County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds on **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made a part hereof for all pertinent purposes, and, as such, desiring to create and carry out a uniform plan for the improvement, development, and sale of the subdivided Tracts situated within the Subdivision, does hereby adopt and establish the following easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions ("Protective Covenants") to run with the land and to apply in the use, occupancy, and conveyance of the aforesaid described subdivided Tracts therein, which easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions shall be binding on all parties having a right, title or interest in or to the above described Subdivision or any part thereof, and their heirs, successors and assigns, and which easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof; and each contract or deed which may be executed with regard to any of such property shall be conclusively held to have been executed, delivered and accepted, subject to the following restrictions and covenants:

ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS

"Declarant" shall mean and refer to DALE A. CRENWELGE, his heirs, successors and assigns, if such heirs, successors or assigns should acquire all of the undeveloped and unsold lots or acreage from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

"Declaration" shall mean this instrument as it may be amended from time to time.

"Improvement" or "Improvements" shall mean or refer to all structures or other improvements to any portion of the Property, whether above or below grade, including, but not limited to, buildings, barns, carports, fences, pens, walls, well houses, entryways, gates, exterior lighting, flag poles, recreation areas, utility installations (including, without limitation, water, telephone, electric, satellite, propane gas tanks and systems, and septic tanks and systems), driveways, and any exterior additions, including any changes or alterations thereto.

"Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner (including Declarant), whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Tract, including contract Sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

"Property" or "Subdivision" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinbefore described as the "Subdivision" and more particularly described as 99.33 acres of land, more or less, situated in Gillespie County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and made a part hereof for all pertinent purposes, and any additional property that may be made subject to this Declaration pursuant to Article II hereof.

"Single Family Dwelling" shall mean and refer to any Improvement on a Tract which is designed and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by one individual, by a single family, or by individuals related by blood, marriage or adoption, who are maintaining a common household.

"Tract" shall mean and refer to any plot of land subdivided out of the Property.

ARTICLE II.

EASEMENTS – UTILITY

Section 1. Reservation of Utility Easements. Declarant reserves unto Declarant and its successor and/or assigns, perpetual easements (the “Utility Easements”) for the installation and maintenance of utilities and all necessary appurtenances thereto, whether installed in the air, upon the surface or underground, along and within ten (10) feet along and outside of all boundaries of the Roadways, (iii) ten (10) feet of the rear, front and side boundary lines of all Tracts, and (iv) twenty (20) feet along the entire perimeter boundary of the Subdivision; with the authority to place, construct, operate, maintain, relocate and replace utility lines, systems and equipment thereon. Nothing shall be placed or permitted to remain within the easement areas which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities. The easement areas within each Tract and all Improvements within it shall be maintained by the Owner of the Tract, except as otherwise provided in this Declaration and except for those Improvements for which an authority or utility provider is responsible. Upon granting a utility easement by Declarant to a utility provider, utility providers shall have all of the rights and benefits necessary and convenient for the full enjoyment of the rights herein granted, including, but not limited to the free right to ingress to, and egress from, easement areas, and the right from time to time to cut and trim all trees, undergrowth and other obstructions that may injure, endanger or interfere with the installation, operation or maintenance of utilities. Declarant shall have the right, without the necessity of joinder by any Owner, to execute and deliver any and all instruments that may be required by any provider of such utilities in order to grant or assign such provider the right to utilize the easement reserved hereby to provide such utilities.

ARTICLE III.

RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

The Declarant hereby declares that the Property shall henceforth be owned, held, transferred, sold and conveyed subject to the following covenants, conditions and restrictions which are intended for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, the Property and shall be binding on Declarant and all Owners, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, and which shall inure to the benefit of Declarant and each Owner of any part of the Property, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns.

(1) Not more than one single-family dwelling may be erected on any Tract. In addition, one (1) guest house, one (1) B & B (Bed and Breakfast), or VRBO Unit (Vacation Rental by Owner), and related outbuildings, barns, stables, pens, fences and other similar improvements may be constructed or erected on a Tract.

(2) A residence or dwelling shall not be occupied until the exterior thereof shall be completely finished and plumbing is connected to a septic system or other water disposal system which has been approved by Gillespie County and/or State of Texas Health Department and/or other governing body regulating wells and septic systems.

(3) Buses, recreational vehicles, mobile homes, modular homes, and/or manufactured homes shall not be used as a dwelling (permanent or temporary) on any tract. All boats, tractors, golf carts and ATV's, motorcycles, and other similar types of vehicles, may be stored on a Tract provided they are not visible to the public view. Recreational vehicle use during construction period of residence is allowed up to one (1) year.

(4) All perimeter fences erected on any Tract shall be of new material and erected in accordance with professional fence building standards regarding quality and appearance. No chain link fence shall be permitted.

(5) Except for entrance and other gates, fences, roadways, wells, well houses, septic systems and buried or overhead electric, telephone and other buried utility lines or buried fiber optic cable, no improvement shall be stored, placed or erected nearer than 50 feet from any side boundary of a tract; and 250 feet from the front and rear boundaries.

(6) In the event any Owner shall own two tracts that abut each other, the abutting boundary line shall not be subject to the setback restrictions.

(7) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any boundary of a Tract that does not abut other land in the Property, is not subject to this setback restriction.

(8) Upon submission of a written request to the Declarant, the Declarant may, from time to time in its sole discretion, permit Owners to construct, erect or install Improvements which are in variance with the setback requirements as provided in this Declaration. Such variances must, in the Declarant's sole discretion, not detrimentally affect the integrity of the Subdivision. The Declarant shall not be liable to any Owner for claims, causes of action, or damages arising out of the grant or denial of any variance to an Owner. Each request for a variance submitted hereunder shall be reviewed separately and apart from other such requests and the grant of a variance to any Owner shall not constitute a waiver of the Declarant's right to strictly enforce the covenants and restrictions provided hereunder, against any other Owner.

If written notice of approval of the variance request has not been delivered to the requesting Owner within thirty (30) days of the date of submission of the request, it shall be conclusively presumed that the Declarant has denied the request for a variance.

(9) Except as set forth below, all Tracts constituting the Property shall be used and occupied by the Owner of the Tract for single-family residential purposes only, and no Tract shall be used for any professional, business or commercial activity for which the general public is invited to the Tract. Notwithstanding the above and as exceptions thereto, a bed and breakfast or VRBO Unit may be operated by an Owner on a Tract. For purposes of these restrictions, the term "bed and breakfast" shall mean a lodging service within rooms of the principal dwelling or in a separate guest house.

(10) No pigs, hogs or swine shall be permitted on the Property unless raised in conjunction with a 4-H or FFA related project.

(11) Declarant (and/or their tenants or assignees) shall have the right to graze cattle or livestock on an Owner's Tract until such time as such Owner has enclosed the Owner's Tract by a livestock restraining fence and upon completion of the livestock restraining fence, the right to graze cattle or livestock shall be permanently extinguished. Each Owner and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, by acceptance of title to an interest in a Tract, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Declarant (and their respective tenants or assignees), from and against, and hereby waive and release any claims or causes of action such Owner may have with respect to, any injuries to any persons or any damages to any properties that may be caused by livestock on an Owner's Tract, or that may otherwise arise out of, or be suffered or incurred in connection with, the exercise by Declarant (or their tenants or assignees) of the right to graze livestock on an Owner's Tract, and/or the presence of livestock on an Owner's Tract.

The grazing rights reserved herein shall be subordinate to the right of a lienholder under a purchase money deed of trust, home equity loan or a mechanics and materialman's lien.

(12) The owner of a tract which has a boundary on the perimeter of the Subdivision (a boundary which abuts property other than a Subdivision Tract boundary) shall maintain the fence on the Tract's perimeter boundary in a manner which will restrain livestock.

(13) There shall be no commercial feedlot operation or commercial breeding of animals or fowl on any Tract. Animals used for grazing a tract while simultaneously raising young (e.g., a cow/calf operation) shall not be considered commercial breeding of animals.

(14) Abandoned or inoperative equipment, vehicles or junk shall not be stored or maintained on any Tract. Owners are to keep each Tract clean and neat in appearance and free of litter at all

times.

(15) Further division of a Tract without written approval of Declarant is prohibited.

(16) No Hunting Blinds/Stands/Game Feeders shall be placed within 100 feet of the boundary of any other Tract unless the abutting Tract is owned by the same Owner.

(17) Commercial hunting of wildlife is prohibited. Harvesting of animals is limited to bowhunting only. Shooting of snakes, predators and other dangerous animals to protect the property or person of any Property Owner on their Tract is permitted.

(18) No noxious or offensive activity shall be conducted on any Tract that may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to other Owners within the Property.

(19) Oil/gas drilling, development or refining and mineral quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be prohibited on the Property.

(20) The operation of gun ranges or persistent use of firearms is prohibited.

ARTICLE IV.

TERM

The covenants, conditions and restrictions set forth in this Declaration are made and adopted to run with the land and shall be binding upon the undersigned and all parties and persons claiming through and under them until January 1, 2052, at which time said covenants and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless and until an instrument executed by Owners of at least two thirds (2/3rds) of the Tracts has been recorded agreeing to terminate said covenants and restrictions in whole or in part; provided that, if Declarant owns any interest in the Property at the time, the covenants and restrictions may only be terminated if the Declarant joins in executing such instrument.

ARTICLE V.

ENFORCEMENT

Section 1. Compliance with Provision of his Declaration. Each Owner shall comply strictly with the provisions of these restrictions as the same may be amended from time to time. Failure to comply with any provision of this Declaration shall constitute a violation of the Declaration, and shall give rise to a cause of action to recover sums due for damages or injunctive relief or both, maintainable by an aggrieved Owner or Declarant. Declarant makes no warranty or representation as to the present or future validity or enforceability of the Declaration, its terms or provisions. Each Owner acquiring a Tract in reliance on this Declaration, its terms and provisions shall assume all risks of the possible amendment, validity and enforceability thereof, as well as the possibility that variances from the restrictions contained in this Declaration may be granted from time to time; and, by acquiring the Tract, each Owner agrees to hold Declarant harmless from any damages resulting from any amendment to, variances from, or invalidity or unenforceability of this Declaration.

Section 2. Right of Enforcement. Declarant, its successors or assigns, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by proceedings at law or in equity, the terms, provisions, covenants, conditions, and restrictions of this Declaration. Failure of Declarant to take any action upon any breach or default shall not be deemed a waiver of their right to take action upon any subsequent breach or default. Declarant, for itself, its successors or assigns, reserves the right to enforce this Declaration, though it may have previously sold and conveyed all Tracts controlled hereby. The reservation by Declarant of this right of enforcement shall not create a duty or obligation of any kind to enforce same, and Declarant shall not be subjected to any claim, demand, or cause of action from any Owner by virtue of not enforcing any term, provision, covenant, condition or restrictions herein contained.

Section 3. Declarant Right to Self Help.

(a) The Declarant shall have the authority to employ self-help to enforce compliance with any provision of this Declaration. Upon the occurrence of a default or other violation of this Declaration, the Declarant may provide notice to the defaulting Owner of the matter of noncompliance, the action necessary to cure the noncompliance, and a date by which the noncompliance shall be cured; such notice to be sent in accordance with subparagraph (b) below. In the event the Owner fails to cure the matter of noncompliance within the required time, Declarant may take action to cure the matter of noncompliance.

(b) Notice of default or other violation of this Declaration and of the Declarant's intent to act pursuant to this provision shall be in writing or electronically. In the event of continuing noncompliance, a second notice, at least ten (10) days subsequent to the date of the mailing of the first notice, shall be sent to the noncomplying Owner. Not sooner than thirty (30) days after date of the mailing of the first notice, the Declarant may send a third notice (the "Notice of Intent to Remedy") to the noncomplying Owner of the Declarant's intent to remedy the noncomplying condition. The Notice of Intent to Remedy shall be sent by United States Certified Mail, return receipt requested by overnight delivery or by electronic transmission. In the event the noncomplying condition is not cured within ten (10) days after the date of the Notice of Intent to Remedy, the Declarant may commence actions to remedy the noncomplying condition at the sole expense of the noncomplying Owner.

(c) In the event that Declarant acts to remedy a noncomplying condition in accordance herewith, all sums incurred by the Declarant in connection therewith, including any attorneys' fees, shall be charged against the Owner, and shall be payable by the Owner upon demand. If such sums are not paid within three (3) days after demand for payment is made therefor, such sums shall bear interest at a rate equal to the lesser of (a) twelve percent (12%) per annum, or (b) the highest legal rate permitted by law to be charged the Owner. In addition, the Declarant may exercise any and all other rights and remedies that may be available hereunder, or under Texas law, to enforce an Owner's obligations hereunder.

ARTICLE VI.

PARTIAL INVALIDITY

The invalidation of any of the terms, provisions, covenants, conditions or restrictions contained in this Declaration, by judgment, court order, operation of law or otherwise, shall in no way affect the validity any of the other terms, provisions, covenants, conditions or restrictions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE VII.

AMENDMENT

(a) Except as otherwise provided herein, as long as Declarant owns any interest in the Property, the Declarant and the Owners (but expressly excluding their respective mortgagee's, if any) of at least two thirds (2/3rds) of the Tracts may amend this Declaration, by executing and filing an instrument containing such amendment, in the office of the County Clerk of Gillespie County, Texas. Except as otherwise provided herein, from and after the date that Declarant no longer owns any interest in the Property, the Owners (but expressly excluding their respective mortgagees, if any) of at least eighty percent (80%) of the Tracts may amend this Declaration by executing and filing an instrument containing such amendment, in the office of the County Clerk of Gillespie County, Texas.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, Declarant shall have the right at any time, at its sole discretion and without any joinder or consent of any other party, to amend this Declaration for the purposes of correcting any error, ambiguity or inconsistency appearing herein or for any reason whatsoever deemed necessary for the benefit of the overall development as determined by Declarant, in its sole discretion. Said amendment shall be effective upon filing of the instrument containing such amendment in the office of the County Clerk of Gillespie County, Texas.

ARTICLE VIII.

WAIVER AND LACHES

The obligation to abide by the provisions contained in this Declaration shall be deemed to be of a continuing and continual basis. Each and every day an Owner allows a condition to exist on such Owner's Tract which is not in compliance with the requirements contained herein shall constitute a separate and individual violation hereof, and shall give rise to a new cause of action for such breach. The intended effect and express purpose of this provision shall be that every Owner, by accepting title to a Tract, hereby waives the affirmative defenses of the statute of limitations, waiver and laches with respect to covenant violations. Failure of Declarant or of any Owner to enforce the terms of this Declaration shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

ARTICLE IX.

NOTICE

Whenever written notice or demand to an Owner is permitted or required hereunder, such notice shall be given by the mailing of such notice to such Owner at the address of such Owner appearing on the records of the Gillespie Central Appraisal District, by electronic transmission or by overnight delivery service. Notice shall conclusively be deemed to have been given on the date such notice is deposited in the United States Mail, properly addressed, electronically transmitted, or delivered to an overnight delivery service, whether received by the addressee or not.

ARTICLE X.

ASSIGNMENT BY DECLARANT

Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant may in writing filed of record referring to this Declaration by volume and page number, expressly assign, in whole or in part, any of its privileges, exemptions, rights and duties under this Declaration to any other person or entity and may permit the participation, in whole or in part, by any other person or entity in any of its privileges, exemptions, rights and duties hereunder. Upon assignment by Declarant of any or all of Declarant rights, the Declarant shall no longer be liable for performance of such assigned rights provided that the assignee expressly assumes in the recorded assignment the obligations of Declarant that are assigned.

ARTICLE XI.

HEADINGS

The headings contained herein are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any provision of this Declaration.

EXECUTED by said Declarant, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

DALE A. CRENWELGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF GILLESPIE §

 This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the _____ day of
_____, 2022, by DALE A. CRENWELGE.

Notary Public, State of Texas