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COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR NOBEL AT ETOWN

THIS COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR NOBEL AT ETOWN (this "<u>Declaration</u>") is made this 3rd day of January, 2020, by ICI JAX1, LLC, a Florida limited liability company (the "<u>Declarant</u>"), joined by E5 Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (<u>"E5 Holdings"</u>) and NOBEL AT ETOWN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "<u>Association</u>").

RECITALS

- A. E5 Holdings is the record title owner of the real property located in Duval County, Florida, more particularly described on <u>Exhibit 1</u> attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("NOBEL AT ETOWN").
- B. The Declarant and E5 Holdings hereby desire to subject NOBEL AT ETOWN to the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration.
- C. This Declaration is a covenant running with all of the land comprising NOBEL AT ETOWN, and each present and future owner of interests therein and their heirs, successors and assigns are hereby subject to this Declaration.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained in this Declaration, the Declarant and E5 Holdings hereby declare that every portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN is to be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used and occupied subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, reservations, regulations, charges and liens hereinafter set forth.

- 1. <u>Recitals</u>. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into and form a part of this Declaration.
- 2. <u>Definitions</u>. In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Declaration, all initially capitalized terms herein shall have the following meanings:

"ACC" shall mean the Architectural Control Committee for NOBEL AT ETOWN established pursuant to Section 19.1 hereof.

"Access Control System" shall mean any system intended to control access to NOBEL AT ETOWN or any portion thereof. THE DECLARANT, E5 HOLDINGS, BUILDERS (AS DEFINED HEREIN) AND THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE BY REASON OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCESS CONTROL OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF ACCESS CONTROL MEASURES UNDERTAKEN. EACH AND EVERY OWNER AND THE OCCUPANT OF EACH HOME ACKNOWLEDGES THE DECLARANT, E5 HOLDINGS, BUILDERS AND THE ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, MANAGERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, ARE NOT INSURERS OF OWNERS OR HOMES, OR THE PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN HOMES. THE DECLARANT, E5 HOLDINGS, BUILDERS AND THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR LOSSES, INJURIES OR DEATHS RESULTING FROM ANY CASUALTY OR INTRUSION INTO A HOME.

"Articles" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Association filed with the Florida Secretary of State in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and made a part hereof, as amended from time to time.

"Assessments" shall mean any assessments made in accordance with this Declaration and as further defined in Section 17.1 hereof.

"Association" shall mean NOBEL AT ETOWN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.

"Builder" means any person or entity other than the Declarant who (i) holds title to a Lot prior to, during and until completion of construction of a Home thereon (as evidenced by issuance of a certificate of occupancy) and the sale of such Home to a third party, (ii) is duly licensed, either itself or through an affiliated entity, to perform construction services, and (iii) is approved by the Declarant in writing as a Builder. The term "Builders" shall collectively mean all persons or entities meeting the definition of "Builder" as provided herein. WEEKLEY HOMES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Weekley Homes") and INTERVEST CONSTRUCTION OF JAX, INC., a Florida corporation ("ICI Homes") are each hereby approved by the Declarant as a Builder.

"Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and made a part hereof, as amended from time to time.

"City" shall mean the City of Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

"Common Areas" shall mean all real property interests and personalty within NOBEL AT ETOWN designated as Common Areas from time to time by the Declarant, by a Plat or by a recorded amendment to this Declaration and provided for, owned, leased by, or dedicated to, the common use and enjoyment of the Owners within NOBEL AT ETOWN. The Common Areas may include, without limitation. the private roadways, the SMS (as defined herein), the Wetland Conservation Areas (as defined herein), the Access Control System, the Mail Delivery Centers (as defined herein), entrance features, buffer or landscaped areas, fountains, sign monuments, open space areas, internal buffers, perimeter buffers, perimeter walls and fences, private rights of way, irrigation facilities, sidewalks, street lights, and commonly used utility facilities. The Common Areas do not include any portion of a Lot. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY, THE DEFINITION OF "COMMON AREAS" AS SET FORTH IN THIS DECLARATION IS FOR DESCRIPTIVE PURPOSES ONLY AND SHALL IN NO WAY BIND, OBLIGATE OR LIMIT THE DECLARANT, E5 HOLDINGS OR ANY OTHER ENTITY TO CONSTRUCT OR SUPPLY ANY SUCH ITEM AS SET FORTH IN SUCH DESCRIPTION, THE CONSTRUCTION OR SUPPLYING OF ANY SUCH ITEM BEING IN THE DECLARANT'S SOLE DISCRETION. FURTHER, NO PARTY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RELY UPON SUCH DESCRIPTION AS A REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE COMMON AREAS TO BE OWNED BY THE ASSOCIATION, EXCEPT AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH ITEM AND CONVEYANCE OF ANY SUCH ITEM TO THE ASSOCIATION. SOME COMPONENTS THAT ARE TYPICALLY CONSIDERED "COMMON AREA" OF A DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NATURE HAVE INSTEAD BEEN DESIGNATED AS PART OF THE DISTRICT FACILITIES. DISTRICT FACILITIES SHALL NOT INCLUDE COMMON AREAS.

"Community Completion Date" shall mean the date upon which all Homes in NOBEL AT ETOWN, as ultimately planned and as fully developed, have been conveyed by the Declarant and/or Builders to Owners.

"<u>Community Standards</u>" shall mean such architectural and design standards, if any, established by the Declarant or the ACC pursuant to Section 19.5 hereof.

"Contractors" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 19.12.2 hereof.

"County" shall mean Duval County, Florida.

"<u>Declarant</u>" shall mean ICI JAX1, LLC, a Florida limited liability company (also referred to herein as "<u>ICI</u>"), or any successor or assign who has or takes title to any portion of the property described in <u>Exhibit 1</u> for development and/or sale and who is designated as the Declarant in a written instrument

which the immediately preceding Declarant executes. The Declarant shall have the right to assign all or a portion of any rights granted to the Declarant in this Declaration. The Declarant shall also have the right to assign all or a portion of any obligations of the Declarant in this Declaration. In the event of a partial assignment of some, but not all, of the Declarant's rights and/or obligations, the assignee shall not be deemed the Declarant hereunder, but may exercise only those rights, or shall be responsible for only those obligations, of the Declarant assigned to such assignee. Additionally any partial assignee that does not assume all of the obligations of the Declarant shall not be deemed the Declarant.

"<u>Declaration</u>" shall mean this COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR NOBEL AT ETOWN, together with all amendments, supplements, and modifications thereof.

"<u>District</u>" or "<u>CDD</u>" shall mean the CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, together with any additional community development districts (as defined in Chapter 190, Florida Statutes) or special districts (as defined in Chapter 189, Florida Statutes) that may service NOBEL AT ETOWN or any portion thereof.

"District Debt Service Assessments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 27.2 hereof.

"District Maintenance Special Assessments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 27.2 hereof.

"District Revenue Bonds" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 27.2 hereof.

"<u>E5 Holdings</u>" shall mean and refer to E5 Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. From time to time, E5 Holdings may be the record title owner of one (1) or more Lots within NOBEL AT ETOWN.

"Electronic Transmission" shall mean any form of communication, not directly involving the physical transmission or transfer of paper, which creates a record that may be retained, retrieved, and reviewed by a recipient and which may be directly reproduced in a comprehensible and legible paper form by such recipient through an automated process. Examples of Electronic Transmission include, without limitation, telegrams, facsimile transmissions and text that is sent via electronic mail between computers. Electronic Transmission may be used to communicate with only those members of the Association who consent in writing to receiving notice by Electronic Transmission. Consent by a member to receive notice by Electronic Transmission shall be revocable by the member only by delivery of written notice to the Board.

"Facilities" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 16 hereof. Some components that are typically considered "Common Area" of a development of this nature have instead been designated herein as part of the Facilities. EACH PERSON BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A LOT HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THERE MAY BE NO FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF NOBEL AT ETOWN; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, TO THE EXTENT ANY FACILITIES ARE LOCATED WITHIN NOBEL AT ETOWN, SUCH FACILITIES ARE NOT COMMON AREA OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND FURTHER WAIVES ANY CLAIM OR RIGHT TO HAVE ANY PORTION OF THE FACILITIES BE CONSIDERED AS COMMON AREA.

"Governing Documents" shall mean this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations, the Community Standards, and any applicable Supplemental Declaration all as amended from time to time.

"Home" shall mean a residential dwelling and appurtenances thereto constructed on a Lot within NOBEL AT ETOWN. The term Home may not reflect the same division of property as reflected on the Plat. A Home shall be deemed created and have perpetual existence upon the issuance of a final or temporary Certificate of Occupancy for such residence; provided, however, the subsequent loss of such

Certificate of Occupancy (e.g., by casualty or remodeling) shall not affect the status of a Home, or the obligation of an Owner to pay Assessments with respect to such Home. The term "Home" includes any interest in land, improvements, or other property appurtenant to the Home.

"Individual Assessments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.5 hereof.

"Initial Contribution" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.11 hereof.

"Installment Assessments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.1 hereof.

"Lender" shall mean (i) the institutional and licensed holder of a first mortgage encumbering a Lot or Home or (ii) the Declarant, Builders and their affiliates, to the extent the Declarant, Builders or their affiliates finances the purchase of a Home or Lot initially or by assignment of an existing mortgage.

"<u>Lessee</u>" shall mean the lessee named in any written lease respecting a Home who is legally entitled to possession of any Home within NOBEL AT ETOWN.

"Lot" shall mean any platted lot shown on the Plat. The term "Lot" includes any interest in land, improvements, or other property appurtenant to the Lot, including, without limitation, a Home.

"Master Plan" shall mean collectively any full or partial concept plan for the development of NOBEL AT ETOWN, as it exists as of the date of recording this Declaration, regardless of whether such plan is currently on file with one or more governmental agencies. The Master Plan is subject to change as set forth herein. The Master Plan is not a representation by the Declarant as to the development of NOBEL AT ETOWN, as the Declarant reserves the right to amend all or part of the Master Plan from time to time.

"NOBEL AT ETOWN" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof subject to additions and deletions thereto as permitted pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.

"Operating Expenses" shall mean all actual and estimated costs and expenses of operating the Association as provided herein. Operating Expenses may include, without limitation, the following: all costs of ownership, maintenance, operation, and administration of the Common Areas, including, without limitation, the SMS, the Wetland Conservation Areas, the Access Control System, the Mail Delivery Centers, and the private roadways; all amounts payable by the Association under the terms of this Declaration; all costs of community lighting including up-lighting and entrance lighting; all amounts payable in connection with any private street lighting agreement between the Association and a utility provider; all amounts payable in connection with irrigation costs incurred by the Association for Common Area irrigation; costs of utilities; amounts payable to a Telecommunications Provider for Telecommunications Services furnished to Owners; taxes; insurance; bonds; salaries; management fees; professional fees; service costs; costs of supplies; maintenance, repair, replacement, and refurbishment costs; all amounts payable in connection with Association sponsored social events; and any and all costs relating to the discharge of the Association's obligations hereunder, or as determined to be part of the Operating Expenses by the Board. By way of example, and not of limitation, Operating Expenses shall include all of the Association's legal expenses and costs relating to or arising from the enforcement and/or interpretation of this Declaration. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Operating Expenses shall not include Reserves. If any of the foregoing items identified as possible Operating Expenses are included as District Maintenance Special Assessments, the same shall not be included in Operating Expenses.

"Owner" shall mean the record title owner (whether one or more persons or entities) of fee simple title to any Lot. The term "Owner" shall not include the Declarant or E5 Holdings, even after the Turnover Date. A Builder shall not be considered an "Owner"; provided, however, a Builder shall be considered an "Owner" from and after the Turnover Date only for purposes of Class A Membership, as provided in Section 7.3 below.

"Parcel" shall mean a platted or unplatted lot, tract, unit or other subdivision of real property upon which a Home has been, or will be, constructed. Once improved, the term Parcel shall include all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto. The term Parcel, as used herein, may include more than one Lot.

"Permit" shall mean Permit No. 126414-29 issued by SJRWMD, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**, as amended from time to time.

"<u>Plat</u>" shall mean any plat of any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN filed in the Public Records, from time to time. This definition shall be automatically amended to include the plat of any additional phase of NOBEL AT ETOWN, as such phase is added to this Declaration.

"Public Records" shall mean the Public Records of Duval County, Florida.

"Reserves" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.4 hereof.

"Rules and Regulations" shall mean the Rules and Regulations governing NOBEL AT ETOWN as adopted by the Board from time to time. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations may be adopted separately by the Declarant or the Board, as applicable, pursuant to the requirements for adopting amendments to the Declaration as provided in Section 4 below, and such amendment to the Rules and Regulations shall be recorded in the Public Records to the extent required by Section 720.306(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2019). Nothing herein shall preclude any Supplemental Declaration or other recorded covenants applicable to any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN from containing additional restrictions or provisions that are more restrictive than the Rules and Regulations.

"SJRWMD" shall mean the St. Johns River Water Management District.

"Special Assessments" shall mean those Assessments more particularly described as Special Assessments in Section 17.2.2 hereof.

"Stormwater Management System" or "SMS" shall mean the collection of devices, improvements, or natural systems whereby surface waters are controlled, impounded or obstructed. This term includes exfiltration trenches, mitigation areas, swales, retention and detention areas, water management areas, lakes, ditches, culverts, structures, dams, impoundments, reservoirs, drainage maintenance easements and those works defined in Section 373.403, Florida Statutes (2019). The SMS includes those works authorized by SJRWMD pursuant to the Permit. The SMS will be part of the Common Areas and will be maintained by the Association.

"Supplemental Declaration" shall mean and refer to an instrument filed in the Public Records pursuant to Section 5.1 which subjects additional property to this Declaration, designates neighborhoods, creates additional classes of members, and/or imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described in such instrument. The Declarant may, by Supplemental Declaration, create additional classes of membership, with such rights, privileges and obligations as may be specified in such Supplemental Declaration, in recognition of the different character and intended use of the property subject to such Supplemental Declaration.

"<u>Telecommunications Provider</u>" shall mean any party contracting with the Association to provide Owners with one or more Telecommunications Services. With respect to any particular Telecommunications Services, there may be one or more Telecommunications Providers.

"<u>Telecommunications Services</u>" shall mean delivered entertainment services, if provided, or none at all; all services that are typically and in the future identified as telecommunication services; cable television services; and data transmission services. Without limiting the foregoing, such Telecommunications Services may include the development, promotion, marketing, advertisement,

provision, distribution, maintenance, transmission, and servicing of any of the foregoing services. The term Telecommunications Services is to be construed as broadly as possible.

"Title Documents" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 24.8 hereof.

"<u>Turnover</u>" shall mean the transfer of operation of the Association by the Declarant to Class A Members.

"<u>Turnover Date</u>" shall mean the date on which transition of control of the Association from the Declarant to Class A Members occurs.

"Use Fees" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.3 hereof.

"<u>Voting Interest</u>" shall mean and refer to the appurtenant vote(s) of each Lot and/or Parcel located within NOBEL AT ETOWN, which shall include the voting interests of the Declarant, E5 Holdings and Builders.

"<u>Wetland Conservation Areas</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 25.4 herein. The Wetland Conservation Areas will be part of the Common Areas and will be owned and maintained by the Association.

Plan of Development.

- 3.1 <u>Plan</u>. The planning process for NOBEL AT ETOWN is an ever-evolving one and must remain flexible in order to be responsible to and accommodate the needs of the community. Subject to the Title Documents, the Declarant may and has the right to develop NOBEL AT ETOWN and adjacent property owned by the Declarant into residences, comprised of homes, villas, coach homes, townhomes, patio homes, single-family homes, estate homes, multi-family homes, condominiums, rental apartments, and other forms of residential dwellings. The existence at any point in time of walls, fences, landscape screens, or berms is not a guaranty or promise that such items will remain or form part of NOBEL AT ETOWN as finally developed.
- Governing Documents. The Governing Documents create a general plan of development for NOBEL AT ETOWN which may be supplemented by additional covenants, restrictions and easements within any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN. In the event of a conflict between or among the Governing Documents and the additional covenants or restrictions, and/or the provisions of any other articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules or policies, the Governing Documents shall control. Nothing in this Section shall preclude any Supplemental Declaration or other recorded covenants applicable to any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN from containing additional restrictions or provisions that are more restrictive than the provisions of this Declaration. All provisions of the Governing Documents shall apply to all Owners and to all occupants of Homes, as well as their respective Lessees, guests and invitees, and to all Builders except as otherwise specifically provided herein. Any Lease Agreement (as defined below) for a Home within NOBEL AT ETOWN shall provide that the Lessee and all occupants of the leased Home shall be bound by the terms of the Governing Documents. Specific requirements for Lessees are set forth in this Declaration. If there is any conflict between the provisions of Florida law as it exists as of the date of recording this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and this Declaration, the provisions of Florida law as it exists as of the date of recording this Declaration, this Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws, in that order, shall prevail.
- 3.3 <u>Site Plans and Plats</u>. Site plans or the Plat may identify some of the Common Areas and/or Facilities (if any) within NOBEL AT ETOWN. The description of the Facilities (if any) or Common Areas on the Plat or any site plan or construction plan is subject to change and the notes on a Plat are not a guarantee of what improvements will be constructed as Facilities (if any) or Common Areas. Site plans and renderings used by the Declarant or Builders in their marketing efforts may illustrate the types of improvements that may be constructed as Common Areas but such site plans are not a guarantee of

what improvements will actually be constructed. Each Owner should not rely on the Plat or any site plans used for illustration purposes as this Declaration governs the rights and obligations of the Declarant, Builders and Owners with respect to the Common Areas and Facilities (if any).

3.4 Rentals. From time to time, the Declarant may market and/or sell Homes in NOBEL AT ETOWN to investors or to buyers who may not occupy their Homes as their primary residence. In addition, Declarant may own Homes within NOBEL AT ETOWN and may lease such Homes to occupants. Consequently, Homes in NOBEL AT ETOWN may be leased to or occupied by persons other than the record title of such Home, as determined by the Declarant in its sole discretion. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, there are no restrictions in this Declaration that shall apply to the Declarant to: (i) limit the total number of Homes in NOBEL AT ETOWN that can be leased; (ii) require the record title owner of a Home to reside in the Home as a primary or secondary residence; or (iii) require the record title owner of a Home to occupy the Home for a specified period of time before such record title owner can rent it to a third party. The foregoing rights shall be in favor of the Declarant and its successors, assigns and specific designees, and shall not run in favor of any Owner unless specifically authorized by Declarant.

4. Amendment.

- 4.1 <u>General Restrictions on Amendments.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to the Governing Documents shall affect the rights of the Declarant unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of the Declarant, which consent may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. No amendment shall alter the provisions of this Declaration benefiting Lenders without the prior approval of the Lender(s) enjoying the benefit of such provisions. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to this Declaration, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. All amendments must comply with Section 25.2 which benefits SJRWMD. No amendment to this Declaration shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.
- 4.2 <u>No Vested Rights.</u> Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Home irrevocably waives any claim that such Owner has any vested rights pursuant to case law or statute with respect to this Declaration or any of the other Governing Documents. It is expressly intended that the Declarant and the Association have the broad right to amend this Declaration and the other Governing Documents, except as limited by applicable law as it exists on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records or except as expressly set forth herein.
- Amendments Prior to the Turnover. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right to amend this Declaration and/or the Rules and Regulations as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever, except as limited by applicable law as it exists on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records or except as expressly set forth herein. Such amendments may include, without limitation (i) the creation of easements for telecommunications systems, utility, drainage, ingress and egress and roof overhangs over any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN; (ii) additions or deletions from NOBEL AT ETOWN and/or the properties comprising the Common Areas; (iii) changes in the Rules and Regulations; (iv) changes in maintenance, repair and replacement obligations; and (v) modifications of the use restrictions for Homes. The Declarant's right to amend under this provision is to be construed as broadly as possible. By way of example, and not as a limitation, the Declarant may create easements over, under and across Lots conveyed to Owners provided that such easements do not prohibit the use of Homes on such Lots as residential dwellings. In the event the Association shall desire to amend this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations prior to the Turnover, the Association must first obtain the Declarant's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. Thereafter, an amendment identical to that approved by the Declarant may be adopted by the Association pursuant to the requirements for adopting amendments after the Turnover as provided in Section 4.4 below. The Declarant shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records. To the extent legally required, each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to the Declarant, and thereafter, the Association, an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.

- 4.4 <u>Amendments after the Turnover.</u> After the Turnover, but subject to the general and specific restrictions on amendments set forth herein, this Declaration may be amended with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of the Association at which there is a quorum. After the Turnover, the Rules and Regulations may be amended with the approval of a majority of the Board and such amendment to the Rules and Regulations shall be recorded by the Board in the Public Records to the extent required by Section 720.306(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2019).
- 4.5 Compliance with HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA and SJRWMD. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary, prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right to amend this Declaration, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SJRWMD, or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Association, other Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to such amendment. After the Turnover, but subject to Section 4.1 of this Declaration, the Board shall have the right to amend this Declaration, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SJRWMD or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to any such amendments by the Board. Any such amendments by the Board shall require the approval of a majority of the Board.

5. Annexation and Withdrawal.

- 5.1 Annexation by Declarant. Prior to the Community Completion Date, additional lands may be made part of NOBEL AT ETOWN by the Declarant. Except for applicable governmental approvals (if any), no consent to such annexation shall be required from any other party (including, but not limited to, the Association, Owners or any Lenders). Such annexed lands shall be brought within the provisions and applicability of this Declaration by the recording of a Supplemental Declaration to this Declaration in the Public Records. The Supplemental Declaration shall subject the annexed lands to the covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Declaration as fully as though the annexed lands were described herein as a portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN. Such Supplemental Declaration may contain additions to, modifications of, or omissions from the covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Declaration as deemed appropriate by the Declarant and as may be necessary to reflect the different character, if any, of the annexed lands. Except as otherwise provided herein, prior to the Community Completion Date, only the Declarant may add additional lands to NOBEL AT ETOWN.
- 5.2 <u>Annexation by the Association</u>. After the Community Completion Date, and subject to applicable governmental approvals (if any), additional lands may be annexed with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of the Association at which there is a quorum.
- 5.3 <u>Withdrawal</u>. Prior to the Community Completion Date, any portions of NOBEL AT ETOWN (or any additions thereto) may be withdrawn by the Declarant from the provisions and applicability of this Declaration by the recording of an amendment to this Declaration in the Public Records, with E5 Holdings' prior written approval with respect to any proposed withdrawal for property owned by E5 Holdings. The right of the Declarant to withdraw portions of NOBEL AT ETOWN shall not apply to any Lot that has been conveyed to an Owner or Builder unless that right is specifically reserved in the instrument of conveyance or the prior written consent of the Owner is or Builder obtained. The withdrawal of any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN shall not require the consent or joinder of any other party (including, without limitation, the Association, Builders, Owners, or any Lenders), except E5 Holdings as specifically provided herein. The Association shall have no right to withdraw land from NOBEL AT ETOWN.

5.4 <u>Effect of Filing Supplemental Declaration</u>. Any Supplemental Declaration filed pursuant to this Section 5 shall be effective upon recording in the Public Records, unless otherwise specified in such Supplemental Declaration. On the effective date of the Supplemental Declaration, any additional property subjected to this Declaration shall be assigned voting rights in the Association and Assessment liability in accordance with the provisions of the Supplemental Declaration and this Declaration.

6. Dissolution.

- Generally. In the event of the dissolution of the Association without reinstatement within thirty (30) days, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, any Owner may petition the Circuit Court of the appropriate Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the dissolved Association and to manage the Common Areas in the place and stead of the Association, and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association. In the event the Association is dissolved, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the SMS shall be conveyed to SJRWMD or an appropriate agency of local government and, if not accepted by such agency, the SMS shall be dedicated to a similar non-profit corporation. If the Association ceases to exist, all Owners shall be jointly and severally responsible for the operation and maintenance of the SMS within NOBEL AT ETOWN in accordance with the requirements of the Permit, unless an alternate entity assumes responsibility.
- Applicability of Declaration after Dissolution. In the event of dissolution of the Association, NOBEL AT ETOWN and each Lot therein shall continue to be subject to the provisions of this Declaration, including, without limitation, the provisions respecting Assessments specified in this Declaration. Each Owner shall continue to be personally obligated to the successors or assigns of the Association for Assessments to the extent that Assessments are required to enable the successors or assigns of the Association to properly maintain, operate and preserve the Common Areas. The provisions of this Section only shall apply with regard to the maintenance, operation, and preservation of those portions of NOBEL AT ETOWN that had been Common Areas and continue to be so used for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

7. Binding Effect and Membership.

- 7.1 Term. Subject to the Declarant's right to amend this Declaration prior to Turnover and the Association's right to amend this Declaration after Turnover, the covenants, conditions and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, or the owner of any land subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of twenty-five (25) years from the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records, after which time the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless prior to the end of such twenty-five (25) year period, or each successive ten (10) year period, an instrument signed by an officer of the Association on behalf of eighty percent (80%) of the total Voting Interests agreeing to terminate this Declaration has been recorded in the Public Records. Provided, however, that no such agreement to terminate the covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be effective unless made and recorded at least ninety (90) days in advance of the effective date of such change.
- 7.2 <u>Transfer</u>. The transfer of the fee simple title to a Home or Lot, whether voluntary or by operation of law, terminating an Owner's or Builder's title to that Home or Lot, shall terminate the rights to use and enjoy the Common Areas and shall terminate such Owner's or Builder's membership in the Association with respect to such Home or Lot. An Owner's rights and privileges under this Declaration are not assignable separately from a Lot. The record title owner of a Lot is entitled to the benefits of, and is burdened with the duties and responsibilities set forth in the provisions of this Declaration. All parties acquiring any right, title and interest in and to any Lot shall be fully bound by the provisions of this Declaration. In no event shall any Owner acquire any rights that are greater than the rights granted to, and limitations placed upon, its predecessor in title pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. The transferor of any Lot, whether a Builder or an Owner, shall remain jointly and severally liable with the transferee for all obligations pursuant to this Declaration with respect to such Lot that accrue prior to the

date of such transfer, including, without limitation, payment of all Assessments accruing with respect to such Lot prior to the date of transfer.

- 7.3 <u>Membership and Voting Rights</u>. In addition to the Declarant, upon acceptance of title to a Lot, and as more fully provided in the Articles and Bylaws, each Owner shall be a member of the Association. Builders shall not be a member of the Association until after the Turnover. Membership rights are governed by the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles and Bylaws. Membership shall be an appurtenance to, and may not be separated from, the ownership of a Lot. The Declarant rights with respect to membership in the Association are set forth in this Declaration, the Articles and Bylaws. The Association shall have the following two (2) classes of voting membership:
 - 7.3.1 <u>Class A Members</u>. Class A Members shall initially be all Owners and shall not include Builders until after the Turnover. From and after the Turnover, Class A Members shall include all Builders. Each Class A Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot as an "Owner," all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as such persons determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot.
 - 7.3.2 <u>Class B Member</u>. The Declarant shall be the Class B Member and shall be entitled to nine (9) votes for each Lot owned; provided, however, as to land which is annexed or added pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, the Declarant shall be entitled to fourteen (14) votes per acre or fraction thereof contained within a Parcel, until such time as the Parcel is platted, whereupon the Declarant shall be entitled to nine (9) votes per Lot in lieu of the votes per acre. Notwithstanding the foregoing, from and after the Turnover Date, the Declarant shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. "<u>Turnover</u>" shall mean the transfer of operation of the Association by the Declarant to Owners. The Turnover of the Association by the Declarant shall occur on the Turnover Date at the Turnover meeting. The purpose of the Turnover meeting is to elect a majority of the Board. No more than sixty (60) days and no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Turnover meeting, the Association shall notify in writing all Class A Members of the date, location, and purpose of the Turnover meeting. The Turnover shall take place within three (3) months of the occurrence of the following events, whichever occurs earliest:
 - 7.3.2.1 When ninety percent (90%) of the total Lots ultimately planned for NOBEL AT ETOWN are conveyed to Class A Members;
 - 7.3.2.2 When the Declarant makes the election, in its sole and absolute discretion, to give written notice to the Association of its decision to cause the Turnover to occur; or
 - 7.3.2.3 As otherwise required by Section 720.307, Florida Statutes (2019).
- 7.4 Ownership by Entity. In the event that an Owner is other than a natural person, that Owner shall, prior to occupancy of the Home, designate one or more persons who are to be the occupants of the Home and register such persons with the Association. All provisions of this Declaration and other Governing Documents shall apply to both such Owner and the designated occupants.
- 7.5 <u>Voting Interests</u>. Voting Interests in the Association are governed by this Declaration, the Articles and Bylaws.
- 7.6 <u>Document Recordation Prohibited.</u> Neither the Association nor any Owner, nor group of Owners, may record any documents that, in any way, affect or restrict the rights of the Declarant or E5 Holdings or conflict with the provisions of this Declaration or the other Governing Documents.
- 7.7 <u>Conflicts</u>. In the event of any conflict among this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws or any of the other Governing Documents, this Declaration shall control.

8. Paramount Right of Declarant. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant shall have the paramount right to dedicate, transfer, and/or convey (by absolute conveyance, easement, or otherwise) portions of NOBEL AT ETOWN for various public purposes or for the provision of telecommunication systems, or to make any portions of NOBEL AT ETOWN part of the Common Areas, or to create and implement a special taxing district which may include all or any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN. SALES BROCHURES, SITE PLANS, AND MARKETING MATERIALS ARE CURRENT CONCEPTUAL REPRESENTATIONS AS TO WHAT IMPROVEMENTS, IF ANY, WILL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE COMMON AREAS. THE DECLARANT SPECIFICALLY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE LAYOUT, COMPOSITION AND DESIGN OF ANY AND ALL COMMON AREAS, AT ANY TIME, WITHOUT NOTICE AND AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION.

Common Areas.

- 9.1 <u>General.</u> The Common Areas shall be operated, maintained, and administered at the sole cost of the Association for all purposes and uses reasonably intended. The Declarant shall have the right to use and access Common Areas without interference from any Owner or any other person or entity whatsoever. Owners shall have no right in or to any Common Areas referred to in this Declaration unless and until same are actually constructed, completed, and conveyed to the Association. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant reserves the absolute right, on behalf of itself and its assigns and designees, to add to, delete from, or modify any of the Common Areas referred to herein at its sole discretion without notice.
- 9.2 <u>Construction of Common Areas Improvements</u>. The Declarant anticipates it or E5 Holdings will construct certain improvements as part of the Common Areas as the Declarant and/or E5 Holdings determines in their sole discretion. The Declarant shall be the sole judge of the composition of any Common Area improvements constructed within NOBEL AT ETOWN. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant reserves the absolute right to construct (or cause to be constructed) additional Common Area improvements within NOBEL AT ETOWN, from time to time, in its sole discretion, and to remove, add to, modify and change the boundaries, facilities and improvements now or then part of the Common Areas. The Declarant is not obligated to, nor has it represented that it will, construct any Common Area improvements. Neither the Declarant, nor E5 Holdings, nor any Builder shall be obligated to, nor has any such party represented that it will, construct any Common Area improvements. The Declarant is the sole judge of the Common Area improvements constructed by the Declarant, E5 Holdings or their agents, assigns or designees, including the plans, specifications, design, location, completion schedule, materials, size, and contents of the facilities, improvements, appurtenances, personal property, color, textures, finishes or changes or modifications to any of them.
- 9.3 <u>Use of Common Areas by Declarant</u>. Until the Community Completion Date, the Declarant shall have the right to use any portion of the Common Areas, without charge, for any purpose deemed appropriate by the Declarant.

9.4 Conveyance.

9.4.1 <u>Generally.</u> The Common Areas may be designated by the Plat or by this Declaration, created in the form of easements, or conveyed to the Association by Quitclaim Deed, or other instrument of conveyance, as determined by the record title owner, in its sole and absolute discretion. The Association shall pay all costs of the conveyance at the Declarant's request. The designation of Common Areas, creation by easement, or conveyance shall be subject to easements, restrictions, reservations, conditions, limitations, and declarations of record, real estate taxes for the year of conveyance, zoning, land use regulations and survey matters. The Association shall be deemed to have assumed and agreed to pay all continuing obligations and service and similar contracts relating to the ownership operation, maintenance, and administration of the conveyed portions of Common Areas and other obligations relating to the Common Areas imposed herein. The Association shall, and does hereby, indemnify and hold the Declarant, Builders and E5 Holdings harmless on account thereof. The Association, by its

joinder to this Declaration, hereby accepts such dedication(s) or conveyance(s) without setoff, condition, or qualification of any nature. The Association shall accept any and all transfer of permits from the Declarant, Builders, or any other permittee, of any permit required by a governmental agency in connection with the development of NOBEL AT ETOWN, as modified and/or amended. The Association shall cooperate with the Declarant, Builders, or any other permittee of such permits, as modified and/or amended, with any applications, certifications, documents or consents required to effectuate any such transfer of permits to the Association. THE COMMON AREAS, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THERETO SHALL BE CONVEYED TO THE ASSOCIATION IN "AS IS, WHERE IS" CONDITION WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, IN FACT OR BY LAW, AS TO THE CONDITION, FITNESS OR MERCHANTABILITY OF THE COMMON AREAS BEING CONVEYED. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such conveyance or encumbrance of such Common Areas is subject to an irrevocable ingress and egress easement in favor of each Owner and Builder granting access to their respective Lots.

- 9.4.2 <u>Common Area Reservations</u>. Each deed of the Common Areas shall be subject to the following provisions:
 - 9.4.2.1 a perpetual nonexclusive easement in favor of governmental agencies for the maintenance and repair of existing road, speed and directional signs, if any;
 - 9.4.2.2 matters reflected on the Plat:
 - 9.4.2.3 perpetual non-exclusive easements in favor of the Declarant, E5 Holdings and Builders (to the extent authorized by the Declarant), Declarant's successors and assigns, in, to, upon and over all of the Common Areas for the purposes of vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress, installation of improvements, utilities, landscaping and/or drainage, without charge, including, without limitation, the right to use such roadways for construction vehicles and equipment. These easements shall run in favor of the Declarant, and its employees, representatives, agents, licensees, guests, invitees, successors and/or assigns, E5 Holdings, and Builders (to the extent authorized by the Declarant):
 - 9.4.2.4 all restrictions, easements, covenants and other matters of record;
 - 9.4.2.5 in the event the Association believes that the Declarant shall have failed in any respect to meet the Declarant's obligations under this Declaration or has failed to comply with any of the Declarant's obligations under law, or the Common Areas conveyed herein are defective in any respect, the Association shall give written notice to the Declarant detailing the alleged failure or defect. Once the Association has given written notice to the Declarant pursuant to this Section, the Association shall be obligated to permit the Declarant and their agents to perform inspections of the Common Areas and to perform all tests and make all repairs/replacements deemed necessary by the Declarant to respond to such notice at all reasonable times. The Association agrees that any inspection, test and/or repair/replacement scheduled on a business day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. shall be deemed scheduled at a reasonable time. The rights reserved in this Section include the right of the Declarant to repair or address, in the Declarant's sole option and expense, any aspect of the Common Areas deemed defective by the Declarant during its inspections of the Common Areas. The Association's failure to give the notice and/or otherwise comply with the provisions of this Section will damage the Declarant: and
 - 9.4.2.6 a reservation of right in favor of the Declarant (so long as the Declarant owns any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN) to require that the Association re-

convey all or a portion of the Common Areas by Quitclaim Deed in favor of the Declarant or E5 Holdings in the event that such property is required to be owned by the Declarant or E5 Holdings for any purpose, including, without limitation, the reconfiguration of any adjacent property by replatting or otherwise. To the extent legally required, each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to the Declarant, and thereafter the Association, an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.

- 9.5 Operation after Conveyance. Subject to the Association's right to grant easements and other interests as provided herein, the Association may not convey, abandon, alienate, encumber, or transfer all or a portion of the Common Areas to a third party without (i) if prior to the Turnover, the approval of (a) a majority of the Board; and (b) the consent of the Declarant, or (ii) from and after the Turnover, approval of (x) a majority of the Board; and (y) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members.
- 9.6 Paved and Concrete Common Areas. The Common Areas may contain certain paved or concrete areas. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration, the Association is responsible for the maintenance, repair and/or resurfacing of all paved and concrete surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas, including, but not limited to, parking areas, pathways, bicycle paths, and sidewalks (if any). Although pavement appears to be a durable material, it requires maintenance. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to arrange for periodic inspections of all paved and concrete surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas by a licensed contractor and/or engineer. The cost of such inspection shall be a part of the Operating Expenses. The Association shall determine periodically the parameters of the inspection to be performed, if any. Any patching, grading, or other maintenance work should be performed by a company licensed to perform the work.
- 9.7 <u>Delegation</u>. Once conveyed or dedicated to the Association, the Common Areas and improvements located thereon shall at all times be under the complete supervision, operation, control, and management of the Association, as applicable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association may delegate all or a portion of its obligations hereunder to a licensed manager or professional management company. The Association specifically shall have the right to pay for management services on any basis approved by the Board (including bonuses or special fee arrangements for meeting financial or other goals). Further, in the event that Common Area is created by easement, the Association's obligations and rights with respect to such Common Area may be limited by the terms of the document creating such easement.

9.8 <u>Use</u>.

- 9.8.1 <u>Nonexclusive Use.</u> The Common Areas shall be used and enjoyed by the Owners and Builders on a non-exclusive basis in common with other persons, entities and corporations (who may, but are not required to be, members of the Association) entitled to use those portions of the Common Areas. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant, and thereafter, the Association has the right, at any and all times, and from time to time, to further additionally provide and make the Common Areas available to other individuals, persons, firms, or corporations, as it deems appropriate. The granting of such rights shall not invalidate this Declaration, reduce or abate any Owner's obligations pursuant to this Declaration, or give any Owner the right to avoid any of the covenants, agreements or obligations to be performed hereunder.
- 9.8.2 <u>Right to Allow Use</u>. The Declarant and/or the Association may enter into easement agreements or other use or possession agreements whereby the Owners, Telecommunications Providers, the Association, and/or others may obtain the use, possession of, or other rights regarding certain property, on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis, for certain specified purposes. The Association may agree to maintain and pay the taxes, insurance, administration, upkeep, repair, and replacement of such property, the expenses of which shall be Operating Expenses. Any such agreement by the Association prior to the Community Completion

Date shall require the prior written consent of the Declarant. Thereafter, any such agreement shall require the approval of the majority of the Board, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

- 9.8.3 Retention/Detention Areas. NEITHER THE DECLARANT, NOR E5 HOLDINGS, NOR BUILDERS, NOR THE ASSOCIATION MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CURRENT OR FUTURE WATER LEVELS IN ANY OF THE RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS IN NOBEL AT ETOWN; PROVIDED, FURTHER, NEITHER THE DECLARANT, NOR BUILDERS, NOR E5 HOLDINGS, NOR THE ASSOCIATION BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY TO ATTEMPT TO ADJUST OR MODIFY THE WATER LEVELS SINCE SUCH LEVELS ARE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL GROUNDWATER AND RAINFALL FLUCTUATIONS THAT ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, E5 HOLDINGS AND THE ASSOCIATION. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME OR LOT. **ACKNOWLEDGES** THAT THE WATER LEVELS RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS MAY VARY. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE BY THE DECLARANT, E5 HOLDINGS, BUILDERS, OR THE ASSOCIATION THAT WATER LEVELS OR RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS WILL BE CONSTANT OR AESTHETICALLY PLEASING AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME; AT TIMES, WATER LEVELS MAY BE NONEXISTENT. THE DECLARANT, E5 HOLDINGS, BUILDERS AND THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO ERECT FENCES, GATES, OR WALLS AROUND OR ADJACENT TO ANY RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS WITHIN NOBEL AT ETOWN.
- 9.8.4 <u>Obstruction of Common Areas/Facilities</u>. No portion of the Common Areas or Facilities, as applicable, may be obstructed, encumbered, or used by Owners for any purpose other than as permitted by the Association or the District.
- Assumption of Risk. Without limiting any other provision herein, each Owner accepts and assumes all risk and responsibility for noise, liability, injury, or damage connected with use or occupancy of any portion of such Common Areas or Facilities, as applicable, including, without limitation: (i) noise from maintenance equipment; (ii) use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers; (iii) view restrictions and impairment caused by the construction of any structures and/or the maturation of trees and shrubbery; (iv) reduction in privacy caused by the removal or pruning of shrubbery or trees within NOBEL AT ETOWN; and (v) design of any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN. Each Owner expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Declarant, E5 Holdings, Builders, and the Association and all employees, directors, representatives, officers, agents and partners of the Declarant, E5 Holdings, Builders and the Association from any and all damages, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the person's use of the Common Areas and/or Facilities, including for attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and costs at trial and upon appeal. Without limiting the foregoing, all persons using the Common Areas, including, without limitation, any retention/detention areas, or areas adjacent to any water body, do so at their own risk. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO THEIR LOT, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THE COMMON AREAS AND/OR FACILITIES, AND AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF THE COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES, MAY CONTAIN WILDLIFE SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INSECTS, ALLIGATORS, COYOTES, RACCOONS, SNAKES, DUCKS, DEER, SWINE, TURKEYS AND FOXES. THE DECLARANT, E5 HOLDINGS, THE DISTRICT AND THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING SUCH WILDLIFE OR NOTIFYING OWNERS OR OTHER PERSONS OF THE PRESENCE OF SUCH WILDLIFE. EACH OWNER AND HIS OR HER LESSEES, GUESTS AND INVITEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.
- 9.8.6 Owners' Obligation to Indemnify. Each Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Declarant, E5 Holdings, Builders, the District and the Association, and their respective officers, partners, agents, employees, affiliates, directors and attorneys (collectively, "Indemnified Parties") against all actions, injury, claims, loss, liability, damages, costs and expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever (collectively, "Losses") incurred by or asserted against any of the Indemnified Parties from and after the date hereof, whether direct, indirect, or

consequential, as a result of or in any way related to the Common Areas within NOBEL AT ETOWN, including, without limitation, use of the Common Areas by Owners, their Lessees, guests, family members, invitees, or agents. Should any Owner bring suit against the Declarant, E5 Holdings, Builders, the Association, or any of the Indemnified Parties for any claim or matter and fail to obtain judgment therein against such Indemnified Parties, such Owner shall be liable to such parties for all Losses, costs and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Parties in the defense of such suit, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at trial and upon appeal.

9.9 Rules and Regulations.

- 9.9.1 <u>Generally.</u> Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant, and thereafter the Board, shall have the right to adopt Rules and Regulations governing the use of the Common Areas. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations shall be recorded in the Public Records to the extent required by Section 720.306(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2019). The Common Areas shall be used in accordance with this Declaration and Rules and Regulations promulgated hereunder, if any. If and only to the extent authorized by the District, the Association shall have the right to adopt and enforce Rules and Regulations applicable to the Facilities and shall have the right to take enforcement action against any Owner to compel compliance with the Rules and Regulations whether they apply to the Common Areas or to the Facilities.
- Declarant, E5 Holdings and Builders Not Subject to Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations shall not apply to the Declarant, E5 Holdings and/or Builders or to any property owned by the Declarant, E5 Holdings and/or Builders, and shall not be applied in a manner that would prohibit or restrict the development or operation of NOBEL AT ETOWN or adversely affect the interests of the Declarant, E5 Holdings and/or Builders. Without limiting the foregoing, the Declarant and its assigns and designees, and Builders, shall have the right to: (i) develop and construct Lots, Homes, Common Areas and related improvements within NOBEL AT ETOWN, and make any additions, alterations, improvements, or changes thereto; (ii) maintain sales offices (for the sale and re-sale of (a) Lots and Homes and (b) residences and properties owned by Declarant or its designees located outside of NOBEL AT ETOWN), general office and construction operations within NOBEL AT ETOWN; (iii) place, erect or construct portable, temporary or accessory buildings or structures within NOBEL AT ETOWN for sales, construction storage or other purposes; (iv) temporarily deposit, dump or accumulate materials, trash, refuse and rubbish in connection with the development or construction of any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN; (v) post, display, inscribe or affix to the exterior of any portion of the Common Areas or portions of NOBEL AT ETOWN, signs, flags, and other materials used in developing, constructing, selling or promoting the sale of any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN including, without limitation, Lots, Parcels and Homes; (vi) excavate fill from any retention/detention areas or water bodies within and/or contiguous to NOBEL AT ETOWN by dredge or dragline, store fill within NOBEL AT ETOWN and remove and/or sell excess fill; and grow or store plants and trees within, or contiguous to, NOBEL AT ETOWN and use and/or sell excess plants and trees; and (vii) undertake all activities which, in the sole opinion of the Declarant, are necessary or convenient for the development and sale of any lands and improvements comprising NOBEL AT ETOWN. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the exercise of any of any rights reserved in favor of Builders pursuant to this Section 9.9.2 shall be subject to the Declarant's prior written authorization provided in a written instrument executed by the Declarant and, at the Declarant's option, recorded in the Public Records.
- 9.10 <u>Public Facilities</u>. NOBEL AT ETOWN may include one or more public facilities that may be dedicated to the County or the City. All roadways within NOBEL AT ETOWN shall be private roadways maintained by the Association. Also, a lift station dedicated to Jacksonville Electric Authority ("<u>JEA</u>"), its successors and/or assigns, as part of the waste water treatment system shall be located within the boundaries of NOBEL AT ETOWN.
- 9.11 <u>Default by Owners or Builders</u>. No default by any Owner or Builder in the performance of the covenants and promises contained in this Declaration shall be construed or considered (i) a breach by

the Declarant or the Association of any of their promises or covenants in this Declaration; (ii) an actual, implied or constructive dispossession of another Owner or Builder from the Common Areas or Facilities; or (iii) an excuse, justification, waiver or indulgence of the covenants and promises contained in this Declaration.

- 9.12 Association's Obligation to Indemnify. The Association and each Owner covenant and agree, jointly and severally, to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Declarant, Builders, E5 Holdings and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, and any related persons, companies, or corporations and their employees from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, causes of action or damages arising from any personal injury, loss of life, or damage to property, sustained on or about the Common Areas, or other property serving the Association and Owners, and improvements thereon, or resulting from or arising out of activities or operations of the Association or Owners within NOBEL AT ETOWN, and from and against all costs, expenses, court costs, attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees (including, but not limited to, all trial and appellate levels and whether or not suit be instituted), expenses and liabilities incurred or arising from any such claim, the investigation thereof, or the defense of any action or proceedings brought thereon, and from and against any orders judgments or decrees which may be entered relating thereto. The costs and expense of fulfilling this covenant of indemnification shall constitute a part of the Operating Expenses to the extent such matters are not covered by insurance maintained by the Association.
- 9.13 Special Taxing Districts. For as long as the Declarant controls the Association, the Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to dedicate or transfer or cause the dedication or transfer of all or portions of the Common Areas of NOBEL AT ETOWN to a special taxing district, or a public agency or authority under such terms as the Declarant deems appropriate in order to create or contract with special taxing districts and community development districts (or others) for lighting, perimeter walls, fences, entrance features, roads, sidewalks, paths, landscaping, irrigation areas, ponds, surface water management systems, wetlands mitigation areas, parks, recreational or other services, security or communications, or other similar purposes deemed appropriate by the Declarant, including, without limitation, the maintenance and/or operation of any of the foregoing. As hereinafter provided, the Declarant may sign any taxing district petition as attorney-in-fact for each Owner. Each Owner's obligation to pay taxes associated with such district shall be in addition to such Owner's obligation to pay Assessments. Any special taxing district shall be created pursuant to all applicable ordinances of County, the City and all other applicable governing entities having jurisdiction with respect to the same.
- 9.14 Access Control System. The Declarant or Builders (as approved by Declarant) may install a controlled access facility at one or more access points to NOBEL AT ETOWN. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to contract for the installation of additional Access Control System facilities for NOBEL AT ETOWN. If provided, all costs associated with any Access Control System will be part of the Operating Expenses. As long as the Declarant owns any property subject to this Declaration, or which may become subject to this Declaration in accordance with Section 5.1, the Declarant shall have the absolute right to determine how such Access Control System is operated, including the days and times that gates are open allowing public access to NOBEL AT ETOWN. The Declarant hereby reserves for itself, and its contractors and suppliers, their respective agents and employees, Builders, and any prospective purchasers of Homes or Lots from the Declarant, an easement for free and unimpeded access through any such Access Control System, subject only to such controls and restrictions as are agreed to in writing by the Declarant. If the Association attempts to restrict or control access into NOBEL AT ETOWN through means not approved by the Declarant, the Declarant may take any and all measures necessary to eliminate same, including disabling any entry system during any hours desired by the Declarant, and the Declarant shall have no liability in this regard.

THE ASSOCIATION, THE DECLARANT, THE BUILDERS AND E5 HOLDINGS SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE BY REASON OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCESS CONTROL OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF ACCESS CONTROL MEASURES UNDERTAKEN. EACH AND EVERY OWNER AND THE OCCUPANT OF EACH HOME ACKNOWLEDGES THE ASSOCIATION, THE DECLARANT, THE BUILDERS AND E5 HOLDINGS, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, MANAGERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, ARE NOT INSURERS OF OWNERS OR

HOMES, OR THE PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN HOMES. THE ASSOCIATION, THE DECLARANT, THE BUILDERS AND E5 HOLDINGS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR LOSSES, INJURIES OR DEATHS RESULTING FROM ANY CASUALTY OR INTRUSION INTO A HOME.

Mail Delivery Centers. Individual Lots shall not have mailboxes. Rather, mailboxes shall be grouped together for all or a portion of the Homes as required by the local postmaster (the "Mall Delivery Centers"). The Declarant, in its sole discretion, may install one or more Mail Delivery Centers within NOBEL AT ETOWN and may consist of freestanding, pedestal-mounted mailboxes commonly referred to by the United States Postal Service as "Cluster Box Units" or a "Neighborhood Delivery Center" which is a freestanding and/or enclosed installation containing a large number of individually locked mailboxes. No mailboxes are permitted except the Mail Delivery Centers originally installed by the Declarant and/or Builders or Mail Delivery Centers substantially similar to the Mail Delivery Centers originally installed by the Declarant and/or Builders. Mail Delivery Centers, if any, shall be maintained by the Association in first class condition and appearance in accordance with the Community Standards and the requirements of any controlling governmental authority. All costs associated with the maintenance, repair and replacement of the Mail Delivery Centers shall be part of the Operating Expenses, except for the costs of keys or replacement keys which shall be borne solely by the individual Owners. To the extent any Mail Delivery Center or portion thereof is located on a Lot, the Declarant hereby grants the Association an easement of ingress and egress across such Lot for the purpose of regulating and maintaining such Mail Delivery Centers and the Declarant hereby grants the Owners an easement for access across such Lot for the purpose of accessing and utilizing such Mail Delivery Centers. The Declarant, in its sole discretion, or Builders, may install one or more Mail Delivery Centers within NOBEL AT ETOWN and may consist of freestanding, pedestal-mounted mailboxes commonly referred to by the United States Postal Service as "Cluster Box Units" or a "Neighborhood Delivery Center" which is a freestanding and/or enclosed installation containing a large number of individually locked mailboxes.

10. Maintenance by the Association.

- 10.1 <u>Common Areas</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration to the contrary, the Association shall at all times maintain, repair, replace and insure the Common Areas, including all improvements placed thereon.
- Landscape Maintenance. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the Association shall have no responsibility for the maintenance of landscaped areas within any Lot, including without limitation, sod, irrigation facilities, yards, grass, shrubs, trees, mulch, or any landscaped areas. The record title owner of each such Lot shall be responsible for the repair, replacement and maintenance of the irrigation facilities and all landscaped areas and other improvements within any portion of the Lot, including, without limitation, sod, irrigation facilities, yards, grass, shrubs, trees, mulch, or any other landscaping. Any such repair, replacement and maintenance shall be consistent with the Landscape Maintenance Standards set forth in this Declaration.
- 10.3 Roadways. All of the roadways within NOBEL AT ETOWN shall be private roadways and shall be owned and maintained by the Association. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration, the Association is responsible for the maintenance, repair and/or resurfacing of all paved and concrete surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas, including private roadways. Although pavement appears to be a durable material, it requires maintenance. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to arrange for periodic inspections of all paved and concrete surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas by a licensed contractor and/or engineer. The cost of such inspection shall be a part of the Operating Expenses. The Association shall determine periodically the parameters of the inspection to be performed, if any. Any patching, grading, or other maintenance work should be performed by a company licensed to perform the work.
- 10.4 Adjoining Areas. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Association shall only maintain those drainage areas, swales, parking areas, retention/detention area slopes and banks, and landscape areas (if any) that are within the Common Areas, and certain Lots only to the extent specifically provided,

that, such areas shall be readily accessible to the Association. Under no circumstances shall the Association be responsible for maintaining any inaccessible areas within fences or walls that form a part of a Lot.

- Negligence. The expense of any maintenance, repair or construction of any portion of the Common Areas or any Lot necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner or persons utilizing the Common Areas through or under an Owner, shall be borne solely by such Owner and the Lot owned by such Owner shall be subject to an Individual Assessment for that expense. By way of example, and not of limitation, an Owner shall be responsible for the removal of all landscaping and structures placed within easements or Common Areas without the prior written approval of the Association. Further, an Owner shall be responsible for all costs of maintenance, repair or construction of any portion of the drainage facilities located on such Owner's Lot if such maintenance, repair or construction is necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner or such Owner's Lessees, guests, or invitees.
- 10.6 <u>Right of Entry</u>. The Declarant, E5 Holdings, the Builders and the Association are granted a perpetual and irrevocable easement over, under and across all of NOBEL AT ETOWN for the purposes herein expressed, including, without limitation, for inspections to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this Declaration, and for the performance of any maintenance, alteration or repair which they are entitled to perform. Without limiting the foregoing, the Declarant, for itself and on behalf of Builders, specifically reserves easements for all purposes necessary to comply with any governmental requirement or to satisfy any condition that is a prerequisite for a governmental approval. By way of example, and not of limitation, the Declarant, E5 Holdings or a Builder, as applicable, may construct, maintain, repair, alter, replace and/or remove improvements; install landscaping; install utilities; and/or remove structures on any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN if the Declarant or such Builder, as applicable, is required to do so in order to obtain the release of any bond posted with any governmental agency.
- Maintenance of Property Owned by Others. The Association shall, if designated by the Declarant (or by the Board after the Turnover Date), maintain vegetation, landscaping, irrigation systems, community identification/features, infrastructure, and/or other areas or elements designated by the Declarant (or by the Board after the Turnover Date) upon areas that are within or outside of NOBEL AT ETOWN. Such areas may abut, or be proximate to, NOBEL AT ETOWN, and may be owned by, or be dedicated to, others including, but not limited to, a utility, governmental or quasi-governmental entity or a property owners association. These areas may include (for example and not limitation) parks, swale areas, landscape buffer areas, berm areas or median areas within the right-of-way of public streets, roads, sidewalks, paths, drainage areas, community identification or entrance features, community signage or other identification. The Association shall have the right to enter into new agreements or arrangements from time to time for improvements and facilities serving the members of the Association or to amend the foregoing if the Board deems the same reasonable and appropriate for the continued use and benefit of any part of the Common Areas.
- 10.8 Right-of-Way. Except as otherwise provided in Section 11.8 below, the Association shall be responsible for the costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with maintenance of the community sidewalks, irrigation facilities, trees and landscaping located in the public right-of-way adjacent to any Common Areas; however, the Association shall not be responsible for replacement of any such trees or landscaping. Each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association any expense incurred in repairing any damage to trees or landscaping caused by such Owner's negligent or willful acts. Failure of an Owner to reimburse the Association any costs necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner shall subject the Owner to an Individual Assessment for such costs. The cost associated with any such maintenance of the trees and landscaping located in the public right-of-way adjacent to any Common Areas shall be deemed part of the Operating Expenses. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section to the contrary, each Owner shall be responsible for the maintenance of all landscaping, irrigation facilities or paved areas in public right-of-ways adjacent to such Owner's Lot.
- 10.9 <u>Retention/Detention Area Slopes</u>. The Common Areas and the rear yard of some Lots may contain slopes adjacent to the retention/detention areas (the "<u>Retention/Detention Area Slopes</u>"). All Retention/Detention Area Slopes will be regulated and maintained by the Association, except as

otherwise provided in the Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards (as defined below). The Declarant hereby grants the Association an easement of ingress and egress across all Lots adjacent to retention/detention areas for the purpose of regulating and maintaining such Retention/Detention Area Slopes. The Association may establish from time to time standards for the Retention/Detention Area Slopes maintenance by Owners who own Lots adjacent to such areas ("Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards"). Such Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards may include requirements respecting compaction and strengthening of banks. The Association shall have the right to inspect such Retention/Detention Area Slopes to ensure that each Owner has complied with its obligations hereunder and under the Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards. Each Owner hereby grants Association an easement of ingress and egress across his or her Lot to all retention/detention areas for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of this provision and the Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards. For the purposes of this Declaration, each day that an Owner fails to comply with the requirements of this paragraph or any Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards shall be deemed a separate and independent violation of this Declaration.

- systems and facilities, which may be comprised of lakes, swales, pipes, pumps, retention/detention area slopes, easements, or other improvements (the "<u>Drainage Improvements</u>"), and which may be located within Common Areas or Lots; provided, however, each Owner shall be solely responsible for the landscaping and routine maintenance of any drainage easement located upon their Lot. The Association shall be responsible for routine maintenance and shall ensure functionality of the approved designed drainage patterns inclusive of all easements, swales, buffers and vegetative areas at all times. Should any area of drainage pattern demonstrate a pooling or flooding effect, the Association shall be responsible to rectify the drainage pattern to its original intended design and any and all costs associated with such repairs shall be Operating Expenses of the Association.
- 10.11 Perimeter Walls/Fences. The Declarant, E5 Holdings and/or Builders may install perimeter walls or fences within NOBEL AT ETOWN (the "Perimeter Walls/Fences"). Except as otherwise provided in Section 11.9 herein, the Association at all times shall have the exclusive right, but not the obligation, to maintain, repair, and/or replace any Perimeter Walls/Fences within NOBEL AT ETOWN, including Perimeter Walls/Fences located on Lots; however, each Owner shall be responsible for the routine maintenance and cleaning the interior of any Perimeter Walls/Fences, or any portion thereof, located on such Owner's Lot. The Association shall perform any such maintenance, repairs or replacement of the Perimeter Walls/Fences at the Board's discretion and the costs of such maintenance, repairs or replacement or repair of the Perimeter Walls/Fences shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section to the contrary, neither the Declarant, E5 Holdings nor any Builder commits to, nor shall hereby be obligated to, construct such Perimeter Walls/Fences.
- 10.12 <u>District Facilities</u>. The District may contract with the Association for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Facilities, if any, in the District's sole and absolute discretion and subject to any written agreement accepted by the Association.
- 11. <u>Maintenance by Owners.</u> All Lots and Homes, including, without limitation, all lawns, landscaping, irrigation systems, driveways, walkways and any property, all structural components comprising the Lot or the Home, improvements and appurtenances not maintained by the Association shall be well maintained and kept in first class, good, safe, clean, neat and attractive condition consistent with the general appearance of NOBEL AT ETOWN by the record title owner of the applicable Lot. Each record title owner of a Lot is specifically responsible for maintaining all grass, landscaping, paved surfaces and improvements within any portion of a Lot. No tree installed by the Declarant, E5 Holdings or any Builders on any Lot shall be felled, removed, or cut down unless such tree represents a hazard to the Home or other improvements on the Lot, or to persons occupying or utilizing NOBEL AT ETOWN. If any such tree dies, such tree shall be replaced by the Owner of the Lot upon which the tree was located, at the Owner's expense, by a similar tree of similar size in diameter, unless otherwise approved by the ACC. No other

objects or landscaping may be installed in place of any such trees. In the event Lots and Homes are not maintained by the record title owner of the Lot in accordance with the requirements of this Section 11, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, perform the maintenance obligations on behalf of the record title owner.

- 11.1 Right of the Association to Enforce. The Declarant hereby grants the Association an easement over each Lot for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of this Section 11. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section 11, the Association may perform the necessary maintenance and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment. The Association shall have the right to enforce this Section 11 by all necessary legal action. In the event the Association is the prevailing party with respect to any litigation respecting the enforcement of compliance with this Section 11, it shall be entitled to recover all of its attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, and costs, at trial and upon appeal.
- 11.2 <u>Landscape Maintenance Standards</u>. The following maintenance standards (the "<u>Landscape Maintenance Standards</u>") apply to landscaping within all Lots:
 - 11.2.1 <u>Trees</u>. Trees are to be pruned as needed and maintained in a safe and appropriate manner, with the canopy no lower than eight feet (8') from the ground, unless otherwise stipulated by any applicable law, regulation or local ordinance.
 - 11.2.2 <u>Shrubs</u>. All shrubs are to be trimmed as needed and maintained in a neat and appropriate manner.

11.2.3 Grass.

- 11.2.3.1 <u>Cutting Schedule</u>. Grass shall be maintained routinely in a neat and appropriate manner. In no event shall lawns within any Lot be in excess of five inches (5") in height.
- 11.2.3.2 <u>Edging</u>. Edging of all streets, curbs, beds and borders shall be performed as needed. Chemical edging shall not be permitted.
- 11.2.3.3 <u>Grass.</u> Each yard shall be improved with the type of grass approved by the local municipality or other applicable governmental authority at the time of installation, which may include St. Augustine grass (i.e. Floratam or a similar variety) in some areas with code required drought tolerant grass in other areas. Any modification to or replacement of sod and/or landscape by an Owner is subject to Section 373.185, Florida Statutes (2019), and any other applicable law or local ordinance. The Association may enforce Florida friendly landscaping should an Owner plant any high water use grass or prohibited invasive species not in compliance with local ordinance and/or local landscaping code or Florida Statutes.
- 11.2.4 Mulch Mulch shall be replenished as needed on a yearly basis.
- 11.2.5 <u>Insect Control and Disease</u>. Insect control and disease shall be performed on an as needed basis. Failure to do so could result in additional liability if the disease and insect spread to neighboring Lots and Common Areas. Dead grass shall be removed and replaced within thirty (30) days of dying. If the County code or SJRWMD regulations require Bahia grass in the rear yards, it shall remain as Bahia and if it dies, may only be replaced with Bahia.
- 11.2.6 <u>Fertilization</u>. Fertilization of all turf, trees, shrubs, and palms shall be performed according to Best Management Practices as provided by the County Extension Service (if any) or The University of Florida IFAS Extension.

- 11.2.7 <u>Irrigation</u>. Every Owner shall be required to irrigate the grass and landscaping located on their Lot in a routine and ordinary manner, as may be permitted by SJRWMD and/or County regulations, and shall ensure that sufficient irrigation occurs during all periods when the Owner is absent from the Lot. Watering and irrigation, including the maintenance, repair and replacement of irrigation facilities and components will be the sole responsibility of the record title owner of the respective Lot and must be done in accordance with any irrigation schedule and access and usage policies set forth in the Community Standards. Sprinkler heads shall be maintained on a monthly basis. Water spray from sprinklers shall not extend beyond any property line of the respective Lot. Automatic sprinkler systems shall not cause water to run onto neighboring Lots, walkways, streets or the like and shall include a timing system to limit hours of operation. All components of the irrigation system, clock, pump stations and valves shall be checked as needed by an independent contractor to assure proper automatic operation. It is the Owner's responsibility to comply with all applicable watering restrictions imposed by the County or pursuant to the Community Standards.
- 11.2.8 <u>Weeding</u>. All beds are to be weeded upon every cut. Weeds growing in joints in curbs, driveways, and expansion joints shall be removed as needed. Chemical treatment is permitted.
- 11.2.9 <u>Trash Removal</u>. Dirt, trash, plant and tree cuttings and debris resulting from all operations shall be removed and all areas left in clean condition before the end of the day.
- 11.3 Modification to Landscaped Areas. Without the prior written consent of the ACC, no sod, topsoil, tree, shrubbery or other landscaping shall be removed from any Lot by any Owner, and no irrigation facilities shall be removed, modified or tampered with by any Owner. Further, there shall be no change in the plant landscaping, elevation, condition of the soil or the level of the land of such areas which results in any change in the flow and drainage of surface water which the ACC, in its sole discretion, considers detrimental or potentially detrimental to person or property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Owners who install improvements to the Lot (including, without limitation, concrete or brick pavers) that result in any change in the flow and/or drainage of surface water shall be responsible for all of the costs of drainage problems resulting from such improvement. Further, in the event that such Owner fails to pay for such required repairs, each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in fixing such drainage problems including, without limitation, removing excess water and/or repairing the SMS. No landscape lighting shall be installed by an Owner without the prior written approval of the ACC.
- 11.4 <u>Weeds and Refuse</u>. No weeds, underbrush, or other unsightly growth shall be permitted to be grown or remain upon any Lot. Except for normal construction debris on a Lot during the course of construction of a Home, no refuse or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or allowed to remain upon any Lot.
- 11.5 Exterior Home Maintenance. Each Owner is solely responsible for the proper maintenance and cleaning of the exterior walls of his or her Home. Exterior walls may be improved with a finish material composed of stucco or cementitious coating (collectively, "Stucco/Cementitious Finish"). While Stucco/Cementitious Finish is high in compressive or impact strength, it is not of sufficient tensile strength to resist building movement. It is the nature of Stucco/Cementitious Finish to experience some cracking and it will expand and contract in response to temperature, sometimes creating minor hairline cracks in the outer layer of the stucco application. This is normal behavior and considered a routine maintenance item for the Owner. Each Owner is responsible to inspect the Stucco/Cementitious Finish to the exterior walls for cracking and engage a qualified professional to seal those cracks and repair the affected area. In addition, each Owner is responsible for inspecting the exterior paint and caulk material in the exterior wall system openings (i.e. windows, doors, hose bibs, etc.) for peeling, cracking or separating. If the inspection reveals any such items, the Owner is responsible for engaging a qualified professional to clean, repair, re-caulk and repaint those areas of the Home. Each Owner is responsible for all maintenance and repairs described in this Section, and they should be completed in a timely fashion to prevent any damage to the Home.

- 11.6 Paved and Concrete Surfaces. Each Owner shall be responsible to timely repair, pressure wash, maintain and/or replace the driveways, walkways, and sidewalks, including, without limitation, concrete or brick pavers, and other paved and concrete surfaces comprising part of a Lot. In the event the County, the City or any of their respective subdivisions, agencies, and/or divisions must remove any portion of the paved or concrete surfaces located within an Owner's Lot for the installation, repair, replacement or maintenance of utilities or water mains, then the Owner of the applicable Lot will be responsible to replace or repair the paved or concrete surfaces at such Owner's expense. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, perform the necessary maintenance or repair and charge the costs thereof, together with interest at the highest rate allowed by law, to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment. In the event the Association is the prevailing party with respect to any litigation respecting the enforcement of compliance with this Section, it shall be entitled to recover all of its attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, and costs, at trial and upon appeal. Each Owner grants the Association an easement over its Lot for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of this Section.
- Water Intrusion. Florida experiences heavy rainfall and humidity on a regular basis. Each 11.7 Owner is responsible for making sure his or her Home remains watertight including, without limitation, checking caulking around windows and seals on doors. Each Owner acknowledges that running air conditioning machinery with windows and/or doors open in humid conditions can result in condensation, mold and/or water intrusion. The Declarant, E5 Holdings, Builders and the Association shall not have liability under such circumstances for any damage or loss that an Owner may incur in the event an Owner fails to maintain their Home in accordance with this provision. FURTHER, GIVEN THE CLIMATE AND HUMID CONDITIONS IN FLORIDA, MOLDS, MILDEW, TOXINS AND FUNGI MAY EXIST AND/OR DEVELOP WITHIN HOMES. EACH OWNER IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT CERTAIN MOLDS, MILDEW, TOXINS AND/OR FUNGI MAY BE, OR IF ALLOWED TO REMAIN FOR A SUFFICIENT PERIOD MAY BECOME, TOXIC AND POTENTIALLY POSE A HEALTH RISK. BY ACQUIRING TITLE TO A HOME AND/OR LOT, EACH OWNER, SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ASSUMED THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH MOLDS, MILDEW, TOXINS AND/OR FUNGI AND TO HAVE RELEASED THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, E5 HOLDINGS AND THE ASSOCIATION FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY RESULTING FROM SAME.
- 11.8 Private Right of Way. Each Owner shall be responsible for the costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with maintenance of the irrigation facilities, trees, sidewalk, driveway and landscaping immediately adjacent to such Owner's Lot and located between such Owner's Lot and the roadway (the "Private Right-of-Way"). Every Owner shall be required to irrigate the grass and landscaping located within the Private Right-of-Way in a routine and ordinary manner and shall ensure that sufficient irrigation occurs during all periods when the Owner is absent from the Home. Further, each Owner is required to timely repair, maintain and/or replace the driveways, walkways, sidewalks, including, without limitation, brick pavers, and other paved and concrete surfaces located within the Private Right-of-Way. No tree installed by the Declarant or any Builder shall be felled, removed, or cut down unless such tree represents an immediate hazard to the Home or other improvements on the Lot, or to persons occupying or utilizing NOBEL AT ETOWN. If any such tree dies, or is removed in accordance with this Section 11.7, then such tree shall be replaced at the expense of and by the Owner of the Lot immediately adjacent to the felled tree with a similar tree approved by the ACC.
- 11.9 <u>Lot Walls/Fences</u>. Each wall or fence, any part of which is placed on a dividing line between separate Lots shall constitute a "<u>Lot Wall/Fence</u>." Each adjoining Owner's obligation with respect to Lot Walls/Fences shall be determined by this Declaration, except as otherwise required by Florida law.
 - 11.9.1 <u>Sharing Repair and Maintenance</u>. Each Owner shall maintain the exterior surface of a Lot Wall/Fence facing their Lot. Except as provided in this Section, the cost of reasonable repair shall be shared equally by adjoining Lot Owners.
 - 11.9.2 <u>Damage by One Owner</u>. If a Lot Wall/Fence is damaged or destroyed by the act of one adjoining Owner, or their guests, Lessees, licensees, agents or family members

(whether or not such act is negligent or otherwise culpable), then that Owner shall immediately rebuild or repair the Lot Wall/Fence to its prior condition without cost to the adjoining Owner and shall indemnify the adjoining Owner from any consequential damages, loss or liabilities. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the Declarant, the District and the Association have the right to enforce the provisions of this Section, however neither the Declarant, the District nor the Association shall have any obligation whatsoever to enforce the provisions of this Section or become involved in any dispute between Owners in connection with this Section. No Owner shall violate any of the following restrictions and any damage (whether cosmetic or structural) resulting from violation of any of the following restrictions shall be considered caused by the Owner causing such action or allowing such action to occur on such Owner's Lot:

- 11.9.2.1 No Owner shall allow sprinklers to spray or other water sources to deliver water within one foot (1') of any Lot Wall/Fence, excluding rainfall that falls directly on such area (i.e. an Owner shall not collect rainfall from other portions of the Lot and deliver it within one foot (1') of any Lot Wall/Fence);
- 11.9.2.2 No Owner shall allow any tree to grow within six feet (6') of any Lot Wall/Fence (with such distance measured from the above-ground part of the tree that is nearest to the Lot Wall/Fence within five feet (5') of the ground level of the tree, including any portion of the root system that is not completely covered by soil);
- 11.9.2.3 No Owner shall allow attachment of anything, including but not limited to any climbing plant or vine, to any Lot Wall/Fence; and
- 11.9.2.4 No Owner shall allow water to be provided by sprinkler, hose, hand delivery or otherwise to any plant located within five feet (5') of any Lot Wall/Fence; provided, however, Owners are permitted to allow water delivery to any plant located within one foot (1') of any Lot Wall/Fence if the method of such delivery is either by drip line or by spray facing in a direction away from the Lot Wall/Fence.
- other Damage. If a Lot Wall/Fence is damaged or destroyed by any cause other than the act of one of the adjoining Owners, its agents, Lessees, licensees, guests or family members (including ordinary wear and tear and deterioration from lapse of time), then the adjoining Owners shall rebuild or repair the Lot Wall/Fence to its prior condition, equally sharing the expense; provided, however, that if a Lot Wall/Fence is damaged or destroyed as a result of an accident or circumstances that originate or occur on a particular Lot (whether or not such accident or circumstance is caused by the action or inaction of the Owner of that Lot, or his agents, Lessees, licensees, guests or family members) then in such event, the Owner of that particular Lot shall be solely responsible for the cost of rebuilding or repairing the Lot Wall/Fence and shall immediately repair the Lot Wall/Fence to its prior condition.
- 11.9.4 <u>Right of Entry</u>. Each Owner shall permit the Owners of adjoining Lots, or their representatives, to enter its Lot for the purpose of installations, alteration, or repairs to a Lot Wall/Fence on the Lot of such adjoining Owners, provided that other than for emergencies, requests for entry are made in advance and that such entry is at a time reasonably convenient to the Owner of the adjoining Lot. An adjoining Owner making entry pursuant to this Section shall not be deemed gullty of trespassing by reason of such entry. Such entering Owner shall indemnify the adjoining Owner from any consequential damages sustained by reason of such entry.
- 11.9.5 <u>Right of Contribution</u>. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Section 11.8 shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title.

- 11.9.6 <u>Consent of Adjoining Owner</u>. In addition to meeting the requirements of this Declaration and of any applicable building code and similar regulations or ordinances, any Owner proposing to modify, alter, make additions to or rebuild (other than rebuilding in a manner materially consistent with the previously existing Lot Wall/Fence) the Lot Wall/Fence, shall first obtain the written consent of the adjoining Owner, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.
- Mater Mains and Improvements within Lots. In the event the County, the City, or any of their subdivisions, agencies, and/or divisions must remove or damage any portion of a driveway, landscaping, or other improvements located on an Owner's Lot in connection with the County's or City's operation, maintenance or repair of any water line or sanitary sewer line, if applicable, then the Owner of the Lot upon which such driveway, landscaping, or other improvements are located shall be responsible to replace or repair such driveway, landscaping, or other improvement at such Owner's expense, if such expenses are not paid for by the County or the City. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, perform the necessary repair and/or replacement and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment. In the event that the Association is the prevailing party with respect to any litigation respecting the enforcement of compliance with this Section, it shall be entitled to recover all of its attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, and costs, at trial and upon appeal. Each Owner grants the Association an easement over its Lot for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of this Section.
- 12. <u>Use Restrictions</u>. The following Use Restrictions shall apply to all Lots within NOBEL AT ETOWN, except for any Lots owned by the Declarant. Each Owner must comply with the following:
- 12.1 <u>Alterations and Additions</u>. Except as otherwise provided in Section 19 of the Declaration with respect to Builders, no material alteration, addition or modification to a Lot or Home, or material change in the appearance thereof, shall be made without the prior written approval thereof being first had and obtained from the ACC as required by this Declaration.
- Animals. No animals of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept within NOBEL AT ETOWN for commercial purposes. Other than swine, poultry, or pets that become a nuisance, Owners may keep no more than four (4) domestic pets as permitted by City and/or County ordinances and otherwise in accordance with the Rules and Regulations established by the Board from time to time, subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Owners may keep no more than four (4) domestic pets within a Home, no more than two (2) of which shall be dogs. Pets permitted by this Section may be kept or harbored in a Home only so long as such pets or animals do not constitute a nuisance. A determination by the Board that an animal or pet kept or harbored in a Home is a nuisance shall be conclusive and binding on all parties. All pets shall be walked on a leash. No pet shall be permitted outside a Home unless such pet is kept on a leash or within an enclosed portion of the Lot. No pet or animal shall be "tied out" on the exterior of the Home or in the Common Areas or Facilities, or left unattended in a yard or on a balcony, porch, or patio. No dog runs or enclosures or invisible pet fencing shall be permitted on any Lot. When notice of removal of any pet is given by the Board, the pet shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of such notice. The Owner responsible for a pet shall be responsible for removing from the Common Areas or Facilities any matter created by the pet and disposing of the same in a sanitary manner. Each Owner shall be responsible for all the activities of its pet. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all restrictions set forth in this Section 12.2 are subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Federal Fair Housing
- 12.3 <u>Artificial Vegetation</u>. Except as otherwise permitted by Florida law, no artificial grass, plants or other artificial vegetation, or rocks or other landscape devices, shall be placed or maintained upon the exterior portion of any Lot, unless approved by the ACC.
- 12.4 <u>Automobiles and other Vehicles</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration to the contrary, the following restrictions shall not apply to construction vehicles utilized in connection with construction, improvement, installation, or repair by the Declarant, E5 Holdings, Builders, or their agents.

- 12.4.1 Parking. Owners' vehicles shall be parked in the garage or driveway of the respective Owner's Lot and shall not block the sidewalk. No vehicles of any nature shall be parked on any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN or a Lot except on the surfaced parking area thereof. Except as otherwise provided herein, vehicles shall not park on the paved or concrete surfaces comprising the Common Area, except when briefly obtaining their mail at the Mail Delivery Center. Vehicles shall not park on the private roadways except for short-term periods of no more than seven (7) consecutive hours in the event no parking is available within a Lot or other designated parking area; provided, however, no vehicle shall be parked on the private roadways for more than seven (7) consecutive hours. NOBEL AT ETOWN is not expected to have any guest parking however, to the extent there is guest parking, Owners are prohibited from parking in such guest parking spaces. No vehicles used in business for the purpose of transporting goods, equipment and the like, shall be parked in NOBEL AT ETOWN except during the period of a delivery of goods or during the provision of services. Roadways within NOBEL AT ETOWN shall be private roadways and shall be maintained or regulated by the Association.
- 12.4.2 <u>Repairs and Maintenance of Vehicles</u>. No vehicle which cannot operate on its own power shall remain in NOBEL AT ETOWN for more than twelve (12) hours, except in the garage of a Home. No repair or maintenance, except emergency repair, of vehicles shall be made within NOBEL AT ETOWN, except in the garage of a Home. No vehicles shall be stored on blocks. No tarpaulin or any other covers on vehicles shall be permitted anywhere within the public view.
- Prohibited Vehicles. No commercial vehicle, limousine, recreational vehicle, allterrain vehicles (ATV), boats (or other watercraft), trailers, including, without limitation, boat trailers, house trailers, mobile homes, and trailers of every other type, kind or description, or camper, may be kept within NOBEL AT ETOWN except in the garage of a Home. The term "commercial vehicle" shall not be deemed to include law enforcement vehicles, utility vehicles (e.g. Broncos, Blazers, Explorers, Navigators, etc.) or clean "non-working" vehicles such as pickup trucks, vans, or cars if they are used by the Owner on a daily basis for normal transportation; provided, however, vehicles with ladders, racks, and hooks or such other equipment attached to such vehicles shall be "commercial vehicles" prohibited by this Section. No vehicles displaying commercial advertising shall be parked within the public view. No vehicles with missing or expired tags or registrations shall remain on NOBEL AT ETOWN, except in the garage of a Home. No vehicles bearing a "for sale" sign shall be parked within the public view anywhere within NOBEL AT ETOWN. For any Owner who drives an automobile issued by the County, the City or other governmental entity (e.g. police cars), such automobile shall not be deemed to be a commercial vehicle and may be parked in the garage or driveway of the Lot. No vehicle shall be used as a domicile or residence either temporarily or permanently. No all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), scooters or mini motorcycles are permitted at any time on any paved surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas (if any). Additionally, no all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or mini motorcycle may be parked or stored within NOBEL AT ETOWN, including any Lot, except in the garage of a Home. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration to the contrary, the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to construction vehicles utilized in connection with construction, improvement, installation, or repair by the Declarant, E5 Holdings, Builders, or their agents.
- 12.4.4 <u>Towing</u>. Subject to applicable laws and ordinances, any vehicle parked in violation of these or other restrictions contained herein or in the Rules and Regulations may be towed by the Association at the sole expense of the owner of such vehicle if such vehicle remains in violation for a period of twenty-four (24) hours from the time a notice of violation is placed on the vehicle or if such a vehicle was cited for such violation within the preceding thirty (30) day period. Each Owner by acceptance of title to a Home irrevocably grants the Association and its designated towing service the right to enter a Lot and tow vehicles in violation of this Declaration. Neither the Association nor the towing company shall be liable to the owner of such vehicle for trespass, conversion or otherwise, nor guilty of any criminal act, by reason of such towing or removal and once the notice is posted, neither its removal, nor failure of the owner to receive it for any other reason, shall be grounds for relief of any kind. For purposes of this paragraph, "vehicle"

shall also mean campers, mobile homes, trailers, etc. By accepting title to a Home, the Owner provides to the Association the irrevocable right to tow or remove vehicles parked on the Owner's Lot or Common Areas that are in violation of this Declaration. An affidavit of the person posting the foresaid notice stating it was properly posted shall be conclusive evidence of proper posting.

- 12.4.5 <u>Golf Carts.</u> Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, "golf carts" (as defined in Section 316.003, Florida Statutes) may be operated within NOBEL AT ETOWN, but only on designated paved surfaces of the Common Areas. Golf carts may only be operated within NOBEL AT ETOWN during the hours between sunrise and sunset and by persons age fourteen (14) and older, unless otherwise approved by the Board. Any such operation of a golf cart shall be subject to the rules of the Association, and the Association shall have the right to approve Rules and Regulations with respect to the use of golf carts. Street parking is prohibited for golf carts. Golf carts may be parked in designated parking spaces in the Common Areas, if any, between the hours of sunrise and sunset. When not in use or parked in the Common Areas as provided in the preceding sentence, golf carts shall be stored inside the garage of a Home.
- 12.5 <u>Casualty Destruction to Improvements</u>. In the event that a Home or other improvement is damaged or destroyed by casualty loss or other loss, then the Owner thereof shall commence to rebuild or repair the damaged Home or improvement, in accordance with Section 14.2.2 of this Declaration. As to any such reconstruction of a destroyed Home or improvements, the same shall only be replaced as approved by the ACC.
- 12.6 <u>Commercial Activity.</u> Except for normal construction activity, sale, rental and re-sale of a Home, sale or re-sale of other property owned by the Declarant, E5 Holdings and/or Builders, and administrative offices of the Declarant and/or Builders, no commercial or business activity shall be conducted within NOBEL AT ETOWN, including, without limitation, within any Home. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and subject to applicable statutes and ordinances, an Owner may maintain a home business office within a Home for such Owner's personal use; provided, however, business invitees, customers, and clients shall not be permitted to meet with Owners in Homes unless the Board provides otherwise in the Rules and Regulations. No Owner may actively engage in any solicitations for commercial purposes within NOBEL AT ETOWN. No solicitors of a commercial nature shall be allowed within NOBEL AT ETOWN, without the prior written consent of the Association. No day care center, "half-way house," or assisted living facility may be operated out of a Home. No garage sales are permitted, except as permitted by the Association. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Association shall not permit any garage sales without the prior written consent of the Declarant.
- 12.7 <u>Completion and Sale of Homes.</u> No person or entity shall interfere with the completion and sale of Homes and/or Lots within NOBEL AT ETOWN by the Declarant, E5 Holdings and/or Builders. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, EACH OWNER, BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, AGREES THAT ACTIONS OF OWNERS MAY IMPACT THE VALUE OF HOMES AND/OR LOTS; THEREFORE EACH OWNER IS BENEFITED BY THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS: PICKETING AND POSTING OF NEGATIVE SIGNS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE VALUE OF THE HOMES AND/OR LOTS IN NOBEL AT ETOWN AND THE RESIDENTIAL ATMOSPHERE THEREOF.
- 12.8 <u>Control of Contractors</u>. Except for direct services which may be offered to Owners (and then only according to the Rules and Regulations relating thereto, as adopted or amended from time to time), no person other than an Association officer shall direct, supervise, or in any manner attempt to assert any control over any contractor of the Association.
- 12.9 <u>Cooking</u>. No cooking shall be permitted nor shall any goods or beverages be consumed on the Common Areas, except in areas designated for those purposes by the Association. The Board shall have the right to prohibit or restrict the use of grills or barbecue facilities throughout NOBEL AT ETOWN.

- 12.10 <u>Decorations</u>. No decorative objects including, but not limited to, birdbaths, light fixtures, sculptures, statues, or weather vanes, or flagpoles shall be installed or placed within or upon any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN without the prior written approval of the ACC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, holiday lighting and decorations shall be permitted to be placed upon the exterior portions of the Home and upon the Lot in the manner permitted hereunder commencing the week before Thanksgiving and shall be removed not later than January 15th of the following year. The ACC may establish standards for holiday lights and decorations at its sole discretion. The ACC may require the removal of any lighting or decoration that creates a nuisance (e.g., unacceptable spillover to adjacent Home or excessive travel through NOBEL AT ETOWN). Except as otherwise provided in Section 720.304(2)(b), Florida Statutes (2019), and subject to the requirements of such provision, no flag poles are permitted without the prior written approval of the ACC.
- 12.11 <u>Disputes as to Use</u>. If there is any dispute as to whether the use of any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN complies with this Declaration, such dispute shall, prior to the Community Completion Date, be decided by the Declarant, and thereafter by the Board. A determination rendered by such party with respect to such dispute shall be final and binding on all persons concerned.
- 12.12 <u>Drainage System.</u> Drainage Improvements may be part of the Common Areas and/or Lots. After Drainage Improvements are installed by the Declarant, E5 Holdings or a Builder, as applicable, the maintenance of Drainage Improvements within the boundary of a Lot shall be the responsibility of the Association; the Association shall have no responsibility for landscaping maintenance and the Owner of any such Lot shall be required to maintain such Lot in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of this Declaration. In the event Drainage Improvements are adversely affected by landscaping, fences, structures, or any other improvements (including, without limitation, pavers), the cost to correct, repair, or maintain such Drainage Improvements shall be the responsibility of the record title owner of the Lot that includes such improvements. By way of example, and not of limitation, if the Owner of one Lot plants a tree (pursuant to ACC approval) and the roots of such tree subsequently affect Drainage Improvements within another Lot, the Owner that planted the tree shall be solely responsible for the removal of the roots which adversely affects the adjacent Lot. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, THE ASSOCIATION, THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS AND E5 HOLDINGS SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR DRAINAGE PROBLEMS OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER.
- 12.13 Extended Vacation and Absences. In the event a Home will be unoccupied for an extended period, the Home must be prepared prior to departure by: (i) removing all removable furniture, plants and other objects from outside the Home; and (ii) designating a responsible firm or individual to care for the Home, should the Home suffer damage or require attention, and providing a key to that firm or individual. Neither the Association nor the Declarant, E5 Holdings nor any Builder shall have any responsibility of any nature relating to any unoccupied Home.
- 12.14 Fences and Walls. No walls or fences shall be erected or installed without prior written consent of the ACC, except for walls or fences installed by the Declarant, E5 Holdings or Builders. No chain link fencing of any kind shall be allowed. Fences shall not be installed flush to the ground so that drainage will be blocked in any way. All fences must be in compliance with the Community Standards. Due to the Association's maintenance requirements and responsibilities, the installation of fences within a drainage easement area is not expected to be approved by the ACC. However, in the event a fence is installed within a drainage easement area, with prior written ACC approval, the Owner is solely responsible for fence repair or replacement if the drainage easement area needs to be accessed or as otherwise provided in Section 15.9 hereof. All screening and screened enclosures shall have the prior written approval of the ACC and shall be in compliance with the Community Standards. All enclosures of balconies or patios, including addition of vinyl windows, shall be approved by the ACC and all decks shall have the prior written approval of the ACC
- 12.15 <u>Fuel Storage</u>. No fuel storage shall be permitted within NOBEL AT ETOWN, except as may be necessary or reasonably used for swimming pools, spas, barbecues, fireplaces, lawn maintenance equipment or similar devices. Any fuel storage as permitted pursuant to the foregoing must be hidden from public view, including shielding by appropriate landscaping.

- 12.16 <u>Garages</u>. No garage shall be converted into a general living area. Garage doors shall remain closed at all times except when vehicular or pedestrian access is required.
- 12.17 <u>Garbage Disposal</u>. Trash collection and disposal procedures established by the Association shall be observed. No outside burning of trash or garbage is permitted. No garbage cans, supplies or other similar articles shall be maintained on any Lot so as to be visible from outside the Home or Lot. Each Owner shall be responsible for properly depositing his or her garbage and trash in garbage cans and trash containers sufficient for pick-up by the appropriate collection agencies in accordance with the requirements of any such agency. All such trash receptacles shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and shall be shielded from the view of adjacent properties and streets. Garbage cans and trash containers shall not be placed outside the Home for pick-up earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the day preceding the pick-up and shall be removed the day of pick-up. Within fifteen (15) days after the issuance of a final or temporary Certificate of Occupancy for a Home, the Builder shall remove all construction debris, refuse or other garbage from the Lot and property surrounding the Lot left by such Builder or its agents or contractors.
- 12.18 <u>Hurricane Shutters</u>. Any hurricane shutters or other protective devices visible from outside a Home shall be of a type as approved in writing by the ACC, shall match the color or trim of a Home and be of a neutral color. Panel, accordion and roll-up style hurricane shutters may not be left closed during hurricane season (or at any other time). Any such approved hurricane shutters may be installed or closed up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the expected arrival of a hurricane and must be removed or opened within seventy-two (72) hours after the end of a hurricane watch or warning or as the Board may determine otherwise. Except as the Board may otherwise decide, shutters may not be closed at any time other than a storm event. Any approval by the ACC shall not be deemed an endorsement of the effectiveness of hurricane shutters.
- 12.19 <u>Irrigation</u>. Due to water quality, irrigation systems may cause staining on Homes, other structures or paved areas. It is each Owner's responsibility to treat and remove any such staining within an Owner's Lot. A computerized loop system may be used to irrigate the Common Areas. Any computerized loop irrigation system that is not the maintenance obligation of an Owner pursuant to the terms of this Declaration shall be the maintenance obligation of the Association.
- 12.20 <u>Laundry</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 163.04, Florida Statutes (2019), to the extent applicable, no rugs, mops, or laundry of any kind, or any other similar type article, shall be shaken, hung or exposed so as to be visible outside the Home or Lot. Clotheslines may be installed in the rear of a Lot so long as not visible from the front of the Lot; provided, that, any such clothesline shall be removed when it is not in use as a clothesline.
- 12.21 <u>Lawful Use</u>. No immoral, improper, offensive, unlawful or obnoxious use shall be made in any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN. All laws, zoning ordinances and regulations of all governmental entities having jurisdiction thereof shall be observed. The responsibility of meeting the requirements of governmental entities for maintenance, modification or repair of a portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN shall be the same as the responsibility for maintenance and repair of the property concerned.
- 12.22 Leases. Homes may be leased, licensed or occupied only in their entirety and no fraction or portion may be rented. No bed and breakfast facility may be operated out of a Home. Individual rooms of a Home may not be leased on any basis. No transient tenants may be accommodated in a Home. All leases or occupancy agreements of Homes (collectively, "Lease Agreements") are subject to the provisions of this Section. All Lease Agreements shall be in writing. A copy of all Lease Agreements shall be provided to the Association. No Lease Agreement may be for a term of less than one (1) year, and no Home may be leased more than two (2) times in any calendar year unless otherwise approved by the Association in the case of hardship; provided, however, that if a Lessee defaults under its Lease Agreement and the Owner terminates such Lease Agreement on account of such default, then such Owner may be entitled to replace the defaulted and terminated tenancy with a new Lessee under a new Lease Agreement (for a term of at least one (1) year), and such new tenancy shall not count as an additional lease for the specified period. The Lessee, as part of the Lease Agreement, shall agree to

abide by and adhere to the terms and conditions of this Declaration together with all Rules and Regulations and all policies adopted by the Association. By acceptance of a deed to a Home, the Owner hereby agrees to remove, at the Owner's sole expense, by legal means including eviction, his or her Lessee should the Lessee refuse or fail to abide by and adhere to this Declaration, the Rules and Regulations and any other policies adopted by the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should an Owner fail to perform his or her obligations under this Section, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to evict such Lessee and the costs of the same shall be charged to the Owner as an Individual Assessment. All Lease Agreements shall require the Home to be used solely as a private single family residence. Each leased Home shall be occupied by Lessees, members of the Lessee's family, overnight guests and professional caregivers as a residence and for no other purpose. During such time as a Home is leased, the Owner of such Home shall not enjoy the use privileges of the Common Areas appurtenant to such Home.

- 12.23 <u>Mailboxes and Lampposts</u>. No mailbox shall be installed by an Owner within NOBEL AT ETOWN. No lamppost shall be installed on any Lot without prior written consent of the ACC. The ACC shall have the right to require that all lampposts shall be of one particular type or design specified by the ACC.
- 12.24 <u>Minor's and Guest's Use of Commonly Shared Facilities</u>. Adults shall be responsible for all actions of their minor children and guests at all times in and about NOBEL AT ETOWN. The Declarant and the Association shall not be responsible for use of the Common Areas by anyone, including minors.
- 12.25 <u>Nuisances</u>. No nuisance, or any use or practice that is the source of unreasonable annoyance to others or which interferes with the peaceful possession and proper use of NOBEL AT ETOWN is permitted. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to sales, marketing, construction and development activities by Builders or Declarant. No firearms shall be discharged within NOBEL AT ETOWN. Nothing shall be done or kept by any Owner or Builder within the Common Areas or any other portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN, including a Home or Lot which will increase the rate of insurance to be paid by the Association.
- 12.26 <u>Oil and Mining Operations</u>. No oil, drilling development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or on any Lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon or on any Lot. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted on any Lot.
- 12.27 <u>Paint</u>. The exterior of Homes shall be repainted by the record title owner of a Lot within forty-five (45) days of notice by the ACC to the Owner of the applicable Lot.
- 12.28 <u>Personal Property</u>. All personal property of Owners or other occupants of Homes shall be stored within the Homes. No personal property, except usual patio furniture, may be stored on, nor any use made of, the Common Areas, any Lot or Home, or any other portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN, which is unsightly or which interferes with the comfort and convenience of others.
- 12.29 <u>Removal of Soil and Additional Landscaping</u>. Without the prior consent of the ACC, no Owner shall remove soil from any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN, change the level of the land within NOBEL AT ETOWN, or plant landscaping which results in any permanent change in the flow and drainage of surface water within NOBEL AT ETOWN. Owners may place additional plants, shrubs, or trees within any portion of their respective Lots with the prior written approval of the ACC.
- 12.30 <u>Roofs, Driveways and Pressure Cleaning.</u> Roofs, exterior surfaces and/or pavement, including, but not limited to, walks and driveways, shall be pressure cleaned by the record title owner of the Lot within thirty (30) days of notice by the Board or the ACC to the Owner of the applicable Lot. No surface applications to driveways shall be permitted without the prior written approval of the ACC as to material, color and pattern. Such applications shall not extend beyond the front Lot line or include the sidewalk. All roofs must be in compliance with the Community Standards.

- 12.31 <u>Satellite Dishes and Antennae</u>. No exterior visible antennae, radio masts, towers, poles, aerials, satellite dishes, or other similar equipment shall be placed on any Home or Lot without the prior written approval thereof being first obtained from the ACC as required by this Declaration. The ACC may require, among other things, that all such improvements be screened so that they are not visible from adjacent Homes, or from the Common Areas. Each Owner agrees that the location of such items must be first approved by the ACC in order to address the safety and welfare of the residents of NOBEL AT ETOWN. No Owner shall operate any equipment or device which will interfere with the radio or television reception of others. All antennas not covered by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules are prohibited. Installation, maintenance, and use of all antennas shall comply with the Community Standards adopted by the Board and shall be governed by the then current rules of the FCC.
- 12.32 <u>Screened Enclosures</u>. All screening and screened enclosures shall have the prior written approval of the ACC and shall be in accordance with the Community Standards. Framing for any screen enclosure must be either black or dark bronze in color. All enclosures of balconies or patios, including addition of vinyl windows, shall be approved by the ACC and shall comply with the Community Standards.
- 12.33 Signs and Flags. Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein with respect to "for-sale" signs in accordance with the Community Standards and approved by the ACC, no sign, flag, banner, advertisement, notice or other lettering shall be exhibited, displayed, inscribed, painted or affixed in, or upon any part of NOBEL AT ETOWN, including, without limitation, any Home, Lot or vehicle, that is visible from the outside; provided, however, any Owner may display in a respectful manner one (1) portable, removable United States flag or official flag of the State of Florida and one (1) portable, removable official flag of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag. Any such permitted flags may not exceed four and one-half feet (4 ½) by six feet (6).

Each Owner may erect one (1) freestanding flag pole that is no more than twenty feet (20') high on any portion of such Owner's Lot if the flag pole does not obstruct sightlines at intersections and is not erected within or upon any easement. The flag pole may not be installed any closer than ten feet (10') from the back of curb, or within ten feet (10') of any Lot boundary line. Any Owner may further display from the flagpole, one (1) official United States flag, not larger than four and one-half feet (4 ½') by six feet (6'), and may additionally display one (1) official flag of the State of Florida or the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag. Such additional flag must be equal in size to or smaller than the United States flag. Any flag pole installed in accordance with this Section is subject to all building codes, zoning setbacks, and other applicable governmental regulations, including, without limitation, noise and lighting ordinances in the County and the City and all setback and location criteria contained in this Declaration and in the Community Standards.

Each Owner may erect one (1) for-sale sign as approved by the ACC and in compliance with all Community Standards. No "for-sale" signs shall be erected or installed without prior written consent of the ACC. Each Owner acknowledges and agrees that any "for-sale" sign installed in accordance with this Section is subject to all applicable governmental regulations, including, without limitation, ordinances in the County and the City and all design, size, material, setback and location criteria contained in the Community Standards.

The Declarant, E5 Holdings, Builders and the Association are exempt from this Section; provided, further, the Declarant specifically reserves the right, for itself, E5 Holdings and for Builders, and their respective agents, employees, nominees and assigns (to the extent authorized by the Declarant) the right, privilege and easement to construct, place and maintain upon any property within NOBEL AT ETOWN such signs and flags as the Declarant deems appropriate in connection with the development, improvement, construction, marketing and sale of Lots and Homes; provided, however notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the exercise by a Builder of their rights and exemption in this Section shall be subject to the Declarant's prior written approval as to the location, size, content and design of such Builder's signs and flags within NOBEL AT ETOWN. Within thirty (30) days of the final sale of the last Home owned by a Builder within NOBEL AT ETOWN, such Builder shall remove from NOBEL AT ETOWN all marketing materials including, but not limited to, flags, banner, placards and signage. The Declarant reserves the right to institute a signage plan for NOBEL AT ETOWN, which such signage plan

must be complied with by all Builders. The prohibitions on signs and flags displayed on or within vehicles contained above in this Section shall not apply to commercial vehicles such as for construction use or providing pick-up and delivery services and other commercial services.

- 12.34 <u>Sports Equipment</u>. No recreational, playground or sports equipment shall be installed or placed within or about any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN without prior written consent of the ACC. No basketball backboards, skateboard ramps, or play structures will be permitted without the prior written approval by the ACC. Such approved equipment shall be located at the rear of the Lots or on the inside portion of corner Lots within the setback lines. Tree houses or platforms of a similar nature shall not be constructed on any part of a Lot. Rules and Regulations governing basketball hoops may be adopted by the Association from time to time.
- 12.35 Storage. No temporary or permanent utility or storage shed, storage building, tent, or other structure or improvement shall be permitted and no other structure or improvement shall be constructed, erected, altered, modified or maintained without the prior written approval of the ACC, which approval shall conform to the requirements of this Declaration and the Community Standards. Water softeners, trash containers, propane tanks, and other similar devices shall be properly screened from the street in a manner approved by the ACC. This Section shall not apply to temporary structures and storage facilities utilized by Builders in connection with the construction, marketing or sale of Homes within NOBEL AT ETOWN. Builders shall have the right to place, erect or construct portable, temporary or accessory buildings or structures within NOBEL AT ETOWN for sales, construction storage or other purposes, subject to the prior written approval by the Declarant as to the location, design and quality of all portable, temporary or accessory buildings or structures within NOBEL AT ETOWN for sales, construction storage or other purposes, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld conditioned or delayed.
- 12.36 <u>Subdivision and Regulation of Land</u>. No portion of any Lot shall be divided or subdivided or its boundaries changed without the prior written approval of the Declarant prior to the Community Completion Date, and thereafter, by the Association. No Owner or Builder shall inaugurate or implement any variation from, modification to, or amendment of governmental regulations, land use plans, land development regulations, zoning, or any other development orders or development permits applicable to NOBEL AT ETOWN, without the prior written approval of the Declarant, which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.
- 12.37 <u>Substances</u>. No flammable, combustible or explosive fuel, fluid, chemical, hazardous waste, or substance shall be kept on any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN or within any Home or Lot, except those which are required for normal household use. All propane tanks and bottled gas for household and/or pool purposes (excluding barbecue grill tanks) must be installed underground or in a manner to be screened from view by landscaping or other materials approved by the ACC.
- 12.38 Swimming, Fishing and Boating. Fishing is permitted along the Common Areas adjacent to any of the retention/detention areas or water bodies within the boundaries of NOBEL AT ETOWN. Owners of Lots along the retention/detention areas may fish from their own Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no fishing is permitted behind another Owner's Lot without that Lot Owner's permission. No private docks may be erected within any water body. Swimming is prohibited within any of the retention/detention areas or water bodies within the boundaries of NOBEL AT ETOWN. Boating and personal watercraft (e.g., water skis) are prohibited. Rules and Regulations governing fishing from any designated lake bank(s) adjacent to any of the retention/detention areas or water bodies may be adopted by the Association from time to time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no swimming, wading, boating, kayaking or other watercraft permitted in any retention/detention areas or water bodies within the boundaries of NOBEL AT ETOWN.
- 12.39 <u>Swimming Pools and Spas</u>. No above-ground pools shall be permitted on any Lot. All inground pools, hot tubs, spas and appurtenances installed shall require the prior written approval of the ACC as set forth in this Declaration. The design must incorporate, at a minimum, the following: (i) the composition of the material must be thoroughly tested and accepted by the industry for such construction; (ii) any swimming pool constructed on any Lot shall have an elevation at the top of the pool of not over

two feet (2') above the natural grade unless approved by the ACC; (iii) pool enclosures must be of a design, color and material approved by the ACC and shall be no higher than twelve feet (12') unless otherwise approved by the ACC; and (iv) pool enclosures shall in no event be higher than the roof line of the Home. Pool enclosures shall not extend beyond the sides of the Home without express approval by the ACC. All pools shall be adequately maintained and chlorinated (or cleaned with similar treatment). Unless installed by the Declarant, no diving boards, slides, or platforms shall be permitted without ACC approval. Under no circumstances may chlorinated water be discharged onto other Owners' lawns, the roadways, or into any retention/detention areas within NOBEL AT ETOWN or adjoining properties.

- 12.40 <u>Unmanned Aircraft Systems</u>. Drones or similar unmanned aircraft, either with or without cameras, shall not be operated by an Owner, Lessees, guests or invitees on, over or from any Lot or Common Area within NOBEL AT ETOWN, except for the purpose of an Owner or their authorized agent periodically inspecting the Owner's respective Lot or Home, or as otherwise permitted by the Board from time to time. The Board is specifically vested with the exclusive authority to adopt reasonable conditions and regulations concerning or related to the operation of drones or similar unmanned aircraft on, over or from Lots or Common Areas. All drones or similar unmanned aircraft systems shall only be operated in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations, all as amended from time to time. In no event shall an operator of a drone or similar unmanned aircraft system invade the privacy of another person on any Lot or the Common Area. No person shall operate a drone or similar unmanned aircraft system in any manner that constitutes a nuisance or harasses, annoys, or disturbs the quiet enjoyment of another person, including without limitation, to another Owner its Lessees, guests or invitees.
- 12.41 <u>Use of Homes</u>. Each Home is restricted to residential use as a residence by the Owner or permitted occupant thereof, guests, Lessees and invitees. This Section 12.41 shall not apply to Builders or E5 Holdings.
- 12.42 <u>Visibility on Corners</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Declaration, no obstruction to visibility at street intersections shall be permitted and such visibility clearances shall be maintained as required by the Board and governmental agencies. No vehicles, objects, fences, walls, hedges, shrubs or other planting shall be placed or permitted on a corner Lot where such obstruction would create a traffic problem.
 - 12.43 Wells and Septic Tanks. No individual wells or septic tanks will be permitted on any Lot.
- 12.44 <u>Wetlands and Mitigation Areas</u>. If the Common Areas may include one or more preserves, wetlands, and/or mitigation areas, no Owner or other person shall take any action or enter onto such areas so as to adversely affect the same without ACC approval and approval from any governmental agencies having jurisdiction. Such areas are to be maintained by the Association in their natural state.
- 12.45 <u>Window Treatments</u>. Within thirty (30) days of the conveyance of title of a Home to an Owner, such Owner shall install drapes, curtains, blinds or other window coverings. Window treatments shall consist of drapery, blinds, decorative panels, or other window coverings, and no newspaper, aluminum foil, sheets or other temporary window treatments are permitted. No security bars shall be placed on the windows of any Home without prior written approval of the ACC. No awnings, canopies or shutters shall be affixed to the exterior of a Home without the prior written approval of the ACC. No reflective tinting or mirror finishes on windows shall be permitted unless approved by the ACC. Owners are responsible for caulking or re-caulking all windows to insure water tightness. As used herein, the term "Window Treatment" is limited to traditional window coverings, and excludes, without limitation, sheets, toweling, newspaper, aluminum foil, cardboard or other similar temporary covering.
- 12.46 <u>Windows or Wall Units</u>. No window or wall air conditioning unit may be installed in any window or wall of a Home.
- 13. <u>Easement for Unintentional and Non-Negligent Encroachments</u>. If any building or improvement upon a Lot shall encroach upon another Lot or upon the Common Areas by reason of original

construction by the Declarant, E5 Holdings or any Builder, then an easement for such encroachment shall exist so long as the encroachment exists, with no further action required by the Declarant, the Builder or any Owner to establish such easement. Lots may contain improvements such as balconies, HVAC systems or other improvements that may pass over or underneath an adjacent Lot or over or underneath the Common Areas. A perpetual nonexclusive easement is herein granted to allow such improvement and to permit any natural water runoff from roof overhangs, eaves and other protrusions onto an adjacent Lot.

14. Requirement to Maintain Insurance.

- 14.1 <u>Insurance</u>. The Association shall maintain the following insurance coverage:
- 14.1.1 <u>Flood Insurance</u>. If the Common Areas are located within an area which has special flood hazards and for which flood insurance has been made available under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the Association shall maintain insurance coverage in appropriate amounts, available under NFIP for all buildings and other insurable property within any portion of the Common Areas located within a designated flood hazard area.
- 14.1.2 <u>Liability Insurance</u>. The Association shall procure for the Common Areas only commercial general liability insurance coverage providing coverage and limits deemed appropriate by the Board. Such policies must provide that they may not be cancelled or substantially modified by any party, without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Declarant (until the Community Completion Date) and the Association.
- 14.1.3 <u>Directors and Officers Liability Insurance</u>. Each member of the Board shall be covered by directors and officers liability insurance in such amounts and with such provisions as approved by the Board.
- 14.1.4 <u>Other Insurance</u>. The Association shall maintain such other insurance coverage as appropriate from time to time. All coverage obtained by the Association shall cover all activities of the Association and all properties maintained by the Association, whether or not the Association owns title thereto.
- 14.1.5 <u>Declarant</u>. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right, at the Association's expense, to provide insurance coverage under its master insurance policy in lieu of any of the foregoing.

14.2 <u>Homes</u>.

- 14.2.1 <u>Requirement to Maintain Insurance</u>. Each Owner of a Lot shall be required to obtain and maintain adequate insurance on his or her Home. Such insurance shall be sufficient for necessary repair or reconstruction work, and/or shall cover the costs to demolish a damaged Home as applicable, remove the debris, and to re-sod and landscape land comprising the Lot. Upon the request of the Association, each Owner shall be required to supply the Board with evidence of insurance coverage on its Home which complies with the provisions of this Section. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration or the powers of the Association, the Association shall specifically have the right to bring an action to require an Owner to comply with his or her obligations hereunder.
- 14.2.2 Requirement to Reconstruct or Demolish. In the event that any Home on a Lot is destroyed by fire or other casualty, the Owner of such Home shall do one of the following: (i) the Owner shall commence reconstruction and/or repair of the Home ("Required Repair"), or (ii) the Owner shall tear the Home down, remove all the debris, and resod and landscape the property comprising the Home as required by the ACC ("Required Demolition") to the extent permitted under law. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Repair, such work must be

commenced within thirty (30) days of the Owner's receipt of the insurance proceeds respecting such Home and the Required Repair must be completed within six (6) months from the date of the casualty or such longer period of time established by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion subject to extension if required by law. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Repair, such reconstruction and/or repair must be completed in a continuous, diligent, and timely manner. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Demolition, the Required Demolition must be completed within six (6) months from the date of the casualty or such longer period of time established by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion subject to extension if required by law. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, in the event an Owner elects to perform the Required Demolition, the Association shall have the right to require such Owner to thereafter commence to rebuild the Home, and such reconstruction/rebuilding of the Home must be completed within one (1) year from the date from the date such Required Demolition is completed, or such longer period of time established by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion subject to extension if required by law. As to any such reconstruction of a destroyed Home or improvements, the same shall only be replaced as approved by the ACC. The Association shall have the right to inspect the progress of all reconstruction and/or repair work. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration or the powers of the Association, the Association shall have a right to bring an action against an Owner who fails to comply with the foregoing requirements. By way of example, the Association may bring an action against an Owner who fails to either perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition on his or her Home within the time periods and in the manner provided herein. Each Owner acknowledges that the issuance of a building permit or a demolition permit in no way shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements set forth herein, which are independent of, and in addition to, any requirements for completion of work or progress requirements set forth in applicable statutes, zoning codes and/or building codes.

- 14.2.3 <u>Standard of Work.</u> The standard for all demolition, reconstruction, and other work performed as required by this Section 14.2 shall be in accordance with the Community Standards and any other standards established by the Association with respect to any casualty that affects all or a portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN.
- 14.2.4 Additional Rights of the Association. If an Owner of a Lot refuses or fails, for any reason, to perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition or such other reconstruction or repair as herein provided, then the Association, in its sole and absolute discretion, by and through its Board is hereby irrevocably authorized by such Owner to perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition or other such reconstruction or repair. All Required Repair performed by the Association pursuant to this Section shall be in conformance with the original plans and specifications for the Home. The Association shall have the absolute right to perform the Required Demolition to a Home pursuant to this Section if any contractor certifies in writing to the Association that such Home cannot be rebuilt or repaired. The Board may levy an Individual Assessment against the Owner in whatever amount sufficient to adequately pay for Required Repair or Required Demolition performed by the Association, including any costs incurred with the management and oversight of any such Required Repair or Required Demolition performed by the Association.
- 14.2.5 <u>Association Has No Liability</u>. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein or in any other Governing Document, neither the Association nor the Declarant shall be responsible for ensuring or confirming compliance with the insurance provisions contained herein, it being acknowledged by all Owners that such monitoring would be unnecessarily expensive and difficult. Moreover, neither the Association nor the Declarant shall be liable in any manner whatsoever for failure of an Owner to comply with this Section 14.
- 14.3 <u>Fidelity Bonds</u>. If available, the Association shall procure a blanket fidelity bond for all officers, directors, trustees and employees of the Association, and all other persons handling or responsible for funds of, or administered by, the Association. In the event the Association delegates some or all of the responsibility for the handling of the funds to a professional management company or

licensed manager, such bonds shall be required for its officers, employees and agents, handling or responsible for funds of, or administered on behalf of the Association. The amount of the fidelity bond shall be based upon the Board's reasonable business judgment.

- 14.4 <u>Compliance Monitoring</u>. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein or in any other Governing Document, neither the Association nor the Declarant shall be responsible for ensuring or confirming compliance with the insurance provisions contained herein, it being acknowledged by all Owners that such monitoring would be unnecessarily expensive and difficult. Moreover, neither the Association nor the Declarant shall be liable in any manner whatsoever for failure of an Owner to comply with this Section.
- 14.5 <u>Association as Agent</u>. The Association is irrevocably appointed agent for each Owner of any interest relating to the Common Areas and Homes to adjust all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by the Association and to execute and deliver releases upon the payment of claims.
- 14.6 <u>Casualty to Common Areas</u>. In the event of damage to the Common Areas, or any portion thereof, the Association shall be responsible for reconstruction after casualty.
- 14.7 <u>Nature of Reconstruction</u>. Any reconstruction of improvements hereunder shall be substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications of the original improvement, or as the improvement was last constructed, subject to modification to conform to the then current governmental regulation(s).
- 14.8 <u>Cost of Payment of Premiums</u>. The costs of all insurance maintained by the Association hereunder, and any other fees or expenses incurred that may be necessary or incidental to carry out the provisions hereof are Operating Expenses.
- 14.9 <u>Declarant, Builders and E5 Holdings have No Liability.</u> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the Declarant, Builders, E5 Holdings and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, and any related persons or corporations and their employees, attorneys, agents, officers and directors shall not be liable to any Owner or any other person should the Association fail for any reason whatsoever to obtain insurance coverage for the Common Areas or should the Owner fail for any reason whatsoever to obtain insurance coverage for their Home.
- 14.10 <u>Additional Insured</u>. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant shall be named as additional insured on all policies obtained by the Association, as their interests may appear.

15. Property Rights.

- 15.1 Owners' Easement of Enjoyment. Every Builder, Owner, its permitted occupants, Lessees, guests and invitees, and every owner of an interest in NOBEL AT ETOWN shall have a non-exclusive right and easement of enjoyment in and to those portions of the Common Areas that it is entitled to use for their intended purpose, subject to the following provisions:
 - 15.1.1 Easements, restrictions, reservations, conditions, limitations and declarations of record, now or hereafter existing, and the provisions of this Declaration, as amended or supplemented from time to time;
 - 15.1.2 Rules and Regulations governing use and enjoyment of the Common Areas;
 - 15.1.3 The right of the Association to suspend rights hereunder, including, without limitation, voting rights, or to impose fines in accordance with Section 720.305; Florida Statutes (2019);

- 15.1.4 The right of the Association to suspend an Owner's or Lessee's right to use (except vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and necessary utilities) all or a portion of the Common Areas for any period during which any Assessment levied against that Owner remains unpaid;
- 15.1.5 The right of the Declarant and/or the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas. No such dedication or transfer by the Association shall be effective prior to the Community Completion Date without prior written consent of the Declarant;
- 15.1.6 The right of the Declarant and/or the Association to modify the Common Areas as set forth in this Declaration;
- 15.1.7 The perpetual right of the Declarant, E5 Holdings and Builders, as applicable, to access and enter the Common Areas constructed by the Declarant or such Builder, as applicable, at any time, even after the Community Completion Date, for the purposes of Inspection and testing of the Common Areas. The Association and each Owner shall give the Declarant, E5 Holdings and applicable Builders unfettered access, ingress and egress to such Common Areas so that so the Declarant, E5 Holdings and such Builders as applicable, and/or their agents can perform all tests and inspections deemed necessary by the Declarant, E5 Holdings and applicable Builders, shall have the right to make all repairs and replacements deemed necessary by the Declarant. At no time shall the Association or any Owner prevent, prohibit and/or interfere with any testing, repair or replacement deemed necessary by the Declarant, E5 Holdings and applicable Builders relative to any portion of the Common Areas constructed by same;
- 15.1.8 The rights of the Declarant, E5 Holdings, Builders and/or the Association reserved in this Declaration, including the right to utilize the same and to grant use rights to others; and
- 15.1.9 An Owner relinquishes use of the Common Areas during the time that a Home is leased to a Lessee.
- 15.2 <u>Ingress and Egress</u>. An ingress and egress easement is hereby created and reserved by the Declarant for the Owners, their Lessees, guests and invitees, for pedestrian traffic over, through and across sidewalks, paths, walks, driveways, passageways, and lanes as the same, from time to time, may exist upon, or be designed as part of, the Common Areas, and for vehicular traffic over, through and across such portions of the Common Areas, as may be paved and intended for such purposes.
- Development Easement. In addition to the rights reserved elsewhere herein, the Declarant reserves an easement for itself, E5 Holdings (so long as E5 Holdings owns any real property subject to the Declaration) and for Builders (subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration with respect to Builders), and their nominees, over, upon, across, and under NOBEL AT ETOWN as may be required in connection with the development of NOBEL AT ETOWN, and/or other lands designated by the Declarant, and to promote or otherwise facilitate the development, construction and sale and/or leasing of Homes, or any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN, and/or other lands designated by the Declarant. Without limiting the foregoing, the Declarant specifically reserves for itself and for Builders, E5 Holdings, and their subcontractors, suppliers and consultants, the right to use all paved roads and rights of way within NOBEL AT ETOWN for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress to and from construction sites. Specifically, each Owner acknowledges construction vehicles and trucks may use portions of the Common Areas. The Declarant, E5 Holdings and Builders shall have no liability or obligation to repave, restore, or repair any portion of the Common Areas as a result of the use of the same by construction traffic, and all maintenance and repair of such Common Areas shall be deemed ordinary maintenance of the Association payable by all Owners as part of the Operating Expenses. Without limiting the foregoing, at no time shall the Declarant, E5 Holdings and/or Builders be obligated to pay any amount to the Association on account of the Declarant's, E5 Holdings' and/or Builders' use of the Common Areas. The Declarant, E5 Holdings and Builders intend to use the Common Areas for sales of Lots and Homes.

Further, the Declarant may market other residences and commercial properties located outside of NOBEL AT ETOWN from the Declarant's sales facilities located within NOBEL AT ETOWN. The Declarant, E5 Holdings and Builders have the right to use all portions of the Common Areas in connection with its marketing activities, including, without limitation, allowing members of the general public to inspect model homes, installing signs and displays, holding promotional parties and outings, and using the Common Areas for every other type of promotional or sales activity that may be employed in the marketing of residential homes, subject to the prior written approval of the Declarant. At no time shall the Declarant, E5 Holdings and/or any Builder incur an expense whatsoever in connection with its use and enjoyment of such rights and easements. The easements created by this Section 15.3, and the rights reserved herein in favor of the Declarant, E5 Holdings and Builders, shall be construed as broadly as possible and supplement the other rights of the Declarant, E5 Holdings and Builders set forth in this Declaration. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the exercise of such the easement rights reserved in favor of Builders pursuant to this Section 15.3 shall be subject to the Declarant's prior written authorization provided in a written instrument executed by the Declarant and, at the Declarant's option, recorded in the Public Records.

- 15.4 <u>Public Easements</u>. Fire, police, school transportation, health, sanitation and other public service and utility company personnel and vehicles shall have a permanent and perpetual easement for ingress and egress over and across the Common Areas.
- 15.5 <u>Delegation of Use</u>. Every Owner shall be deemed to have delegated its right of enjoyment to the Common Areas to the Owner's Lessees, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations, as may be promulgated from time to time. Any such delegation shall not relieve any Owner from its responsibilities and obligations provided herein.
- 15.6 <u>Easement for Encroachments</u>. In the event that any improvement upon Common Areas as originally constructed, shall encroach upon any other property or improvements thereon, or for any reason, then an easement appurtenant to the encroachment shall exist for so long as the encroachment shall naturally exist.
- 15.7 Permits, Licenses and Easements. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant, and thereafter the Association, shall, in addition to the specific rights reserved to the Declarant herein, have the right to grant, modify, amend and terminate permits, licenses and easements over, upon, across, under and through NOBEL AT ETOWN (including Lots, Parcels and/or Homes) for telecommunication systems, utilities, roads and other purposes reasonably necessary or useful as it determines, in its sole discretion. To the extent legally required, each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to the Declarant, and thereafter the Association, an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.
- 15.8 <u>Support Easement and Maintenance Easement</u>. An easement is hereby created for the existence and maintenance of supporting structures (and the replacement thereof) in favor of the entity required to maintain the same. An easement is hereby created for maintenance purposes (including access to perform such maintenance) over and across NOBEL AT ETOWN (including Lots, Parcels, and Homes) for the reasonable and necessary maintenance of Common Areas, utilities, cables, wires and other similar facilities.
- 15.9 <u>Drainage</u>. A non-exclusive easement shall exist in favor of the Declarant, E5 Holdings, the Association, SJRWMD, the District, the County, the City, and/or any governmental agency having jurisdiction over NOBEL AT ETOWN over, across and upon NOBEL AT ETOWN for drainage, irrigation and water management purposes. Any such drainage easement shall not contain permanent improvements, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveways, impervious surfaces, patios, decks, pools, air conditioners, structures, utility sheds, poles, fences, irrigation systems, trees, shrubs, hedges or landscaping plants other than grass, except for (i) improvements installed by the Declarant, E5 Holdings, or Builders, (ii) landscaping of the SMS, (iii) as required by the District, as applicable, the County, the City or the Permit, and/or (iv) improvements approved by the ACC. A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress and access exists over, across and upon NOBEL AT ETOWN for such parties in order to

construct, maintain, inspect, record data on, monitor, test, or repair, as necessary, any water management areas, conservation areas, mitigation areas, irrigation systems and facilities thereon and appurtenances thereto. No structure, landscaping, or other material shall be placed or be permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the drainage or irrigation of NOBEL AT ETOWN and/or installation or maintenance of utilities or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through NOBEL AT ETOWN and/or water management areas and facilities or otherwise interfere with any drainage, irrigation and/or easement provided for in this Section or the use rights set forth elsewhere in this Declaration. Any such drainage easement shall be deemed part of the SMS.

- 15.10 <u>Blanket Easement in favor of the Association</u>. The Association is hereby granted an easement over all of NOBEL AT ETOWN, including all Lots, for the purposes of: (i) constructing, maintaining, replacing and operating all Common Areas; (ii) performing any obligation the Association is obligated to perform under this Declaration; and (iii) performing any obligation of an Owner for which the Association intends to impose an Individual Assessment.
- 15.11 <u>Duration</u>. All easements created herein or pursuant to the provisions hereof shall be perpetual unless stated to the contrary.

16. Cypress Bluff Community Development District.

- 16.1 <u>Generally.</u> Certain Facilities serving NOBEL AT ETOWN may be owned by CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (the "<u>CDD</u>" or "<u>District</u>"), such as recreational facilities and/or utilities. In the event that any portions of the facilities serving NOBEL AT ETOWN are owned by the CDD, such facilities shall not be part of the Common Areas, but will be part of the infrastructure facilities owned by the CDD (the "<u>Facilities</u>"). EACH PERSON BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A LOT HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THE FACILITIES ARE NOT COMMON AREA OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND FURTHER WAIVES ANY CLAIM OR RIGHT TO HAVE ANY PORTION OF THE FACILITIES BE CONSIDERED AS COMMON AREA.
- Creation of the CDD. The CDD may issue, or has issued, Special Assessment Bonds (the "Bonds") to finance a portion of the cost of the Facilities. The CDD is an independent, multi-purpose, special district created pursuant to Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. The creation of the CDD puts Homes and other portions of NOBEL AT ETOWN under the jurisdiction of the CDD. The CDD may be authorized to finance, fund, install, equip, extend, construct or reconstruct, without limitation, the following: recreational facilities, water and sewer facilities, environmental mitigation, roadways, utility plants and lines, land acquisition, miscellaneous utilities for the community and other infrastructure projects and services necessitated by the development of, and serving lands, within NOBEL AT ETOWN and lands adjacent to or within the proximity of NOBEL AT ETOWN (the "Public Infrastructure"). The estimated design, development, construction and acquisition costs for these Facilities may be funded by the CDD in one or more series of governmental bond financings utilizing special assessment bonds or other revenue backed bonds. The CDD may issue both long term debt and short term debt to finance the Public Infrastructure. The principal and interest on the special assessments bonds may be repaid through non ad valorem special assessments (the "District Debt Service Assessments") levied on all benefiting properties in the CDD, which property has been found to be specially benefited by the Public Infrastructure. The principal and interest on the other revenue backed bonds (the "District Revenue Bonds") may be repaid through user fees, franchise fees or other use related revenues. In addition to the bonds issued to fund the Public Infrastructure costs, the CDD may also impose an annual non ad valorem special assessment to fund the operations of the CDD and the maintenance and repair of its Public Infrastructure and services (the "District Maintenance Special Assessments").
- 16.3 <u>CDD Assessments</u>. The District Debt Service Assessments and District Maintenance Special Assessments will not be taxes but, under Florida law, constitute a lien co-equal with the lien of state, County, municipal, and school board taxes and may be collected on the ad valorem tax bill sent each year by the Tax Collector of Duval County and disbursed to the CDD. The homestead exemption is not applicable to the CDD assessments. Because a tax bill cannot be paid in part, failure to pay the District Debt Service Assessments, District Maintenance Special Assessments or any other portion of the

tax bill will result in the sale of tax certificates and could ultimately result in the loss of title to the property of the delinquent taxpayer through the issuance of a tax deed. The District Revenue Bonds are not taxes or liens on property. If the fees and user charges underlying the District Revenue Bonds are not paid, then such fees and user charges could become liens on the property which could ultimately result in the loss of title to the property through the issuance of a tax deed. The actual amount of District Debt Service Assessments will be set forth in the District Assessment Methodology Report. District Maintenance Special Assessments relating to Facilities will be determined by the CDD. Any future CDD assessments and/or other charges due with respect to the Facilities are direct obligations of Owner and are secured by a lien against Owner's Lot and Home. Failure to pay such sums may result in loss of an Owner's Lot and Home. The CDD may construct, in part or in whole, by the issuance of Bonds certain facilities that may consist of roads, Perimeter Walls/Fences, utilities and/or drainage system, as the CDD determines in its sole discretion.

- 16.4 Facilities Part of CDD. Portions of the Common Areas may become part of the CDD. In such event, the Common Areas that become part of the Facilities, will be part of the CDD and the CDD shall govern the use and maintenance of the Facilities. Some of the provisions of this Declaration will not apply to such Facilities, as the Facilities will no longer be Common Areas once conveyed to the CDD. ANY CONVEYANCE OF COMMON AREAS TO THE CDD SHALL IN NO WAY INVALIDATE THIS DECLARATION. The Declarant may decide, in its sole and absolute discretion, to convey additional portions of the Common Areas to either the CDD or the Association. If conveyed to the CDD, such portions of the Common Areas shall thereafter be part of the CDD Facilities. The CDD or the Association may promulgate rules, regulations and/or covenants that may outline use restrictions for the Facilities, or the Association's responsibility to maintain the Facilities, if any. The establishment of the CDD and the inclusion of Facilities in the CDD will obligate each Owner to become responsible for the payment of District Debt Service Assessments and District Maintenance Special Assessments for the construction and operation of the Facilities as set forth in this Section.
- 16.5 <u>Facilities Owned by CDD</u>. The Facilities will be maintained and operated by the CDD; however Facilities may be owned by a governmental entity other than the CDD. The Facilities shall be used and enjoyed by the Owners on a non-exclusive basis, in common with such other persons, entities, and corporations that may be entitled to use the Facilities. In addition to the Facilities, the CDD may purchase and own the Club.
- 16.6 <u>District Facilities</u>. The District may contract with the Association for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Facilities, subject to any written agreement accepted by the Association.

17. Assessments.

- 17.1 <u>General</u>. Each Owner and Builder, by acceptance of a deed or instrument of conveyance for the acquisition of title in any manner (whether or not so expressed in the deed), including any purchaser at a judicial sale, shall be deemed to have covenanted and agreed to pay to the Association at the time and in the manner required by the Board, assessments or charges as are fixed, established and collected from time to time by the Association (collectively, the "<u>Assessments</u>"). As Vacant Lots and Spec Lots (as defined herein) may not receive certain services, all Lots will not be assessed uniformly.
- 17.2 <u>Purpose of Assessments</u>. The Assessments levied by the Association shall be used for, among other things, the purpose of operating and maintaining the Association and NOBEL AT ETOWN. Assessments shall include the following categories of charges as and when levied and deemed payable by the Board:
 - 17.2.1 Any periodic assessment (on such frequency as determined by the Board) or charge for the purpose of operating the Association and accomplishing any and all of its purposes, as determined in accordance herewith, including, without limitation, payment of the Operating Expenses and collection of amounts necessary to pay any deficits from prior years' operation ("Installment Assessments");

- 17.2.2 Any special assessments for capital improvements, major repairs, emergencies, or nonrecurring expenses ("Special Assessments");
- 17.2.3 Any specific fees, dues or charges to be paid for any special services, for any special or personal use of the Common Areas, or to reimburse the Association for the expenses incurred in connection with such service or use ("Use Fees");
- 17.2.4 Assessments of any kind for the creation of reasonable reserves for any of the aforesaid purposes. The Board may, but shall have no obligation to, include a "Reserve for Replacement" in the Installment Assessments in order to establish and maintain an adequate reserve fund for the periodic maintenance, repair, and replacement of improvements comprising a portion of the Common Areas (the "Reserves"). Reserves shall be payable in such manner and at such times as determined by the Association, and may be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the Reserves are established; and
- 17.2.5 Any specific assessment for costs incurred by the Association, or charges, fees or fines levied against a specific Lot or Lots, or the record title owner(s) thereof, which amounts are by their nature applicable only to one or more Lots, but less than all Lots ("Individual Assessments"). By way of example and not limitation, in the event an Owner fails to maintain their Lot or the exterior of their Home in a manner required by the Governing Documents, the Association shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon the Lot and to repair, restore, and maintain the Lot and/or Home as required by the Governing Documents. The costs of any such repair, restoration and/or maintenance, plus the reasonable administrative expenses of the Association and any costs incurred in bringing a Lot and/or Home into compliance with the Governing Documents shall be an Individual Assessment. The lien for an Individual Assessment may be foreclosed in the same manner as any other Assessment.
- 17.3 <u>Designation</u>. The designation of Assessment type and amount shall be made by the Association. Prior to the Turnover, any such designation must be approved by the Declarant. Such designation may be made on the budget prepared by the Association. The designation shall be binding upon all Owners.

17.4 Allocation of Operating Expenses.

Commencing on the first day of the period covered by the annual budget, and until the adoption of the next annual budget, the Assessments for Operating Expenses and Reserves (if any) shall be allocated so that each Owner shall pay Operating Expenses, Special Assessments and Reserves based upon a fraction, the numerator of which is one (1) and the denominator of which is the total number of all Lots in NOBEL AT ETOWN conveyed to Owners or any greater number determined by the Declarant from time to time. The Declarant, in its sole and absolute discretion may change such denominator from time to time; provided, however, under no circumstances will the denominator be less than the number of Lots owned by Owners. In addition, any Lot that does not have a Home constructed thereon as evidenced by a Certificate of Occupancy (a "Vacant Lot") and any Lot that has a Home constructed thereon but is owned by the Declarant, E5 Holdings or a Builder (a "Spec Lot") shall be assessed at ten percent (10%) of the Installment Assessment assessed to Lots with Homes constructed thereon and owned by Owners. This lesser Assessment amount reflects that Vacant Lots and Spec Lots will not benefit from maintenance and other services provided by the Association. At such time as a Home is conveyed to an Owner, then the Vacant Lot and/or Spec Lot shall be deemed a fully assessed Lot and shall be responsible for one-hundred percent (100%) of Installment Assessments, except as otherwise provided herein. The Assessments for Vacant Lots and Spec Lots shall be additional income to the Association and shall be used at the discretion of the Board for any purpose, including, without limitation, future and existing capital improvements, Operating Expenses, support costs and start-up costs. Vacant Lots and Spec Lots shall not be included in the denominator used to determine each Owner's pro rata share of the Operating Expenses and

Reserves (if any), unless otherwise determined by the Declarant in its sole and absolute discretion. In no event, however, shall the Declarant pay Special Assessments.

- 17.4.2 In the event the Operating Expenses as estimated in the budget for a particular fiscal year are, after the actual Operating Expenses for that period is known, less than the actual costs, then the difference shall, at the election of the Association: (i) be added to the calculation of Installment Assessments, as applicable, for the next ensuing fiscal year; or (ii) be immediately collected from the Owners as a Special Assessment. The Association shall have the unequivocal right to specially assess Owners retroactively on January 1st of any year for any shortfall in Installment Assessments, which Special Assessment shall relate back to the date that the Installment Assessments could have been made. After the Turnover Date, no vote of the Owners shall be required for such Special Assessment (or for any other Assessment) except to the extent specifically provided herein. Prior to the Turnover, a Special Assessment may be levied by the Association with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Owners' Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members.
- 17.4.3 Each Owner agrees that so long as it does not pay more than the required amount it shall have no grounds upon which to object to either the method of payment or non-payment by other Owners or the Declarant, E5 Holdings or Builders of any sums due.
- General Assessments Allocation. Installment Assessments and Reserves (if any) shall be uniform for all Lots improved with a Home, except as provided herein. Special Assessments and Reserves shall be allocated equally to each Owner. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Governing Documents, but subject to the rights of the Declarant pursuant to Section 17.8 of this Declaration, Vacant Lots and Spec Lots shall be assessed at ten percent (10%) of the Installment Assessments assessed to Lots with Homes constructed thereon and owned by Owners. This lesser Assessment amount reflects that Vacant Lots and Spec Lots will not benefit from maintenance and other services provided by the Association. At such time as a Home is conveyed to an Owner, then the Spec Lot shall be deemed a fully assessed Lot and shall be responsible for one-hundred percent (100%) of Installment Assessments and Special Assessments, except as otherwise provided herein. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, Vacant Lots and Spec Lots shall not be responsible for Reserves.
- 17.6 <u>Use Fees and Individual Assessment.</u> Except as hereinafter specified to the contrary, Use Fees and Individual Assessments shall be made against the record title owner(s) and Builders benefiting from, or subject to, the special service or cost as specified by the Association. The Declarant and E5 Holdings shall not be required to pay Use Fees or Individual Assessments.
- 17.7 Commencement of First Assessment. Assessments shall commence as to each Owner on the day of the conveyance of title of a Home to such Owner. Assessments shall commence as to a Builder on the day of the conveyance of title of a Lot to such Builder. The record title owner of a Lot is jointly and severally liable with the previous record title owner of the Lot for all unpaid Assessments that came due up to the time of transfer of title. A record title owner of a Lot, regardless of how title to the Lot has been acquired, including by purchase at a foreclosure sale or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, is liable for all Assessments that come due while such person or entity was the record title owner of the Lot. An Owner's or Builder's liability for Assessments may not be avoided by waiver or suspension of the use or enjoyment of any Common Areas or by abandonment of the Lot upon which the Assessments are made.
- 17.8 Shortfalls and Surpluses. Each Owner acknowledges that because Installment Assessments, Special Assessments, and Reserves are allocated based on the formula provided herein, or upon the number of Lots conveyed to Owners in the prior fiscal year, it is possible the Association may collect more or less than the amount budgeted for Operating Expenses. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the option to (i) pay any Operating Expenses incurred by the Association that exceed the Assessments receivable from Owners and Builders and other income of the Association, including, without limitation, the Initial Contributions, late fees and interest (the "Deficit"), or (ii) pay

Installment Assessments on Homes or Lots owned by the Declarant at the applicable rate of Installment Assessments established for Lots and Homes, including Vacant Lots and Spec Lots, owned by Class A Members. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the Declarant shall never be required to (i) pay Assessments if the Declarant has elected to fund the Deficit instead of paying Assessments on Homes or Lots owned by the Declarant, (ii) pay Special Assessments, Individual Assessments or Reserves, or (iii) fund deficits due to delinquent Owners. Any surplus Assessments collected by the Association may be allocated towards the next year's Operating Expenses or, in the Board's sole and absolute discretion, to the creation of Reserves, whether or not budgeted. Under no circumstances shall the Association be required to pay surplus Assessments to Owners or Builders. The Declarant may at any time give thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association terminating its responsibility for funding the Deficit, and waiving its right to exclusion from Assessments. Upon giving such notice, or upon Turnover, whichever is sooner, each Lot owned by the Declarant shall thereafter be assessed at the applicable rate of Installment Assessments established for Lots and Homes, including Vacant Lots and Spec Lots, owned by Class A Members. The Declarant shall not be responsible for any Reserves, Individual Assessments or Special Assessments, even after the Turnover. The Declarant shall be assessed only for Lots which are subject to the operation of this Declaration. Upon transfer of title of a Lot owned by the Declarant, the Lot shall be assessed in the amount established for Lots owned by Owners other than the Declarant, prorated as of and commencing with, the month following the date of transfer of title.

THE DECLARANT DOES NOT PROVIDE A GUARANTEE OF THE LEVEL OF ASSESSMENTS. AS SUCH, THERE IS NO MAXIMUM GUARANTEED LEVEL OF ASSESSMENTS DUE FROM OWNERS. IN THE EVENT THE DECLARANT ELECTS TO DEFICIT FUND IN LIEU OF PAYING ASSESSMENTS ON THE SAME BASIS AS OTHER OWNERS, THE DECLARANT SHALL SPECIFICALLY ELECT TO FUND THE DEFICIT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 720.308(1)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES (2019). AS SUCH, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 720.308(2) THROUGH 720.308(6), FLORIDA STATUTES (2019), ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO THE DECLARANT OR THE CALCULATION OF THE DEFICIT OR OTHER AMOUNTS DUE FROM THE DECLARANT.

- 17.9 <u>Budgets</u>. The initial budget prepared by the Declarant is adopted as the budget for the period of operation until adoption of the first annual Association budget. Thereafter, annual budgets shall be prepared and adopted by the Board. Assessments shall be payable by each Owner and Builder as provided in this Declaration. THE INITIAL BUDGET OF THE ASSOCIATION IS PROJECTED (NOT BASED ON HISTORICAL OPERATING FIGURES). THEREFORE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ACTUAL ASSESSMENTS MAY BE LESS OR GREATER THAN PROJECTED.
- 17.10 <u>Establishment of Assessments</u>. Assessments shall be established in accordance with the following procedures:
 - 17.10.1 Installment Assessments shall be established by the adoption of a twelve (12) month operating budget by the Board. The budget shall be in the form required by Section 720.303(6), Florida Statutes (2019). The Board may from time to time determine when the Installment Assessments will be collected by the Association (i.e. monthly, quarterly, or annually). Unless otherwise established by the Board, Installment Assessments shall be collected in advance on a quarterly basis.
 - 17.10.2 Special Assessments and Individual Assessments may be established by the Association, from time to time, and shall be payable at such time or time(s) as determined by the Board. Until the Community Completion Date, no Special Assessment shall be imposed without the consent of the Declarant.
 - 17.10.3 The Association may establish, from time to time, by resolution, rule or regulation, or by delegation to an officer or agent, including, a professional management company, Use Fees. The sums established shall be payable by the Owner utilizing the service or facility as determined by the Association.

17.11 <u>Initial Contribution</u>. The first purchaser of each Home from the Declarant or a Builder, at the time of closing of the conveyance from the Declarant or Builder to the purchaser, shall pay to the Association an initial contribution in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$350.00) (the "<u>Initial Contribution</u>"). The funds derived from the Initial Contributions are income to the Association and shall be used by the Board exclusively for purposes which provide a direct benefit (as defined in 77 Fed. Reg. 15574 (Mar. 16, 2012)) to NOBEL AT ETOWN, including, without limitation, future and existing capital improvements, Operating Expenses, support costs and start-up costs. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, any Builder purchasing a Lot from the Declarant or E5 Holdings is not obligated to pay the Initial Contribution to the Association.

17.12 [Intentionally Deleted].

- 17.13 Assessment Estoppel Certificates. No Owner shall sell or convey its interest in a Lot or Home unless all sums due to the Association have been paid in full and an estoppel certificate shall have been received from the Association by such Owner. The Association shall prepare and maintain a ledger noting Assessments due from each Owner. The ledger shall be kept in the office of the Association, or its designees, and shall be open to inspection by any Owner. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a written request therefor from an Owner, there shall be furnished to an Owner an estoppel certificate in writing setting forth whether the Assessments have been paid and/or the amount that is due as of any date. As to parties other than Owners who, without knowledge of error, rely on the certificate, the certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the amount of any Assessment therein stated. The Owner requesting the estoppel certificate shall be required to pay the Association, or its Manager (as defined below), as applicable, a reasonable sum to cover the costs of examining records and preparing such estoppel certificate.
- 17.14 <u>Payment of Home Real Estate Taxes</u>. Each Owner and Builder shall pay all taxes and obligations relating to its Lot which, if not paid, could become a lien against the Lot that is superior to the lien for Assessments created by this Declaration.
- 17.15 <u>Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation</u>. Each Owner and Builder, by acceptance of a deed or instrument of conveyance for the acquisition of title to a Lot, shall be deemed to have covenanted and agreed that the Assessments, and/or other charges and fees set forth herein, together with interest, late fees, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels of proceedings including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, shall be a charge and continuing lien in favor of the Association encumbering the Lot and all personal property located thereon owned by the Owner Builder against whom each such Assessment is made. The lien is effective from and after recording a Claim of Lien in the Public Records stating the legal description of the Lot, name of the Owner or Builder, and the amounts due as of that date, but shall relate back to the date that this Declaration is recorded. The Claim of Lien shall also cover any additional amounts which accrue thereafter until satisfied. Each Assessment, together with interest, late fees, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, and other costs and expenses provided for herein, shall be the personal obligation of the person or entity that was the record title owner of the Lot at the time when the Assessment became due, as well as the such record title owner's heirs, devisees, personal representatives, successors or assigns.
- 17.16 <u>Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages</u>. The lien for Assessments shall be subordinate to (i) the lien of all taxes, bonds, assessments, including District assessments, and other governmental levies which by law would be superior, and (ii) the lien or charge of a bona fide first mortgage held by a Lender on any Lot, if the mortgage is recorded in the Public Records prior to the Claim of Lien. The lien for Assessments shall not be affected by any sale or transfer of a Lot, except in the event of a sale or transfer of a Lot pursuant to a foreclosure (or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise) of a bona fide first mortgage held by a Lender, in which event, the acquirer of title, its successors and assigns, shall be liable for Assessments which became due prior to such sale or transfer to the extent provided in Section 720.3085, Florida Statutes (2019). Any such unpaid Assessments for which such acquirer of title is not liable may be reallocated and assessed to all Owners (including such acquirer of title) as a part of the Operating Expenses. Any sale or transfer pursuant to a foreclosure (or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise pursuant to a foreclosure) shall not relieve the record title owner from liability for, nor the Lot

from, the lien of any Assessments made thereafter. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as releasing the party liable for any delinquent Assessments from the payment thereof, or the enforcement of collection by means other than foreclosure. A Lender shall give written notice to the Association if the mortgage held by such Lender is in default. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to cure such default within the time periods provided in the mortgage held by such Lender. In the event the Association makes such payment on behalf of a record title owner, the Association shall, in addition to all other rights reserved herein, be subrogated to all of the rights of the Lender. All amounts advanced on behalf of a record title owner pursuant to this Section shall be added to Assessments payable by such record title owner with appropriate interest.

- 17.17 <u>Acceleration</u>. In the event of a default in the payment of any Assessment, the Association may accelerate the Assessments then due for up to the next ensuing twelve (12) month period.
- 17.18 Non-Payment of Assessments. If any Assessment is not paid within ten (10) days (or such other period of time established by the Board) after the due date, a late fee of Twenty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$25.00) per month (or such greater amount established by the Board), together with interest in an amount equal to the maximum rate allowable by law (or such lesser rate established by the Board), per annum, beginning from the due date until paid in full, may be levied. The late fee shall compensate the Association for administrative costs, loss of use of money, and accounting expenses. The Association may, at any time thereafter, bring an action at law against the record title owner personally obligated to pay the same, and/or foreclose the lien against the Lot, or both. The Association shall not be required to bring such an action if it believes that the best interests of the Association would not be served by doing so. There shall be added to the Assessment all costs expended in preserving the priority of the lien and all costs and expenses of collection, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, at all levels of proceedings, including appeals, collection and bankruptcy. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for Assessments provided for herein by non-use of, or the waiver of the right to use the Common Areas or by abandonment of a Lot or Home. All payments on accounts shall be first applied to fines levied in accordance with the terms of this Declaration, interest accrued by the Association, then to any administrative late fee, then to costs and attorneys' fees, and then to the delinquent Assessment payment first due. The allocation of payment described in the previous sentence shall apply notwithstanding any restrictive endorsement, designation, or instruction placed on or accompanying a payment.
- 17.19 Exemption. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein the Association shall not be responsible for any Assessments of any nature or any portion of the Operating Expenses, except as the record title owner of a Home, if applicable. Further, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Declarant and E5 Holdings shall not be responsible for Special Assessments or Reserves. The Declarant, at the Declarant's sole option, may pay Assessments on Lots owned by it, or fund the Deficit, if any, as set forth in Section 17.8 herein. In addition, the Board shall have the right to exempt any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN subject to this Declaration from the Assessments, provided that such part of NOBEL AT ETOWN exempted is used (and as long as it is used) for any of the following purposes:
 - 17.19.1 Any easement or other interest therein dedicated and accepted by the local public authority and devoted to public use; and
 - 17.19.2 Any of NOBEL AT ETOWN exempted from ad valorem taxation by the laws of the State of Florida or exempted from Assessments by other provisions of this Declaration.
- 17.20 <u>Collection by Declarant</u>. If for any reason the Association shall fail or be unable to levy or collect Assessments, then in that event, the Declarant shall at all times have the right, but not the obligation: (i) to advance such sums as a loan to the Association to bear interest and to be repaid as hereinafter set forth; and/or (ii) to levy and collect such Assessments by using the remedies available as set forth above, including, but not limited to, recovery of attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy. Such remedies shall be deemed assigned to the Declarant for such purposes. If the Declarant advances sums, it shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement, on demand, from the Association for such amounts so paid, plus interest thereon at the

Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two percent (2%), plus any costs of collection including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy.

- 17.21 Rights to Pay Assessments and Receive Reimbursement. The Association, the Declarant and any Lender shall have the right, but not the obligation, jointly and severally, and at their sole option, to pay any Assessments or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a lien or charge against any Lot or Home. If so paid, the party paying the same shall be subrogated to the enforcement rights of the Association with regard to the amounts due.
- 17.22 <u>Mortgagee Right</u>. Each Lender may request in writing the Association notify such Lender of any default of the Owner of the Home subject to the Lender's mortgage which default is not cured within thirty (30) days after the Association learns of such default. A failure by the Association to furnish notice to any Lender shall not result in liability of the Association because such notice is given as a courtesy to a Lender and the furnishing of such notice is not an obligation of the Association to Lender.
- 17.23 <u>Collection from Lessees</u>. If a Home is occupied by a Lessee and the Owner is delinquent in the payment of Assessments, the Association may demand from the Lessee payment to the Association of all monetary obligations, including, without limitation, Assessments due from the Owner to the Association. So long as the Owner remains delinquent, future rent payments due to the Owner must be paid to the Association and shall be credited to the monetary obligations of the Owner to the Association; provided, however, if within fourteen (14) days from the receipt of written demand of the Association, the Lessee provides the Association with written evidence of making prepaid rent payments, the Lessee shall receive a credit for the prepaid rent for the applicable period of such prepaid rent.

18. <u>Information to Lenders, Builders and Owners.</u>

- 18.1 <u>Availability</u>. There shall be available for inspections upon request, during normal business hours or under other reasonable circumstances, to Owners, Builders, E5 Holdings, and Lenders current copies of the Governing Documents.
- 18.2 <u>Copying</u>. Any Owner, Builder and/or Lender and E5 Holdings shall be entitled, upon written request, and at its cost, to a copy of the documents referred to above.
- 18.3 <u>Notice</u>. Upon written request by a Lender (identifying the name and address of the Lender and the name and address of the applicable Owner), the Lender will be entitled to timely written notice of:
 - 18.3.1 Any condemnation loss or casualty loss which affects a material portion of a Home to the extent the Association is notified of the same;
 - 18.3.2 Any delinquency in the payment of Assessments owed by an Owner of a Home subject to a first mortgage held by the Lender, which remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days;
 - 18.3.3 Any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained hereunder; and
 - 18.3.4 Any proposed action that specifically requires the consent of a Lender.
- 18.4 <u>Failure of Lender to Respond</u>. Any Lender who receives a written request to respond to proposed amendment(s) to the Governing Documents shall be deemed to have approved such amendment(s) if the Lender does not submit a response to any such request within sixty (60) days after it receives proper notice of the proposed amendment(s); provided such request is delivered to the Lender by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

19. Architectural Control.

- Association and shall administer and perform the architectural and landscape review and control functions relating to NOBEL AT ETOWN. The ACC shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members who shall initially be named by the Declarant and who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Declarant. Until the Community Completion Date, the Declarant shall have the right to change the number of members on the ACC, and to appoint, remove, and replace all members of the ACC. The Declarant shall determine which members of the ACC shall serve as its chairman and co-chairman. In the event of the failure, refusal, or inability to act of any of the members appointed by the Declarant, the Declarant shall have the right to replace any member within thirty (30) days of such occurrence. If the Declarant fails to replace that member, the remaining members of the ACC shall fill the vacancy by appointment. From and after the Community Completion Date, the Board shall have the same rights as the Declarant with respect to the ACC.
- 19.2 <u>Membership</u>. There is no requirement that any member of the ACC be a member of the Association.
- 19.3 General Plan. It is the intent of this Declaration to create a general plan and scheme of development of NOBEL AT ETOWN. Accordingly, the ACC shall have the right to approve or disapprove all architectural, landscaping, and improvements within NOBEL AT ETOWN by Owners. The ACC shall have the right to evaluate all plans and specifications as to harmony of exterior design, landscaping, location of any proposed improvements, relationship to surrounding structures, topography and conformity with such other reasonable requirements as shall be adopted by ACC. The ACC may impose standards for construction and development which may be greater or more stringent than standards prescribed in applicable building, zoning, or other local governmental codes. Prior to the Community Completion Date, any additional standards or modification of existing standards shall require the consent of the Declarant, which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.
- 19.4 <u>Master Plan.</u> The Declarant has established an overall Master Plan. However, notwithstanding the above, or any other document, brochures or plans, the Declarant reserves the right to modify the Master Plan or any site plan at any time as it deems desirable in its sole discretion and in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, THE DECLARANT AND/OR BUILDERS MAY PRESENT TO THE PUBLIC OR TO OWNERS RENDERINGS, PLANS, MODELS, GRAPHICS, TOPOGRAPHICAL TABLES, SALES BROCHURES, OR OTHER PAPERS RESPECTING NOBEL AT ETOWN. SUCH RENDERINGS, PLANS, MODELS, GRAPHICS, TOPOGRAPHICAL TABLES, SALES BROCHURES, OR OTHER PAPERS ARE NOT A GUARANTEE OF HOW NOBEL AT ETOWN WILL APPEAR UPON COMPLETION AND THE DECLARANT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ANY AND ALL OF THE FOREGOING AT ANY TIME AS THE DECLARANT DEEMS NECESSARY IN ITS SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION.
- 19.5 <u>Community Standards</u>. Each Owner and its contractors and employees shall observe, and comply with, the Community Standards that now or may hereafter be promulgated by the Declarant or the ACC. The Community Standards shall be effective from the date of adoption; shall be specifically enforceable by injunction or otherwise; and shall have the effect of covenants as if set forth herein verbatim. The Community Standards shall not require any Owner to alter the improvements approved by the ACC and previously constructed. Until the Community Completion Date, the Declarant shall have the right to approve the Community Standards, which approval, may be granted in its sole discretion.
- 19.6 <u>Quorum.</u> A majority of the ACC shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting. The action of a majority present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the ACC. In lieu of a meeting, the ACC may act in writing.
- 19.7 <u>Power and Duties of the ACC</u>. No improvements shall be constructed on a Lot, no exterior of a Home shall be repainted, no landscaping, sign, or improvements erected, removed, planted, or installed upon a Lot, nor shall any material addition to or any change, replacement, or alteration of the

improvements as originally constructed by the Declarant or a Builder (visible from the exterior of the Home) be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, floor plans, color scheme, and the location of same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the ACC.

- 19.8 <u>Procedure</u>. In order to obtain the approval of the ACC, each Owner shall observe the following:
 - 19.8.1 Each applicant shall submit an application to the ACC with respect to any proposed improvement or material change in an improvement, together with the required application(s) and other fee(s) as established by the ACC. The applications shall include such information as may be required by the application form adopted by the ACC. The ACC may also require submission of samples of building materials and colors proposed to be used. At the time of such submissions, the applicant shall, if requested, submit to the ACC, such site plans, plans and specifications for the proposed improvement, prepared and stamped by a registered Florida architect or residential designer, and landscaping and irrigation plans, prepared by a registered landscape architect or designer showing all existing trees and major vegetation stands and surface water drainage plan showing existing and proposed design grades, contours relating to the predetermined ground floor finish elevation, pool plans and specifications and the times scheduled for completion, all as reasonably specified by the ACC.
 - 19.8.2 In the event the information submitted to the ACC is, in the ACC's opinion, incomplete or insufficient in any manner, the ACC may request and require the submission of additional or supplemental information. The applicant shall, within fifteen (15) days thereafter, comply with the request.
 - 19.8.3 No later than thirty (30) days after receipt of all information required by the ACC for final review, the ACC shall approve or deny the application in writing. The ACC shall have the right to refuse to approve any plans and specifications which are not suitable or desirable, in the ACC's sole discretion, for aesthetic or any other reasons or to impose qualifications and conditions thereon. In approving or disapproving such plans and specifications, the ACC shall consider the suitability of the proposed improvements, the materials of which the improvements are to be built, the site upon which the improvements are proposed to be erected, the harmony thereof with the surrounding area and the effect thereof on adjacent or neighboring property. In the event the ACC fails to respond within said thirty (30) day period, the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved by the ACC.
 - 19.8.4 Construction of all improvements shall be completed within the time period set forth in the application and approved by the ACC.
 - 19.8.5 In the event that the ACC disapproves any plans and specifications, the applicant may request a rehearing by the ACC for additional review of the disapproved plans and specifications. The meeting shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after written request for such meeting is received by the ACC, unless applicant waives this time requirement in writing. The ACC shall make a final written decision no later than thirty (30) days after such meeting. In the event the ACC falls to provide the applicant such written decision within said thirty (30) days, the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved.
 - 19.8.6 Upon final disapproval (even if the members of the Board and the ACC are the same), the applicant may appeal the decision of the ACC to the Board within thirty (30) days of the applicant's receipt of the ACC's written review and disapproval. Review by the Board shall take place no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to the receipt by the Board of the applicant's request therefor. If the Board fails to hold such a meeting within thirty (30) days after receipt of request for such meeting, then the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved. The Board shall make a final decision no later than sixty (60) days after such meeting. In the event the Board fails to provide such written decision within said sixty (60) days after such meeting, such

plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved. The decision of the ACC, or, if appealed, the Board, shall be final and binding upon the applicant, its heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

- 19.9 <u>Alterations</u>. Any and all alterations, deletions, additions and changes of any type or nature whatsoever to then existing improvements or the plans or specifications previously approved by the ACC shall be subject to the approval of the ACC in the same manner as required for approval of original plans and specifications.
- 19.10 <u>Variances</u>. The Association or ACC shall have the power to grant variances from any requirements set forth in this Declaration or from the Community Standards, on a case by case basis, provided that the variance sought is reasonable and results from a hardship upon the applicant. The granting of a variance shall not nullify or otherwise affect the right to require strict compliance with the requirements set forth herein or in the Community Standards on any other occasion.
- 19.11 <u>Permits</u>. Each Owner and Builder is solely responsible to obtain all required building and other permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction.
- 19.12 <u>Construction Activities</u>. The following provisions govern construction activities by Owners after consent of the ACC has been obtained:
 - 19.12.1 Each Owner shall deliver to the ACC, if requested, copies of all construction and building permits as and when received by the Owner. Each construction site in NOBEL AT ETOWN shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition throughout construction. Construction activities shall be performed on a diligent, workmanlike and continuous basis. Roadways, easements, swales, Common Areas and other such areas in NOBEL AT ETOWN shall be kept clear of construction vehicles, construction materials and debris at all times. All refuse and debris shall be removed or deposited in a dumpster on a daily basis. No materials shall be deposited or permitted to be deposited in any Common Areas or other Lots or be placed anywhere outside of the Lot upon which the construction is taking place. No hazardous waste or toxic materials shall be stored, handled and used, including, without limitation, gasoline and petroleum products, except in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, and shall not be deposited in any manner on, in or within the construction or adjacent property. All construction activities shall comply with the Community Standards. If an Owner (or any of its respective contractors and employees) shall fail to comply in any regard with the requirements of this Section, the ACC may require that such Owner post security with the Association in such form and such amount deemed appropriate by the ACC in its sole discretion.
 - 19.12.2 There shall be provided to the ACC, if requested, a list (name, address, telephone number and identity of contact person), of all contractors, subcontractors, materialmen and suppliers (collectively, "Contractors") and changes to the list as they occur relating to construction. Contractors, Builders and their employees shall utilize those roadways and entrances into NOBEL AT ETOWN as are designated by the ACC for construction activities. The ACC shall have the right to require that Contractors' and Builders' employees check in at the designated construction entrances and to refuse entrance to persons and parties whose names are not registered with the ACC.
 - 19.12.3 Each Owner is responsible for ensuring compliance with all terms and conditions of these provisions and of the Community Standards by all of its employees and Contractors. In the event of any violation of any such terms or conditions by any employee or Contractor, or, in the opinion of the ACC, the continued refusal of any employee or Contractor to comply with such terms and conditions, after five (5) days' notice and right to cure, the ACC shall have, in addition to the other rights hereunder, the right to prohibit the violating employee or Contractor from performing any further services in NOBEL AT ETOWN.

- 19.12.4 The ACC may, from time to time, adopt standards governing the performance or conduct of Owners, Builders, Contractors and their respective employees within NOBEL AT ETOWN. Each Owner shall comply with such standards and cause its respective employees to also comply with same. The ACC may also promulgate requirements to be inserted in all contracts relating to construction within NOBEL AT ETOWN and each Owner shall include the same therein.
- 19.13 <u>Inspection</u>. There is specifically reserved to the Association and ACC and to any agent or member of either of them, the right of entry and inspection upon any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN at any time within reasonable daytime hours, for the purpose of determining whether there exists any violation of the terms of any approval or the terms of this Declaration or the Community Standards.
- 19.14 <u>Violation</u>. Without limiting any other provision herein, if any improvement shall be constructed or altered without prior written approval, or in a manner which fails to conform with the approval granted, the Owner, shall, upon demand of the Association or the ACC, cause such improvement to be removed, or restored until approval is obtained or in order to comply with the plans and specifications originally approved. The applicable Owner shall be liable for the payment of all costs of removal or restoration, including all costs and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, incurred by the Association or ACC. The costs shall be deemed an Individual Assessment and enforceable pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. The ACC and/or the Association are specifically empowered to enforce the architectural and landscaping provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards, by any legal or equitable remedy.
- 19.15 <u>Court Costs.</u> In the event that it becomes necessary to resort to litigation to determine the propriety of any constructed improvement or to cause the removal of any unapproved improvement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover court costs, expenses and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels, including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, in connection therewith.
- 19.16 <u>Certificate</u>. In the event that any Owner fails to comply with the provisions contained herein, the Community Standards, or other guidelines or standards promulgated by the ACC, the Association and/or ACC may, in addition to all other remedies contained herein, record a Certificate of Non-Compliance against the Lot stating that the improvements on the Lot fail to meet the requirements of this Declaration and that the Lot is subject to further enforcement remedies.
- 19.17 <u>Certificate of Compliance</u>. If requested by an Owner, prior to the occupancy of any improvement constructed or erected on any Lot by other than the Declarant, or its designees, the Owner shall obtain a Certificate of Compliance from the ACC, certifying that the Owner has complied with the requirements set forth herein. The ACC may, from time to time, delegate to a member or members of the ACC the responsibility for issuing the Certificate of Compliance. The issuance of a Certificate of Compliance does not abrogate the ACC's rights set forth in this Section 19.
- 19.18 Exemption. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Governing Documents, including, without limitation, the Community Standards, any improvements of any nature made or to be made by the Declarant, E5 Holdings, a Builder, or their agents, assigns or Contractors, including, without limitation, improvements made or to be made to the Common Areas, the Facilities, as applicable, or any Lot or Home, shall not be subject to the Community Standards and/or review and approval by the ACC or the Association; provided, however, all improvements of any nature whatsoever made or to be made by a Builder, or its agents, assigns or Contractors, shall be subject to the Community Standards and subject to review and approval by the Declarant pursuant to a separate agreement; further, provided, notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, all Builders and their Contractors must comply with any restrictions, rules or regulations under this Declaration or otherwise promulgated by the ACC or the Declarant as they relate to construction activities and conduct of Contractors within NOBEL AT ETOWN, including, without limitation, the provisions of Section 19.12 above.

19.19 Exculpation. The Declarant, E5 Holdings, the Association, the directors or officers of the Association, the ACC, the members of the ACC, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall not be liable for any cost or damages incurred by any Owner, or Builder or any other party whatsoever, due to any mistakes in judgment, negligence, or any action of the Declarant, E5 Holdings, the Association, ACC or their members, officers, or directors, in connection with the approval or disapproval of plans and specifications. Each Owner agrees, individually and on behalf of its heirs, successors and assigns by acquiring title to a Lot, that it shall not bring any action or suit against the Declarant, E5 Holdings, the Association or their respective directors or officers, the ACC or the members of the ACC, or their respective agents, in order to recover any damages caused by the actions of the Declarant, E5 Holdings, the Association, or ACC or their respective members, officers, or directors in connection with the provisions of this Section 19. The Association does hereby indemnify, defend and hold the Declarant, E5 Holdings, and the ACC, and each of their members, officers, directors, shareholders and any related persons or corporations and their employees, harmless from all costs, expenses, and liabilities, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels, including appeals, of all nature resulting by virtue of the acts of the Owners, the Association, ACC or their members, officers and directors. The Declarant, E5 Holdings, the Association, its directors or officers, the ACC or its members, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall not be responsible for any defects in any plans or specifications or the failure of same to comply with applicable laws or code nor for any defects in any improvements constructed pursuant thereto. Each party submitting plans and specifications for approval shall be solely responsible for the sufficiency thereof and for the quality of construction performed pursuant thereto.

20. Enforcement.

- 20.1 Right to Cure. Should any Owner do any of the following:
- 20.1.1 Fail to perform its responsibilities as set forth herein or otherwise breach the provisions of the Declaration including, without limitation, any provision herein benefiting SJRWMD:
 - 20.1.2 Cause any damage to any improvement or Common Areas or Facilities, if any:
- 20.1.3 Impede the Declarant, any Builder or the Association from exercising its rights or performing its responsibilities hereunder;
- 20.1.4 Undertake unauthorized improvements or modifications to any Lot or the Common Areas or Facilities, if any; or
- 20.1.5 Impede the Declarant, E5 Holdings or any Builder from proceeding with the construction of Homes or completing the development of NOBEL AT ETOWN; then the Declarant, any affected Builder and/or the Association, where applicable, after reasonable prior written notice, shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to cure the breach, including, but not limited to, entering upon the Lot and causing the default to be remedied and/or the required repairs or maintenance to be performed, or as the case may be, remove unauthorized improvements or modifications. The cost thereof, plus reasonable overhead costs and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, incurred shall be assessed against the Owner as an Individual Assessment.
- 20.2 <u>Non-Monetary Defaults</u>. In the event of a violation by any Owner, other than the nonpayment of any Assessment or other monies, of any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Declarant or the Association shall notify the Owner of the violation, by delivering written notice. If such violation is not cured as soon as practicable and in any event within seven (7) days after receipt of such written notice, the party entitled to enforce same may, at its option:

- 20.2.1 Commence an action to enforce the performance on the part of the Owner, or to enjoin the violation or breach or for equitable relief as may be necessary under the circumstances, including injunctive relief; and/or
 - 20.2.2 Commence an action to recover damages; and/or
 - 20.2.3 Take any and all action reasonably necessary to correct the violation or breach.

All expenses incurred in connection with the violation or breach, or the commencement of any action against any Owner, including reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy shall be assessed against the Owner as an Individual Assessment, and shall be immediately due and payable without further notice.

- 20.3 <u>No Waiver</u>. The election not to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition in this Declaration, shall not constitute a waiver of the right to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future.
- 20.4 <u>Rights Cumulative</u>. All rights, remedies, and privileges granted to the Declarant, the Builders, the Association and/or the ACC pursuant to any terms, provisions, covenants or conditions of this Declaration, or Community Standards, shall be deemed to be cumulative, and the exercise of any one or more shall neither be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude any of them from pursuing such additional remedies, rights or privileges as may be granted or as it might have by law.
- 20.5 <u>Enforcement By or Against Other Persons.</u> In addition to the foregoing, this Declaration and the Community Standards may be enforced by the Declarant and/or, where applicable, Owners, Builders, E5 Holdings and/or the Association by any procedure at law or in equity against any person violating or attempting to violate any provision herein, to restrain such violation, to require compliance with the provisions contained herein, to recover damages, or to enforce any lien created herein. The Association has the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards. Further, neither the Association nor the Declarant has any obligation whatsoever to become involved in any dispute between Owners in connection with this Declaration. The expense of any litigation to enforce this Declaration or Community Standards shall be borne by the person against whom enforcement is sought, provided such proceeding results in a finding that such person was in violation of this Declaration or the Community Standards. SJRWMD shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions contained in the Declaration which relate to the maintenance, operation and repair of SMS.
- 20.6 <u>Fines and Suspensions</u>. The Board may suspend, for reasonable periods of time, the rights of an Owner or an Owner's Lessees, guests and invitees, or both, to use the Common Areas and may levy reasonable fines, not to exceed the maximum amounts permitted by Section 720.305(2), Florida Statutes (2019), against an Owner, Lessee, guest or invitee, for failure to comply with any provision of this Declaration, including, without limitation, those provisions benefiting SJRWMD.
 - 20.6.1 A fine may be levied on the basis of each day of a continuing violation, with a single notice and opportunity for hearing. Fines in the aggregate are not capped to any amount.
 - 20.6.2 A fine or suspension may not be imposed without delivery of a notice of at least fourteen (14) days to the person sought to be fined or suspended and an opportunity for a hearing before a committee of at least three (3) persons (the "Violations Committee") appointed by the Board who are not officers, directors or employees of the Association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, sister of an officer, director or employee. If the Violations Committee does not by a majority vote approve a fine or suspension the same may not be imposed. The written notice of violation shall be in writing delivered to the Owner, Lessee, guest or invitee and detail the infraction or infractions. Included in the notice shall be the date and time of the hearing of the

Violations Committee. If the Association imposes a fine or suspension, the Association must provide written notice of such suspension by mail or hand delivery to the Owner or Lessee. The notice and hearing requirements under this Section 20.6.2 do not apply to suspensions imposed due to an Owner's failure to pay monetary obligations due to the Association; however, any such suspension must be approved at a properly noticed meeting of the Board.

- 20.6.3 The non-compliance shall be presented to the Violations Committee acting as a tribunal, after which the Violations Committee shall hear reasons why a fine should not be imposed. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Violations Committee from time to time. A written decision of the Violations Committee shall be submitted to the Owner, Lessee, guest or invitee, as applicable, by not later than twenty-one (21) days after the meeting of the Violations Committee. The Owner, Lessee, guest or invitee shall have a right to be represented by counsel and to cross-examine witnesses.
- 20.6.4 The Violations Committee may approve a fine imposed by the Board against the Owner in the amount of One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00) (or any greater amount permitted by law from time to time) for each violation. Each day of non-compliance shall be treated as a separate violation and there is no cap on the aggregate amount the Violations Committee may fine an Owner, Lessee, guest or invitee. Fines shall be paid not later than five (5) days after receipt of notice of the imposition of the fine. All monies received from fines shall be allocated as directed by the Board. Any fine in excess of One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall constitute a lien against the applicable Lot, and a fine shall further be lienable to the extent otherwise permitted under Florida law.

21. Additional Rights of Declarant and Builders.

- Sales and Administrative Offices. The Declarant and Builders shall have the perpetual right to take such action reasonably necessary to transact any business necessary to consummate the development of NOBEL AT ETOWN and sales and re-sales of Lots, Homes and/or other properties owned by the Declarant or others outside of NOBEL AT ETOWN. This right shall include, but not be limited to, the right to maintain models, sales offices and parking associated therewith, have signs on any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN, including Common Areas, as applicable, employees in the models and offices without the payment of rent or any other fee, maintain offices in models and use of the Common Areas, as applicable, to show Lots or Homes. Builders shall have the right to maintain models, sales offices and parking associated therewith, on such portions of NOBEL AT ETOWN, designated by the Declarant, without the payment of rent or any other fee for the purposes of development, marketing and sales of Lots or Homes within NOBEL AT ETOWN. Builders are not permitted to market communities other than NOBEL AT ETOWN from models located within NOBEL AT ETOWN. The sales offices, models, signs and all items pertaining to development and sales remain the property of the Declarant and/or Builders, as applicable. The Declarant and Builders shall have all of the foregoing rights without charge or expense. The rights reserved hereunder shall extend beyond the Turnover Date. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the exercise by a Builder of the rights granted to Builders pursuant to this Section 21.1 shall be subject to the prior written approval by the Declarant as to the location, design and quality of all model homes, sales offices, trailers, and temporary structures used by such Builder within NOBEL AT ETOWN, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.
- 21.2 <u>Modification</u>. The development and marketing of NOBEL AT ETOWN will continue as deemed appropriate in the Declarant's sole discretion, and nothing in this Declaration or Community Standards, or otherwise, shall be construed to limit or restrict such development and marketing. It may be necessary or convenient for the development of NOBEL AT ETOWN to, as an example and not a limitation, amend the Master Plan, modify the boundary lines of the Common Areas, grant easements, dedications, agreements, licenses, restrictions, reservations, covenants, rights-of-way, and to take such other actions which the Declarant, or its agents, affiliates, or assignees may deem necessary or appropriate. The Association and Owners shall, at the request of the Declarant, execute and deliver any

and all documents and instruments which the Declarant deems necessary or convenient, in its sole and absolute discretion, to accomplish the same.

- 21.3 <u>Promotional Events.</u> Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant, Builders and their assigns, shall have the right, at any time, to hold marketing, special and/or promotional events within NOBEL AT ETOWN and/or on the Common Areas without any charge for use. Prior to the Community Completion Date, Builders shall notify the Declarant prior to holding any marketing, special and/or promotional events within NOBEL AT ETOWN and/or on the Common Areas. The Declarant, its agents, affiliates, or assignees shall have the right to market NOBEL AT ETOWN in advertisements and other media by making reference to NOBEL AT ETOWN, including, but not limited to, pictures or drawings of NOBEL AT ETOWN, Common Areas, Lots, Parcels and Homes constructed in NOBEL AT ETOWN. All logos, trademarks, and designs used in connection with NOBEL AT ETOWN are the property of the Declarant, and neither the Association nor Builders shall have a right to use the same after the Community Completion Date except with the express written permission of the Declarant.
- 21.4 <u>Use by Prospective Purchasers</u>. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant and Builders shall have the right, without charge, to use the Common Areas for the purpose of entertaining prospective purchasers of Lots, Homes, or other properties owned by the Declarant outside of NOBEL AT ETOWN.
- 21.5 <u>Franchises</u>. The Declarant may grant franchises or concessions to commercial concerns on all or part of the Common Areas and shall be entitled to all income derived therefrom.
- 21.6 <u>Management</u>. The Declarant may manage the Association and Common Areas. The Association may also contract with a third party ("<u>Manager</u>") for management of the Association and the Common Areas.
- Easements. Until the Community Completion Date, the Declarant reserves the exclusive right to grant, in its sole discretion, easements, permits and/or licenses for ingress and egress, drainage, utilities, maintenance, Telecommunications Services, and other purposes over, under, upon and across NOBEL AT ETOWN so long as any said easements do not materially and adversely interfere with the intended use of Homes previously conveyed to Owners. By way of example, and not of limitation, the Declarant may be required to take certain action, or make additions or modifications to the Common Areas in connection with an environmental program. All easements necessary for such purposes are reserved in favor of the Declarant, in perpetuity, for such purposes. Without limiting the foregoing, the Declarant may relocate any easement affecting a Lot, or grant new easements over a Lot, after conveyance to an Owner, without the joinder or consent of such Owner, so long as the grant of easement or relocation of easement does not materially and adversely affect the Owner's use of the Lot. As an illustration, the Declarant may grant an easement for telecommunications systems, irrigation facilities, drainage lines or electrical lines over any portion of a Lot so long as such easement is outside the footprint of the foundation of any residential improvement constructed on such Lot. The Declarant shall have the sole right to any fees of any nature associated therewith, including, but not limited to, license or similar fees on account thereof. The Association and Owners will, without charge, if requested by the Declarant: (i) join in the creation of such easements, etc. and cooperate in the operation thereof; and (ii) collect and remit fees associated therewith, if any, to the appropriate party. The Association will not grant any easements, permits or licenses to any other entity providing the same services as those granted by the Declarant, nor will it grant any such easement, permit or license prior to the Community Completion Date without the prior written consent of the Declarant which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.
- 21.8 <u>Right to Enforce</u>. The Declarant has the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards and to recover all costs relating thereto, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels of proceeding, including appeals, collections and bankruptcy. Such right shall include the right to perform the obligations of the Association and to recover all costs incurred in doing so.

- 21.9 Additional Development. If the Declarant withdraws portions of NOBEL AT ETOWN from the operation of this Declaration, the Declarant may, but is not required to, subject to governmental approvals, create other forms of residential property ownership or other improvements of any nature on the property not subjected to or withdrawn from the operation of this Declaration. The Declarant shall not be liable or responsible to any person or entity on account of its decision to do so or to provide, or fail to provide, the amenities and/or facilities which were originally planned to be included in such areas. If so designated by the Declarant, owners or tenants of such other forms of housing or improvements upon their creation may share in the use of all or some of the Common Areas and other facilities and/or roadways that remain subject to this Declaration. The expense of the operation of such facilities shall be allocated to the various users thereof, if at all, as determined by the Declarant.
- 21.10 Representations. The Declarant, Builders, and E5 Holdings make no representations concerning development both within and outside the boundaries of NOBEL AT ETOWN including, but not limited to, the number, design, boundaries, configuration and arrangements, prices of all Parcels or Homes and buildings in all other proposed forms of ownership and/or other improvements on NOBEL AT ETOWN or adjacent to or near NOBEL AT ETOWN, including, but not limited to, the size, location, configuration, elevations, design, building materials, height, view, airspace, number of Homes, number of buildings, location of easements, parking and landscaped areas, services and amenities offered.

21.11 [Intentionally Deleted].

- 21.12 Non-Liability. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, NEITHER THE DECLARANT, E5 HOLDINGS, ANY BUILDER, NOR THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR, OR IN ANY MANNER A GUARANTOR OR INSURER OF, THE HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT OR USER OF ANY PORTION OF NOBEL AT ETOWN INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, GUESTS, LESSEES, LICENSEES, INVITEES, AGENTS, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR SUBCONTRACTORS OR FOR ANY PROPERTY OF ANY SUCH WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING:
 - 21.12.1 IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS THAT THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS THEREOF WHICH ARE ENFORCEABLE BY THE ASSOCIATION AND WHICH GOVERN OR REGULATE THE USES OF NOBEL AT ETOWN HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, AND ARE TO BE INTERPRETED AND ENFORCED, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING AND MAINTAINING THE ENJOYMENT OF NOBEL AT ETOWN AND THE VALUE THEREOF:
 - 21.12.2 THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT EMPOWERED, AND HAS NOT BEEN CREATED, TO ACT AS AN AGENCY WHICH ENFORCES OR ENSURES THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND/OR DUVAL COUNTY OR PREVENTS TORTIOUS ACTIVITIES;
 - 21.12.3 THE PROVISIONS OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS SETTING FORTH THE USES OF ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE APPLIED ONLY AS LIMITATIONS ON THE USES OF ASSESSMENT FUNDS AND NOT AS CREATING A DUTY OF THE ASSOCIATION TO PROTECT OR FURTHER THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF ANY PERSON(S), EVEN IF ASSESSMENT FUNDS ARE CHOSEN TO BE USED FOR ANY SUCH REASON; AND
 - 21.12.4 EACH OWNER (BY VIRTUE OF ITS ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO A HOME) AND EACH OTHER PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR MAKING A USE OF, ANY PORTION OF NOBEL AT ETOWN (BY VIRTUE OF ACCEPTING SUCH INTEREST OR LIEN OR MAKING SUCH USE) SHALL BE BOUND BY THIS SECTION AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AUTOMATICALLY WAIVED ANY AND ALL RIGHTS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST THE ASSOCIATION ARISING FROM OR CONNECTED WITH ANY MATTER FOR WHICH THE LIABILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED IN THIS SECTION OR OTHERWISE. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE

"ASSOCIATION" SHALL INCLUDE WITHIN ITS MEANING ALL OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, MANAGERS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS).

- 21.13 Resolution of Disputes. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, EACH OWNER AGREES THAT THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE VERY COMPLEX; THEREFORE, ANY CLAIM, DEMAND ACTION, OR CAUSE OF ACTION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM COUNTERCLAIM, OR CROSS CLAIM, WHETHER IN CONTRACT AND/OR IN TORT (REGARDLESS IF THE TORT ACTION IS PRESENTLY RECOGNIZED OR NOT), BASED ON, ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO, THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT, COURSE OF DEALING, VERBAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENT, VALIDATION, PROTECTION, ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR OMISSION OF ANY PARTY, SHOULD BE HEARD IN A COURT PROCEEDING BY A JUDGE AND NOT A JURY IN ORDER TO BEST SERVE JUSTICE. THE DECLARANT HEREBY SUGGESTS THAT EACH OWNER UNDERSTAND THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF ACCEPTING A DEED TO A HOME.
- 21.14 <u>Venue</u>. EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES REGARDLESS OF WHERE SUCH OWNER (i) EXECUTED A HOME PURCHASE AGREEMENT, (ii) RESIDES, (iii) OBTAINS FINANCING OR (iv) CLOSED ON A HOME, EACH HOME IS LOCATED IN DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA. ACCORDINGLY, AN IRREBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION EXISTS THAT THE APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF ANY DISPUTE LIES IN DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, EACH OWNER AND THE DECLARANT AGREES THAT THE VENUE FOR RESOLUTION OF ANY DISPUTE LIES IN DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.
- 21.15 Reliance. BEFORE ACCEPTING A DEED TO A HOME, EACH OWNER HAS AN OBLIGATION TO RETAIN AN ATTORNEY IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF THIS DECLARATION. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE OR SHE HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED SUCH AN OPINION OR HAS MADE AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION NOT TO SEEK SUCH AN OPINION. THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS AND E5 HOLDINGS ARE RELYING ON EACH OWNER CONFIRMING IN ADVANCE OF ACQUIRING A HOME THAT THIS DECLARATION IS VALID, FAIR AND ENFORCEABLE. SUCH RELIANCE IS DETRIMENTAL TO DECLARANT ACCORDINGLY, AN ESTOPPEL AND WAIVER EXISTS PROHIBITING EACH OWNER FROM TAKING THE POSITION THAT ANY PROVISION OF THIS DECLARATION IS INVALID IN ANY RESPECT. AS A FURTHER MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR THE DECLARANT AND E5 HOLDINGS TO SUBJECT NOBEL AT ETOWN TO THIS DECLARATION, EACH OWNER DOES HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, ACQUIT, SATISFY AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, E5 HOLDINGS, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AFFILIATES AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, COUNTERCLAIMS, DEFENSES, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, CONTROVERSIES, AGREEMENTS, PROMISES AND DEMANDS WHATSOEVER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY WHICH AN OWNER MAY HAVE IN THE FUTURE. OR WHICH ANY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SUCCESSOR, HEIR OR ASSIGN OF OWNER HEREAFTER CAN, SHALL OR MAY HAVE AGAINST DECLARANT, E5 HOLDINGS, BUILDERS, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS, AND ITS AFFILIATES AND ASSIGNS, FOR, UPON OR BY REASON OF ANY MATTER, CAUSE OR THING WHATSOEVER RESPECTING THIS DECLARATION, OR THE EXHIBITS HERETO. THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER IS INTENDED TO BE AS BROAD AND INCLUSIVE AS PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
- 21.16 <u>Duration of Rights</u>. The rights of the Declarant, E5 Holdings and Builders set forth in this Declaration shall, unless specifically provided to the contrary herein, extend for a period of time ending upon the earlier of: (i) the Community Completion Date; or (ii) a relinquishment by the Declarant, E5 Holdings or any Builder, as applicable, in an amendment to the Declaration recorded in the Public Records.

- 21.17 Additional Covenants. The Declarant may record additional covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements applicable to portions of NOBEL AT ETOWN, and may form condominium associations, sub-associations, or cooperatives governing such property. Any such instrument shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 5, and no person or entity shall record any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, or declaration of condominium or similar instrument affecting any portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN without the Declarant's prior review and prior written consent. Evidence of the Declarant's prior written consent shall be obtained in the form of a joinder executed by the Declarant. Any attempted recordation without such consent shall result in such instrument being void and of no force and effect unless subsequently approved by written consent signed by the Declarant and recorded in the Public Records.
- 21.18 <u>Right to Approve Sales Materials</u>. All sales, promotional, and advertising materials for any sale of property in NOBEL AT ETOWN by any party shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Declarant. The Declarant shall deliver notice of the Declarant's approval or disapproval of all such materials and documents within thirty (30) days of receipt of such materials and documents, and, if disapproved, set forth the specific changes requested. If the Declarant fails to deliver notice of the Declarant's approval or disapproval within such thirty (30) day period, the Declarant shall be deemed to have waived any objections to such materials and documents and to have approved the foregoing. Upon disapproval, the foregoing procedure shall be repeated until approval is obtained or deemed to be obtained. This Section 21.18 shall not apply to Builders.
- 21.19 <u>Use Name of "NOBEL AT ETOWN"</u>. No person or entity shall use the name "NOBEL AT ETOWN," its logo, or any derivative of such name or logo in any printed or promotional material without the Declarant's prior written approval. Until the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the sole right to approve the use of NOBEL AT ETOWN name and logo, and such right shall automatically pass to the Association after the Turnover Date. However, Owners may use the name "NOBEL AT ETOWN" in printed or promotional matter where such term is used solely to specify that particular property is located within NOBEL AT ETOWN. This Section 21.19 shall not apply to Builders or E5 Holdings, or their successors or assigns.
- 21.20 <u>Density Transfers</u>. If the record title owner of a Parcel develops the Parcel so that the number of Lots contained in such Parcel is less than the allowable number of Lots allocated by governmental authorities to that particular Parcel, the excess allowable Lots not used by the such party (with respect to that Parcel) shall inure to the benefit of the Declarant.
- 22. <u>Refund of Taxes and Other Charges</u>. Unless otherwise provided herein, the Association agrees that any taxes, fees or other charges paid by the Declarant to any governmental authority, utility company or any other entity which at a later date are refunded in whole or in part, shall be returned to the Declarant in the event such refund is received by the Association.
- 23. <u>Assignment of Powers</u>. All or any part of the rights, exemptions, powers and reservations of the Declarant herein contained may be conveyed or assigned, in whole or in part, to other persons or entities by an instrument in writing duly executed, acknowledged and, at the Declarant's option, recorded in the Public Records.

24. General Provisions.

- 24.1 <u>Authority of Board</u>. Except when a vote of the membership of the Association is specifically required, all decisions, duties, and obligations of the Association hereunder may be made by a majority of the Board. The Association and Owners shall be bound thereby.
- 24.2 <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any of the provisions of this Declaration by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, and the remainder of this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

- 24.3 Execution of Documents. The Declarant's plan of development for NOBEL AT ETOWN including, without limitation, the creation of one (1) or more special taxing districts may necessitate from time to time the execution of certain documents as required by governmental agencies. To the extent that said documents require the joinder of Owners, the Declarant, by its duly authorized officers, may, as the agent or the attorney-in-fact for the Owners, execute, acknowledge and deliver such documents (including, without limitation, any consents or other documents required by any governmental agencies in connection with the creation of any special taxing district); and the Owners, by virtue of their acceptance of deeds, irrevocably nominate, constitute and appoint the Declarant, through its duly authorized officers, as their proper and legal attorneys-in-fact, for such purpose. Said appointment is coupled with an interest and is therefore irrevocable. Any such documents executed pursuant to this Section may recite that it is made pursuant to this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Owner agrees, by its acceptance of a deed to a Lot or any other portion of NOBEL AT ETOWN, to execute or otherwise join in any petition and/or other documents required in connection with the creation of any special taxing district relating to NOBEL AT ETOWN or any portion(s) thereof.
- Affirmative Obligation of the Association. In the event the Association believes that the Declarant has failed in any respect to meet the Declarant's obligations under this Declaration or has failed to comply with any of the Declarant's obligations under law or the Common Areas are defective in any respect, the Association shall give written notice to the Declarant detailing the alleged failure or defect. The Association agrees that once the Association has given written notice to the Declarant pursuant to this Section, the Association shall be obligated to permit the Declarant and its agents to perform inspections of the Common Areas and to perform all tests and make all repairs/replacements deemed necessary by the Declarant to respond to such notice at all reasonable times. The Association agrees that any inspection, test and/or repair/replacement scheduled on a business day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. shall be deemed scheduled at a reasonable time. The rights reserved in this Section include the right of the Declarant to repair or address, in the Declarant's sole option and expense, any aspect of the Common Areas deemed defective by the Declarant during its inspections of the Common Areas. The Association's failure to give the notice and/or otherwise comply with the provisions of this Section will damage the Declarant.
- 24.5 <u>Notices</u>. Any notice required to be sent to any person, firm, or entity under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, postpaid, to the last known address at the time of such mailing, or when transmitted by any form of Electronic Transmission in accordance with Section 24.12 below.
- 24.6 <u>Florida Statutes</u>. Whenever this Declaration refers to the Florida Statutes, it shall be deemed to refer to the Florida Statutes as they exist and are effective on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records, except to the extent provided otherwise in the Governing Documents as to any particular provision of the Florida Statutes.
- Construction Activities. ALL OWNERS, LESSEES, OCCUPANTS AND USERS OF NOBEL AT ETOWN ARE HEREBY PLACED ON NOTICE THAT (1) THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, AND/OR THEIR AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, LICENSEES AND OTHER DESIGNEES AND/OR (2) ANY OTHER PARTIES WILL BE, FROM TIME TO TIME, CONDUCTING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, BLASTING, EXCAVATION, CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO NOBEL AT ETOWN WHICH MAY CAUSE NOISE, DUST OR OTHER TEMPORARY DISTURBANCE. BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR DEED OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR MORTGAGE, LEASEHOLD, LICENSE OR OTHER INTEREST, AND BY USING ANY PORTION OF NOBEL AT ETOWN, EACH SUCH OWNER, OCCUPANT AND USER AUTOMATICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES, STIPULATES AND AGREES (i) THAT NONE OF THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES SHALL BE DEEMED NUISANCES OR NOXIOUS OR OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES, HEREUNDER OR AT LAW GENERALLY, (ii) NOT TO ENTER UPON, OR ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN OR OTHER PERSONS UNDER THEIR CONTROL OR DIRECTION TO ENTER UPON (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH ENTRY IS A TRESPASS OR OTHERWISE) ANY PROPERTY WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO NOBEL AT ETOWN WHERE SUCH ACTIVITY IS BEING CONDUCTED (EVEN IF NOT BEING ACTIVELY CONDUCTED AT THE TIME OF ENTRY, SUCH AS AT NIGHT OR OTHERWISE DURING NON-

WORKING HOURS), (iii) THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, AND THE OTHER AFORESAID RELATED PARTIES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY AND ALL LOSSES, DAMAGES (COMPENSATORY, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR OTHERWISE), INJURIES OR DEATHS ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT RESULTING DIRECTLY FROM SUCH PARTY'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, AND (iv) ANY PURCHASE OR USE OF ANY PORTION OF NOBEL AT ETOWN HAS BEEN AND WILL BE MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOREGOING.

- Title Documents. Each Owner and Builder by acceptance of a deed to a Lot acknowledges that such Lot is subject to certain land use and title documents recorded in the Public Records (collectively, the "Title Documents"). Declarant's plan of development for NOBEL AT ETOWN may necessitate from time to time the further amendment, modification and/or termination of the Title Documents. DECLARANT RESERVES THE UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO SEEK AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS OF THE TITLE DOCUMENTS. It is possible that a governmental subdivision or agency may require the execution of one or more documents in connection with an amendment, modification, and/or termination of the Title Documents. To the extent that such documents require the joinder of Owners, Declarant, by any one of its duly authorized officers, may, as the agent and/or the attorney-infact for the Owners, execute, acknowledge and deliver any documents required by applicable governmental subdivision or agency; and the Owners, by virtue of their acceptance of deeds, irrevocably nominate, constitute and appoint Declarant, through any one of its duly authorized officers, as their proper and legal attorney-in-fact for such purpose. This appointment is coupled with an interest and is therefore irrevocable. Any such documents executed pursuant to this Section may recite that it is made pursuant to this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Owner agrees, by its acceptance of a deed to a Lot: (i) to execute or otherwise join in any documents required in connection with the amendment, modification, or termination of the Title Documents; and (ii) that such Owner has waived its right to object to or comment on the form or substance of any amendment, modification, or termination of the Title Documents. Without limiting the foregoing, upon the Community Completion Date, the Association shall assume all of the obligations of Declarant under the Title Documents unless otherwise provided by the Declarant by amendment to this Declaration recorded by the Declarant in the Public Records, from time to time, and in the sole and absolute discretion of the Declarant.
- 24.9 Right to Contract for Telecommunications Services. The Declarant or the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter into one or more contracts for the provision of one or more Telecommunications Services for all or any part of NOBEL AT ETOWN. Prior to the Community Completion Date, all contracts between a Telecommunications Provider and the Association shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Declarant. If any such contract is established, the fees for the Telecommunications Services payable to the Telecommunications Provider shall be Operating Expenses and shall be included within the annual budget of the Association.
- 24.10 <u>Enforcement of Governing Documents</u>. Enforcement of the Governing Documents, including, without limitation, this Declaration, may be by proceeding at law for damages or in equity to compel compliance with the terms hereof or to prevent violation or breach of any of the covenants or terms herein. The Declarant, the Association, or any Owner may, but shall not be required to, seek enforcement of the Governing Documents.
- 24.11 <u>Electronic or Video Communication</u>. Wherever the Governing Documents require members' attendance at a meeting either "in person or by proxy," members may attend and participate at such meetings via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; provided, however, members may attend and participate in this manner only if a majority of the Board approved use of telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication for participation and attendance at meetings.
- 24.12 <u>Electronic Transmission as Substitute for Writing</u>. Wherever the Governing Documents require action by the Association to be taken in writing, such action may be taken by Electronic Transmission, with the exception of the following: (i) giving notice of a meeting called in whole or in part for the purpose of recalling and removing a member of the Board; and (ii) when levying fines, suspending

use rights, requesting dispute resolution, or collecting payments for assessments and providing notice of lien claims.

25. Stormwater Management System.

- 25.1 <u>General</u>. The Association shall be responsible for maintenance, operation, and repair of the SMS in NOBEL AT ETOWN. Maintenance of the SMS shall mean the exercise of practices which allow the systems to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance, or other stormwater management capabilities as permits by SJRWMD. The Association shall be responsible for such maintenance and operation. Any repair or reconstruction of the SMS shall be as permitted, or if modified as approved by the SJRWMD.
 - 25.1.1 Except as permitted by the Permit, no construction activities may be conducted relative to any portion of the SMS without the prior written consent of SJRWMD. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to: digging or excavation; depositing fill, debris or any other material or item; constructing or altering any water control structure; or any other construction to modify the SMS. To the extent there exists within NOBEL AT ETOWN wetland mitigation areas or retention/detention areas, no vegetation in these areas shall be removed, cut, trimmed or sprayed with herbicide without specific written approval from SJRWMD. Construction and maintenance activities which are consistent with the design and permit conditions approved by SJRWMD in the Permit may be conducted without specific written approval from SJRWMD.
 - 25.1.2 No Owner or other person or entity shall unreasonably deny or prevent access to water management areas for maintenance, repair, or landscaping purposes by Declarant, the Association or any appropriate governmental agency that may reasonably require access. Nonexclusive easements therefor are hereby specifically reserved and created.
 - 25.1.3 No Lot, Parcel or Common Area shall be increased in size by filling in any retention/detention area that it abuts. No person shall fill, dike, rip-rap, block, divert or change the established retention/detention areas that have been or may be created without the prior written consent of the Association. No person other than the Declarant or the Association may draw water for irrigation or other purposes from any retention/detention areas, nor is any boating, wading, or swimming in such retention/detention areas allowed.
 - 25.1.4 All SMS, excluding those areas (if any) maintained by the County, City or another governmental agency, will be the ultimate responsibility of the Association. The Association may enter any Lot, Parcel or Common Area and make whatever alterations, improvements or repairs are deemed necessary to provide, maintain, or restore proper SMS. The cost of such alterations, improvements or repairs shall be part of the Operating Expenses. NO PERSON MAY REMOVE NATIVE VEGETATION THAT MAY BECOME ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE CONSERVATION AREAS. "REMOVAL" INCLUDES DREDGING, APPLICATION OF HERBICIDE, PULLING AND CUTTING.
 - 25.1.5 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to allow any person to construct any new water management facility, or to alter any SMS, without first obtaining the necessary permits from all governmental agencies having jurisdiction, including SJRWMD, the Association and the Declarant.
 - 25.1.6 SJRWMD shall have the right to enforce, by proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions contained in this Declaration which relate to the maintenance, operation, and repair of the SMS.
 - 25.1.7 Any amendment to the Declaration that alters the SMS, beyond maintenance in its original condition, including mitigation or preservation areas and the water management portions of the Common Areas, must have the prior approval of SJRWMD.

- 25.1.8 If the Association shall cease to exist, and the County does not own or operate all SMS, the SMS must be transferred to, accepted and maintained by an entity in accordance with 12.3 of the Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume 1 dated effective June 1, 2019 and in compliance with Section 62-330.310, F.A.C.
- 25.1.9 No Owner may construct or maintain any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the wetlands, wetland mitigation areas, buffer areas, upland conservation areas and drainage easements described in the Permit and/or Plat of NOBEL AT ETOWN, unless prior approval is received from the SJRWMD Regulation Department.
- 25.1.10 Each Owner within NOBEL AT ETOWN at the time of the construction of a Home or structure shall comply with the construction plans for the SMS approved and on file with SJRWMD.
- 25.1.11 Owners shall not remove native vegetation (including cattails) that becomes established within retention/detention areas abutting their property. Removal includes dredging, the application of herbicide, cutting, and the introduction of grass carp. Owners shall address any questions regarding authorized activities within the retention/detention areas to SJRWMD.
- 25.2 <u>Proviso</u>. Any amendment to the Declaration that alters the SMS beyond its original condition, including the mitigation or preservation areas and the water management portions of the Common Areas must have the prior approval of SJRWMD.
- 25.3 <u>Mitigation Area Monitoring</u>. In the event NOBEL AT ETOWN has onsite wetland mitigation (as defined in the regulations) that requires monitoring and maintenance by the Association, the Association shall include in its budget an appropriate allocation of funds for monitoring and maintenance of the wetland mitigation area(s) each year until SJRWMD and/or any applicable governmental agencies having jurisdiction determine that the area(s) is successful in accordance with the Permit and all other applicable permits or regulatory requirements. The Association shall perform all wetland mitigation monitoring in accordance with all Permit conditions associated with such wetland mitigation, monitoring, and maintenance.
- Wetland Conservation Areas. Parcels may contain or be adjacent to wetlands, wetland mitigation or preservation areas, upland conservation areas and drainage easements, which may be dedicated by Plat and/or protected by a conservation easement ("Wetland Conservation Areas"). The Wetland Conservation Areas must be permanently retained in a natural state, and may not be altered from their present state, except as may be specifically authorized in writing by the County, SJRWMD or any governmental agencies having jurisdiction. Owners of Lots abutting Wetland Conservation Areas shall not remove native vegetation (including cattails) that become established within the Wetland Conservation Areas abutting their Lot or Home. Removal includes dredging, the application of herbicide, cutting, and the introduction of grass carp. Owners shall address any questions regarding authorized activities within the Wetland Conservation Areas to the SJRWMD, Surface Water Regulation Manager. NEITHER THE DECLARANT NOR THE ASSOCIATION MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CURRENT OR FUTURE WATER LEVELS IN ANY OF THE WETLAND CONSERVATION AREAS IN NOBEL AT ETOWN; PROVIDED, FURTHER, NEITHER THE DECLARANT NOR THE ASSOCIATION BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY TO ATTEMPT TO ADJUST OR MODIFY THE WATER LEVELS SINCE SUCH LEVELS ARE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL GROUNDWATER AND RAINFALL FLUCTUATIONS THAT ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE DECLARANT AND THE ASSOCIATION. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME OR LOT, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THE WATER LEVELS OF ALL WETLAND CONSERVATION AREAS MAY VARY. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE BY THE DECLARANT OR THE ASSOCIATION THAT WATER LEVELS WILL BE CONSTANT OR AESTHETICALLY PLEASING AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME: AT TIMES, WATER LEVELS MAY BE NONEXISTENT.
- 25.5 <u>Use Restrictions for Wetland Conservation Areas.</u> The Wetland Conservation Areas may in no way be altered from their natural or permitted state. These use restrictions may be defined on the

Permit, and the Plats associated with NOBEL AT ETOWN. Activities prohibited within the conservation areas include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 25.5.1 No structures or construction of any kind may be erected;
- 25.5.2 No filling, excavation, dredging, prop-dredging, grading, paving, clearing, timbering, ditching, draining, contamination, or other development shall be permitted;
- 25.5.3 No activity may be done or performed which would adversely affect or impair (i) endangered or threatened species of special concern as to nesting, reproduction, food source, habitat or cover or affect the vegetation itself; (ii) available habitat for fish and aquatic life or result in emigration from adjacent or associated ecosystems and macro habitats; (iii) existing biosystems or ecosystems; or (iv) recovery of an impaired system;
- 25.5.4 No organic or inorganic matter or deleterious substances or chemical compounds may be discharged or placed in the Wetland Conservation Areas;
- 25.5.5 Surface use except for purposes that permit the land or water area to remain predominately in its natural condition;
- 25.5.6 Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, or fish and wildlife habitat preservation or conservation:
- 25.5.7 Acts or uses detrimental to such aforementioned retention and maintenance of land or water areas;
- 25.5.8 Acts or uses detrimental to the preservation of any features or aspects of the property having historical, archeological or cultural significance;
- 25.5.9 No Owner within NOBEL AT ETOWN may construct or maintain any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the Wetland Conservation Areas described in the Permit and Plat, including the wetlands, wetland mitigation area(s), buffer area(s), upland conservation area(s) and drainage easement(s), unless prior approval is received from SJRWMD; and
- 25.5.10 Each Owner within NOBEL AT ETOWN at the time of construction of a building, residence, or structure shall comply with the construction plans for the SMS approved and on file with SJRWMD.

LOTS MAY CONTAIN OR ABUT WETLAND CONSERVATION AREAS THAT ARE PROTECTED UNDER RECORDED CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. THESE AREAS MAY NOT BE ALTERED FROM THEIR PRESENT CONDITIONS EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTORATION PROGRAM INCLUDED IN THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT, OR EXCEPT TO REMOVE EXOTIC OR NUISANCE VEGETATION, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, MELALEUCA, BRAZILIAN PEPPER, AUSTRALIAN PINE, JAPANESE CLIMBING FERN, CATTAILS, PRIMROSE WILLOW, AND GRAPE VINE. THE ASSOCIATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE OF SIGNAGE REQUIRED BY THE PERMIT ISSUED BY SJRWMD, WHICH MAINTENANCE SHALL BE PERFORMED TO THE GREATEST DEGREE LAWFUL BY THE ASSOCIATION.

26. Resolution of Disputes.

26.1 By acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner specifically agrees that the purchase of a Lot involves interstate commerce and that any Dispute (as hereinafter defined) shall first be submitted to mediation and, if not settled during mediation, shall thereafter be submitted to binding arbitration as

provided by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §§1 et seq.) and not by or in a court of law or equity. "Disputes" (whether contract, warranty, tort, statutory or otherwise), shall include, but are not limited to, any and all controversies, disputes or claims (1) arising under, or related to, this Declaration or any dealings between the Lot Owner and the Declarant and/or Builders; (2) arising by virtue of any representations, promises or warranties alleged to have been made by the Declarant, the Declarant's representatives, or Builders; (3) relating to personal injury or property damage alleged to have been sustained by the Owner, the Owner's children or other occupants of the Lot; or (4) issues of formation, validity or enforceability of this Section 26. Each Owner agrees to the foregoing on behalf of his or her children and other occupants of the Lot with the intent that all such parties be bound hereby. Any Dispute shall be submitted for binding arbitration within a reasonable time after such Dispute has arisen. Nothing herein shall extend the time period by which a claim or cause of action may be asserted under the applicable statute of limitations or statute of repose, and in no event shall the Dispute be submitted for arbitration after the date when institution of a legal or equitable proceeding based on the underlying claims in such Dispute would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations or statute of repose.

- Any and all mediations commenced by any Owner or the Declarant shall be filed with and administered by the American Arbitration Association or any successor thereto ("AAA") in accordance with the AAA's Home Construction Mediation Procedures in effect on the date of the request. If there are no Home Construction Mediation Procedures currently in effect, then the AAA's Construction Industry Mediation Rules in effect on the date of such request shall be utilized. Any party who will be relying upon an expert report or repair estimate at the mediation shall provide the mediator and the other parties with a copy of the reports. If one or more issues directly or indirectly relate to alleged deficiencies in design, materials or construction, all parties and their experts shall be allowed to inspect, document (by photograph, videotape or otherwise) and test the alleged deficiencies prior to mediation. Unless mutually waived in writing by the parties, submission to mediation is a condition precedent to either party taking further action with regard to any matter covered hereunder.
- 26.3 If the Dispute is not fully resolved by mediation, the Dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration and administered by the AAA in accordance with the AAA's Home Construction Arbitration Rules in effect on the date of the request. If there are no Home Construction Arbitration Rules currently in effect, then the AAA's Construction Industry Arbitration Rules in effect on the date of such request shall be utilized. Any judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in and enforced by any court having jurisdiction over such Dispute. If the claimed amount exceeds Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00) or includes a demand for punitive damages, the Dispute shall be heard and determined by three (3) arbitrators; however, if mutually agreed to by the Lot Owner and the Declarant, then the Dispute shall be heard and determined by one arbitrator. Arbitrators shall have expertise in the area(s) of Dispute, which may include legal expertise if legal issues are involved. All decisions respecting the arbitrability of any Dispute shall be decided by the arbitrator(s). At the request of any party, the award of the arbitrator(s) shall be accompanied by detailed written findings of fact and conclusions of law. Except as may be required by law or for confirmation of an award, neither a party nor an arbitrator may disclose the existence, content, or results of any arbitration hereunder without the prior written consent of both parties.
- 26.4 The waiver or invalidity of any portion of this Section shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Section. By acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner specifically agrees (i) that any Dispute involving the Declarant's affiliates, directors, officers, employees and agents shall also be subject to mediation and arbitration as set forth herein, and shall not be pursued in a court of law or equity; (ii) that the Declarant may, at its sole election, include the Declarant's contractors, subcontractors and suppliers, as well as any warranty company and insurer as parties in the mediation and arbitration; and (iii) that the mediation and arbitration will be limited to the parties specified herein.
- 26.5 To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner specifically agrees that no finding or stipulation of fact, no conclusion of law, and no arbitration award in any other arbitration, judicial, or similar proceeding shall be given preclusive or collateral estoppel effect in any arbitration hereunder unless there is mutuality of parties. In addition, by acceptance

of a deed to a Lot, each Owner agrees that no finding or stipulation of fact, no conclusion of law, and no arbitration award in any arbitration hereunder shall be given preclusive or collateral estoppel effect in any other arbitration, judicial, or similar proceeding unless there is mutuality of parties.

- 26.6 Unless otherwise recoverable by law or statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, for any mediation and arbitration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a party unsuccessfully contests the validity or scope of arbitration in a court of law or equity, the non-contesting party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and expenses incurred in defending such contest, including such fees and costs associated with any appellate proceedings. In addition, if a party fails to abide by the terms of a mediation settlement or arbitration award, the other party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and expenses incurred in enforcing such settlement or award.
- 26.7 An Owner may obtain additional information concerning the rules of the AAA by visiting its website at www.adr.org or by writing the AAA at 335 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017.
- 26.8 The Declarant supports the principles set forth in the Consumer Due Process Protocol developed by the National Consumer Dispute Advisory Committee and agrees to the following:
 - 26.8.1 Notwithstanding the requirements of arbitration stated in this Section 26, each Owner shall have the option, after pursuing mediation as provided herein, to seek relief in a small claims court for disputes or claims within the scope of the court's jurisdiction in lieu of proceeding to arbitration. This option does not apply to any appeal from a decision by a small claims court.
 - 26.8.2 Prior to Turnover, the Declarant agrees to pay for one (1) day of mediation (mediator fees plus any administrative fees relating to the mediation). Any mediator and associated administrative fees incurred thereafter shall be shared equally by the parties.
 - 26.8.3 The fees for any claim pursued via arbitration in an amount of Ten Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) or less shall be apportioned as provided in the Home Construction Arbitration Rules of the AAA or other applicable rules.
- 26.9 Notwithstanding the foregoing, if either the Declarant or an Owner seeks injunctive relief, and not monetary damages, from a court because irreparable damage or harm would otherwise be suffered by either party before mediation or arbitration could be conducted, such actions shall not be interpreted to indicate that either party has waived the right to mediate or arbitrate. The right to mediate and arbitrate should also not be considered waived by the filing of a counterclaim by either party once a claim for injunctive relief had been filed with a court.
- 26.10 THE DECLARANT AND, EACH OWNER BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A LOT SPECIFICALLY AGREE THAT THE PARTIES MAY BRING CLAIMS AGAINST THE OTHER ONLY ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND NOT AS A MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE ACTION OR COLLECTIVE PROCEEDING. THE ARBITRATOR(S) MAY NOT CONSOLIDATE OR JOIN CLAIMS REGARDING MORE THAN ONE PROPERTY AND MAY NOT OTHERWISE PRESIDE OVER ANY FORM OF A CONSOLIDATED, REPRESENTATIVE, OR CLASS PROCEEDING. ALSO, THE ARBITRATOR(S) MAY AWARD RELIEF (INCLUDING MONETARY, INJUNCTIVE, AND DECLARATORY RELIEF) ONLY IN FAVOR OF THE INDIVIDUAL PARTY SEEKING RELIEF AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE RELIEF NECESSITATED BY THAT PARTY'S INDIVIDUAL CLAIM(S). ANY RELIEF AWARDED CANNOT BE AWARDED ON CLASS-WIDE OR MASS-PARTY BASIS OR OTHERWISE AFFECT PARTIES WHO ARE NOT A PARTY TO THE ARBITRATION. NOTHING IN THE FOREGOING PREVENTS THE DECLARANT FROM EXERCISING ITS RIGHT TO INCLUDE IN THE MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION THOSE PERSONS OR ENTITIES REFERRED TO IN SECTION 26.4 ABOVE.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersi- hand and seal this <u>310</u> day of December , 20 Junuary, 2	gned, being the Declarant hereunder, has hereunto set its 19:
WITNESSES:	"DECLARANT"
	ICI JAX1, LLC, a Florida limited liability company
Print Name: TERI L. HANSEN	By: School Hossein-KARGAR Print Name: MORTEZA HOSSEINI-KARGAR Title: President
Print Name: Celia m Rivera	,[Seal]
STATE OF FLORIDA) COUNTY OF Volusian)	
MORTEZA HOSSEINI-KARCAD - as 1	edged before me this 3rd day of December, 2019, by testident of ICI JAX1, LLC, a Florida limited who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification.
My commission expires:	NOTARY PUBLIC, Staje of Florida at Large
TERI L. HANSEN Notary Public - State of Florida Commission # FF 964698 My Comm. Expires May 3, 2020	Print Name <u>TERI L. HANSEN</u>

E5 Holdings JOINDER

E5 Holdings, LLC

E5 Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>E5 Holdings</u>") does hereby join in the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR NOBEL AT ETOWN (the "<u>Declaration</u>"), to which this Joinder is attached, and the terms thereof are and shall be binding upon the undersigned and its successors in title. E5 Holdings agrees this joinder is for the purpose of subjecting NOBEL AT ETOWN (as defined in the Declaration) to the terms of this Declaration which shall run with such lands.

WITNESSES:	E5 Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
Print Name: Hillary Henry (ICL Myla Cat Stul Print Name: Meshan Cantu Strickland	By: BAWW John Burchfield Title: General Counsel [Corporate Seal]
STATE OF Texas) COUNTY OF Harris)	
John Burchfield as General (ded before me this day of December, 2019 by bunse of E5 Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited is personally known to me or who has produced
My commission expires: 7-3 -2023	WOTARY PUBLIC, State of Texas at Large
KRISTEN MAHBUBANI Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 07-03-2023	Print Name Kriston Habbubani

Notary ID 11475682

JOINDER

For good and valuable consideration in hand paid, Western Alliance Bank, an Arizona corporation (the "Mortgagee"), as owner and holder of that certain mortgage recorded in Official Records Book 18708, Page 113 of the Public Records of Duval County, Florida (the "Mortgage") securing all of the real property described therein, hereby consents to the making and recording of the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR NOBEL AT ETOWN (the "Declaration") to which this Joinder is attached. Mortgagee herby consents and agrees that the aforesaid Mortgage held by Mortgagee is and shall be subject and subordinate to the foregoing Declaration.

Provided always, nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall in anywise impair, alter or diminish the effect, lien or encumbrance of the Mortgage on the mortgaged premises, or any of the rights and remedies of the Mortgagee or any subsequent holder thereof, nor shall anything herein contained by construed as an assumption by Mortgagee of any obligations of the Declarant (as defined in the Declaration) of the foregoing Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Joinder on this Property day of December, 2019.

WITNESSES:	MORTGAGEE:
Print Name: Print White Print Name: Jenna White	WESTERN ALLIANCE BANK, an Arizona corporation By: Name: Dibbic N. 5-3 Title: V.C. PRESIDENT {CORPORATE SEAL}
STATE OF ARIZON) COUNTY OF MARICOPA)	
The foregoing instrument was acknowledge to the corporation, on behalf of the corporation, who	ged before me this 19 day of December, 2019, by of Mestern Alliance Bank, an Arizona is personally known to me or who has produced as identification.
My commission expires: MAy 7, 2022 HOLLY GRIESER MARKOPS COMMY	NOTARY PUBLIC, State of ARIZMA at Large Print Name: Holly GRIESER

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JOINDER

NOBEL AT ETOWN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "Association") does hereby join in the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR NOBEL AT ETOWN (the "Declaration"), to which this Joinder is attached, and the terms thereof are and shall be binding upon the undersigned and its successors in title. The Association agrees this Joinder is for the purpose of evidencing the Association's acceptance of the rights and obligations provided in the Declaration and does not affect the validity of this Declaration as the Association has no right to approve this Declaration.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersign December, 2019.	ned has executed this Joinder on this day of	
WITNESSES:	NOBEL AT ETOWN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation	
Print Name: Erica Lagrule	By: Relicul Barber Name: Resident Title: President	
STATE OF FLORIDA) COUNTY OF DUVE)		
Tenuary 20 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>6</u> day of December, 2018, by <u>Nichard Baker</u> , as President of NOBEL AT ETOWN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, on behalf of the corporation, who is personally known to me or who has produced <u>6 ersonally</u> as identification.		
My commission expires:	NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida at Large	
Motary Public State of Florida Terry Martini My Commission FF 960618 Expires 02/15/2020	Print Name: Terry Martini	
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EXHIBIT 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A portion of Section 32, Township 3 South, Range 28 East, together with a portion of Section 5, Township 4 South, Range 28 East, Duval County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 32; thence South 00°41′54″ East, along the Easterly line of said Section 32, a distance of 4278.83 feet; thence South 89°18′06″ West, departing said Easterly line, 1186.79 feet to a point lying on the Westerly right of way line of ETown Parkway, a variable width right of way as presently established and the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence Southerly along said Westerly right of way line the following 9 courses: Course 1, thence South 29°54'40" East, 775.22 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Southwesterly having a radius of 2925.00 feet; Course 2, thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 09°25'58", an arc length of 481.56 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 25°11'40" East, 481.01 feet; Course 3, thence South 20°28'41" East, 4.93 feet; Course 4, thence South 09°31'19" West, 127.03 feet; Course 5, thence South 69°31'19" West, 10.00 feet; Course 6, thence South 20°28'41" East, 100.00 feet; Course 7, thence North 69°31'19" East, 10.00 feet; Course 8, thence South 50°28'41" East, 127.03 feet; Course 9, thence South 20°28'41" East, 414.99 feet; thence South 69°31'19" West, departing said Westerly right of way line, 275.00 feet; thence North 20°28'41" West, 11.39 feet; thence South 69°31'19" West, 130.00 feet; thence Due West, 590.00 feet; thence South 17°37'20" West, 702.04 feet; thence South 85°26'41" West, 498.63 feet; thence North 01°01'07" West, 2253.12 feet; thence North 89°08'56" East, 454.25 feet; thence North 47°43'25" East, 565.78 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 63.06 acres, more or less.

EXHIBIT 2 ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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I certify from the records of this office that NOBEL AT ETOWN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on November 7, 2019.

The document number of this corporation is N19000011770.

- I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2019, and its status is active.
- I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.
- I further certify that this is an electronically transmitted certificate authorized by section 15.16, Florida Statutes, and authenticated by the code, 519A00023126-110819-N19000011770-1/1, noted below.

Authentication Code: 519A00023126-110819-N19000011770-1/1



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Eighth day of November, 2019

Secretary of State

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Department of State

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of NOBEL AT ETOWN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, filed on November 7, 2019, as shown by the records of this office.

I further certify the document was electronically received under FAX audit number H19000328295. This certificate is issued in accordance with section 15.16, Florida Statutes, and authenticated by the code noted below

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