

## **ARTICLE VII.**

### **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL**

**Section 1. Architectural Control Committee.** An "Architectural Control Committee" is hereby established. The initial committee shall consist of Kevin Hyneman, Reggie Garner and Jack Johnson. These individuals shall serve until they resign from the Committee by written notice to the Board of Directors of the Association. Upon resignation of Hyneman, Garner and/or Johnson, the Board of Directors of the Association shall then appoint the Architectural Control Committee, which shall be composed of three (3) or more individual Lot Owners. The affirmative vote is a majority of the membership of the Architectural Control Committee. The Architectural Control Committee shall be required to adopt or promulgate any rule or regulation, or to make any findings, determinations, ruling or order, or to issue any permanent authorization or approval pursuant to the directives or authorizations contained herein.

**Section 2. Approvals Necessary, Rules of Committee and Remedies for Violation.** With the exception of Declarant, no structure of any kind or nature or any fence or barrier shall be commenced, erected, placed, moved onto, or permitted to remain on any of the Lots within Bentwood Creek PD, nor shall any existing structure, fence or barrier upon any Lot be altered in any way which changes the exterior appearance (which includes but is not limited to changes in paint color and re-roofing) thereof, nor shall there be any additions, attachments,

or deletions to improvements, nor shall there be any change in landscaping, without the written consent of the Architectural Control Committee; nor shall any new use be commenced on any Lot unless plans and specifications (including a description of any proposed new use) shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee. Such plans and specifications shall be in such form and shall contain such information as may be required by the Architectural Control Committee, but in any event shall include:

- (1) A site plan of the Lot showing the nature, exterior, color scheme, kind, shape, height, materials, and location with respect to said Lot (including proposed front, rear, and side setback) of all structures, fences or barriers, and location of all parking spaces and driveways on the Lot; and
- (2) Grading and tree removal plan.

The Architectural Control Committee may promulgate rules governing the form and content of plans to be submitted for approval or requiring specific improvements on the Lots including, without limitation, the exterior lighting and planting and may issue statements of policy with respect to approval or disapproval of the architectural styles or details or other matters which may be presented for approval. Such rules and such statements of policy may be amended or revoked by the Architectural Control Committee at any time and no inclusion in or omission from or amendment of any such rule of statement shall be deemed to bind the Architectural Control Committee to approve or disapprove any feature or matter subject to approval or to waive the exercise of the Architectural Control Committee's discretion as to any such matter, but no change of policy shall affect the finality of any approval granted prior to such change. Approval for use on any Lot of any plans or specifications shall not be deemed a waiver of the Architectural Control Committee in its discretion to disapprove such plans or specifications or any features or elements included therein if such plans, specifications, features or elements are subsequently submitted for use on any other Lot. Approval of any such plans and specifications relating to any Lot, however, shall be final as to that Lot and such approval may not be revoked or rescinded thereafter provided that the plans and specifications as approved in any condition attached to any such approval have been adhered to and complied with in regard to all structures, fences, or barriers and uses of the Lot in question.

In the event the Architectural Control Committee fails to approve or disapprove any plans and specifications or other requests as herein provided within thirty (30) days after submission thereof, the same shall be deemed to have been approved, as submitted and no further action shall be required.

If any structure, fence, or barrier shall be altered, erected, placed or maintained (including exterior maintenance) upon any Lot or any new use commenced on any Lot, otherwise than in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee as required herein, such alteration, erection, maintenance, or use shall be deemed to have been undertaken in violation of the restrictions herein and without the approval required herein, and upon written notice from the Architectural Control Committee any such structure, fence or barrier so altered, erected, placed or maintained upon any Lot in violation hereof shall be removed or realtered, and such use shall be terminated so as to extinguish such violation.

If fifteen (15) days after the notice of such violation, the Owner or Owners of the Lot upon which such violation exists shall not have taken reasonable steps towards the removal or termination of the same, the Association by its officers or directors shall have the right through its agents and employees to enter upon such Lot and to take such steps as may be necessary to extinguish such violation, and the costs thereof shall be binding personal obligation of such Owner as well as a lien upon the Lot in question upon the recording of such with the Office of the Register of Shelby County, Tennessee.

Upon completion of the construction or alteration of any structure in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Control Committee, the Architectural Control Committee shall, upon written request of the Owner thereof, issue a letter of compliance in form suitable for recordation, identifying such structure and the Lot on which such structure is placed and stating that the plans and specifications, location of such structure and the use or uses to be conducted thereon have been approved and that such structure complies therewith. Preparation and recording of such letter shall be at the expense of the Owner or Owners of such Lot. Any letter of compliance issued in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated, and as to any purchaser or encumbrancer in good faith and for value or as to any title insurer, such letter shall be conclusive evidence that all structures and the use or uses described therein comply with all the requirements of these restrictions and all other requirements as to which the Architectural Control Committee exercises any discretionary or interpretive powers.

The Architectural Control Committee may charge and collect a reasonable fee for the examination of any plans and specifications submitted for approval pursuant to these restrictions payable at the time such plans and specifications are so submitted.

Any agent of Declarant or the Architectural Control Committee may, at reasonable times, enter upon and inspect any Lot and any improvements thereon for the purposes of ascertaining whether the maintenance of such Lot