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#### DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR GRANDALE VILLAS

THIS DECLARATION is made and entered into as of this 7th day of day of the composition, 2019, by Meridian Corporation, a Nebraska corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant".

## ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Unless defined elsewhere in this Declaration, the following terms are defined below:

"Additional Property" shall mean any real property and improvements lying adjacent to or in close proximity to the Property or Common Area, which Declarant may from time to time add to the provisions of this Declaration pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Article V below.

"Association" shall mean the Grandale Villas Association, a Nebraska nonprofit corporation, which has been established for the purpose of enforcing and maintaining compliance with this Declaration.

"Common Area" shall mean all Roadways, sidewalks along the Roadways, walkways within the Green Area except those located in the rear yard of a Lot, all private utilities, common sprinkler system, and all Green Area now or hereafter located on the Property.

"**Declarant**" shall mean Meridian Corporation, a Nebraska corporation, its successors and assigns. Declarant is the owner of the Property, defined herein.

"Front Yard" shall mean the entire portion of a Lot from the Front Lot Line of such Lot to the residence to be constructed upon the Lot.

"Green Area" shall mean the all of the Property except that portion of the Property on which any townhome structure, patio, garage, sidewalk, driveway, walkway or Roadways are located.

"Lot" or "Lots" shall mean all buildable lots now or hereafter located on the Property, which are shown on any final plat of all or any portion of the Property that has been filed with the Lancaster County Register of Deeds.

"Lot Owner" shall mean the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding, however, those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of any obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgage). The purchaser of a Lot under land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Lot Owner" for purposes of this Declaration.

"Maintenance Free Material" shall include brick, stone, cement board (Hardie type) siding, stucco, or any other low maintenance material approved by Declarant.

"Member" shall mean those Lot Owners entitled to vote on matters pertaining to the business of the Association.

"Property" shall mean the real property legally described on Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

"Roadways" shall mean the private roads located on the Property which are open for the common use of all Lot Owners, their guests and invitees.

# ARTICLE II DECLARATION

In order to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of the Lots as well as for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of the Lots, the Declarant, owner of the Property hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements contained in this Declaration, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof. The Lots are, and each Lot is, and shall be, subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms.

# ARTICLE III RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

1. <u>Use</u>. Each Lot located within the Property shall be used exclusively for single family residential purposes.

#### Plan Approval.

Improvements. Prior to the construction of any residence on any Lot, a set of building plans for such residence shall be submitted by the Lot Owner to the Declarant for approval. Said building plans shall be signed and certified by the Lot Owner as a true and correct copy of the building plans for the residence to be constructed on such Lot, and contain a statement that the Lot Owner will submit to the Declarant, for written approval, any amendments, modifications or changes to such building plans. Such building plans shall show the size, exterior material, design and plot plan for the residence to be constructed on such Lot and shall indicate the location of the residence, attached garage and any other structures to be placed or constructed on such Lot. Such plans shall also include erosion control measures which will contain erosion of soil on the Lot during construction. One set of such building plans, and all amendments, modifications and changes thereto, signed by the Lot Owner shall be left on permanent file with the Declarant. Declarant shall have the right to request the Lot Owner provide samples of the Lot Owner's proposed exterior materials. No construction of any residence on any Lot shall be commenced unless and until written approval of the building plans for such residence has first been obtained from the Declarant. Written approval or disapproval of such building plans shall be given by the Declarant within thirty (30) days from and after receipt thereof by the Declarant. Approval of such building plans shall not be unreasonably withheld; provided, however, that the Declarant shall have the sole and exclusive right, in its sole discretion, to approve or reject any such building plans if, in the opinion of the Declarant, either the style, size, material or plot plan of such residence does not conform to the general standard and character of the residences constructed or to be constructed on other Lots located within the Property.

Prior to the construction of any addition to any residence constructed on any Lot, or the change or modification in the exterior of any residence constructed on any Lot, including the exterior color, the Lot Owner shall first obtain the written approval of the Declarant to proceed with any such construction, change or modification, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- (b) <u>Landscaping</u>. Prior to the occupancy of any residence on any Lot, a landscape plan signed by the Lot Owner shall also be submitted to the Declarant for approval. Any landscape plan must include at a minimum:
  - (i) a landscape plan for the entire portion of the Front Yard;
  - (ii) show a minimum planting of one (1) one and one-half inch caliper deciduous tree or one (1) evergreen of minimum five feet in height, and five (5) one gallon containers of perennial plantings within the Lot;
  - (iii) meet the screening requirements of Paragraph 9 of this Article;
  - (iv) contain a written certification by the Lot Owner that, to wit:
    - (A) all of the plantings required pursuant to Paragraph 2(b) of this Article will be installed within nine (9) months of completion of construction of the residence to be constructed

- on such Lot, and that the Green Area of such Lot will be sodded, as required herein, prior to occupancy of the residence; and
- (B) that an underground sprinkler system will be installed on such Lot by the Lot Owner prior to any sodding of the Green Area of such Lot, in accordance with Paragraph 7 of this Article.

No residence constructed upon a Lot shall be occupied unless and until written approval of the landscape plan has first been obtained from the Declarant. Written approval or disapproval of such landscape plan shall be given by the Declarant within thirty (30) days from and after receipt of such plans by the Declarant. Approval of such landscape plan shall not be unreasonably withheld; provided, however, that the Declarant shall have the sole and exclusive right, in its sole discretion, to approve or reject any such landscape plan if, in its opinion, such landscape plan does not conform to the general standard and character of landscape plans for other Lots located within the Property.

Lot Owner shall be responsible for completing the planting of all items identified on the landscape plan within nine (9) months after the date the residence constructed upon a Lot has been occupied. Each Lot Owner shall escrow Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) for each tree required to be planted on the Lot he/she is purchasing pursuant to this Paragraph 2(b) at the time such Lot is purchased from the Declarant; provided, however, Declarant may waive the escrow requirement if the trees are included in a builder package. In the event the Lot Owner does not complete the planting of any tree required under this Paragraph 2(b) upon its Lot within the time frame set forth herein, Declarant shall have the right to use the escrow proceeds to purchase such tree(s) and shall have an easement to enter upon the Lot Owner's Lot to plant such tree(s) in accordance with the approved landscape plan. In the event the Lot Owner completes the planting of all trees required under this Paragraph 2(b) within the time frame set forth herein, Lot Owner shall notify Declarant and Declarant shall, upon verification of the plantings, return the escrowed funds to the Lot Owner.

Declarant shall have the right, in Declarant's sole and absolute discretion, to waive and/or modify the application and interpretation of any term, condition or restriction imposed by this Paragraph 2.

3. Grading and Erosion Control. Declarant shall have the sole and exclusive right to establish grades, slopes and/or contours on all Lots and to fix the grade upon which any residence shall be placed or constructed upon any Lot. Once such grades, slopes and/or contours have been established by the Declarant, they shall not be changed in connection with the construction of any residence on a Lot without written permission from the Declarant, but in no event will any such Lot be graded or sloped so as to change the flow of surface waters to or from adjoining Lots. If any damage is caused to an abutting Lot during construction, including the removal of adjacent Lot corners and pins, the Lot Owner of the Lot upon which construction is taking place shall be responsible for repairing such damage and returning the abutting Lot to its original condition. If upon notice from Declarant to repair an abutting Lot, the Lot Owner of the Lot upon which

construction is or has taken place or his/her contractor fails to comply within seven (7) days of delivery of such notice, Declarant may take such measures as may be necessary to repair the damage done to the abutting Lot, and the cost thereof, together with a ten percent (10%) administrative fee, shall be assessed against the Lot and be the personal obligation of the Lot Owner failing to perform his/her obligations, shall bear interest at the rate of fourteen percent (14%) per annum and shall be a lien upon the Lot assessed.

The adequacy of erosion control measures on a Lot shall be subject to continual review during construction. Declarant shall have the right to require any Lot Owner to maintain silt fences or other additional measures if soil is observed to be eroding onto abutting Lots, sidewalks or into any street or private roadway. If upon notice from Declarant to repair, maintain or take additional measures to control erosion, the Lot Owner of any Lot or his/her contractor fails to comply within forty-eight (48) hours of delivery of such notice, Declarant may take such measures as may be necessary to control the erosion and the cost thereof, together with a ten percent (10%) administrative fee, shall be assessed against the Lot and be the personal obligation of the Lot Owner failing to perform his/her obligations, shall bear interest at the rate of fourteen percent (14%) per annum and shall be a lien upon the Lot assessed.

No dirt from grading, excavation or resulting from any other activity on any Lot may be removed from the Property without the prior written permission of Declarant. Declarant will designate an area or areas within the Property for stockpiling dirt and those placing dirt in such areas will level it so as to allow for mowing and maintenance. The Declarant may, in the Declarant's sole discretion, at such time as the Declarant deems appropriate, transfer, convey and assign to the Association the right to designate an area for stockpiling dirt.

- 4. <u>Minimum Standards</u>. The following general standards shall guide the Declarant in the review of any plans for any residence submitted for approval within the Property. These standards shall not be relied upon, interpreted or applied as absolute requirements for plan approval. The Declarant shall have the right, in the Declarant's sole and absolute discretion, to modify the application and interpretation of these standards when exercising plan approval authority.
  - (a) <u>Minimum Floor Area</u>. The minimum floor area for any residence constructed upon a Lot, exclusive of basements, garages, porches, patios, decks or enclosed decks, are set forth below.

Single Story

1,500 square feet

(b) Exterior Finish Requirements. The front side of any residence constructed upon a Lot must be faced with at least forty percent (40%) brick or natural stone, and the rear and each side of any residence constructed upon a Lot must be faced with at least twenty percent (20%) brick or natural stone. All exposed foundations constructed as part of a residence on any Lot shall be faced with brick or natural stone. Vertical transitions between brick or stone to another material shall be made at an inside joint, such as a window, wall, fireplace, or other similar design device. No transitions shall be permitted from an outside joint or corner. All remaining surfaces of any residence not faced with

brick or natural stone, including windows, shall be constructed of or faced with Maintenance Free Material. No vinyl siding or vertical siding is allowed. The brick or natural stone used on any residence constructed upon a Lot shall be (i) modular size; (ii) within the color range of red to brown; and (iii) be manufactured by Acme Brick Co., Glen Gery Brick Co., Endicott Brick Co., Hebron Brick Co., Denver Brick Co., Cherokee Sandford Brick or Cherokee Brick Co.; or be similar size, color or brick approved by Declarant.

- (c) <u>Roof Requirements</u>. The roof of each residence constructed upon any Lot shall be a minimum pitch of 4:12, or as may be dictated by a unique architectural style and shall be covered with fiberglass shingles (minimum 250 lb. weight) such as Horizon or Heritage II, shakes, wood shingles, tile, slate or synthetic slate.
- 5. <u>Construction Time Frame</u>. Commencement of construction of a residence upon a Lot must begin within eighteen (18) months from the date title is conveyed by Declarant. In the event construction is not commenced within eighteen (18) months from the date of conveyance by Declarant, Declarant shall have the option to purchase the Lot for its original sale price, less any real estate commissions or other closing costs paid by Declarant at the time of the original sale. Construction of any residence to be located upon a Lot shall be completed within eighteen (18) months from the date of commencement of excavation or construction of the improvement. No excavation dirt shall be spread across any Lot in such a fashion as to materially change the grade or contour of any Lot.
- 6. <u>Garages, Driveways and Walkways</u>. All garages for residences constructed upon any Lot must be a minimum of two cars and be attached to the residence constructed on such Lot. All driveways must be constructed of concrete, brick, paving stone or laid stone. All driveways, patios, sidewalks and walkways located upon a Lot shall be constructed, maintained, repaired and replaced by the Lot Owner; provided that, the Association shall be responsible for snow removal from such areas except rear yard patios and walkways.
- 7. <u>Lawn Irrigation and Sodding</u>. Prior to the occupancy of any residence constructed upon any Lot, an underground lawn irrigation system that ties into the community irrigation system shall be installed on such Lot and the Green Area of such Lot shall be sodded, weather permitting.
- 8. <u>Fences</u>. Fencing shall be allowed only in the rear yard within lot lines and shall meet the following specifications: (i) Ascot 3-Channel style, three (3) feet tall, residential grade, black finish color, manufactured by Alumni-Guard; (ii) a brick wall divider, three (3) feet tall, constructed of same brick or stone used on the residence; or (iii) landscape vegetation/screen, three (3) feet tall, provided said landscaping must be approved as part of the landscape plan in accordance with Paragraph 2(b).
- 9. <u>Air Conditioning Units</u>. Any exterior air conditioning unit or system placed on any Lot must be located in the side or rear yard and, if such unit or system is visible from a street or private roadway, must be screened by landscape shrubbery or fencing approved by the Declarant, in connection with the approval of the initial landscape plan submitted to the Declarant for approval.

- 10. <u>Accessory Buildings or Structures</u>. No detached accessory buildings, sheds, playhouses, greenhouses, swing sets, clotheslines or any structures of any kind (not including fences permitted in Paragraph 8 above), shall be constructed or placed on any Lot.
- 11. <u>Animals and Animal Shelters</u>. No stable, kennel or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, including any dog run or kennel. Conventional household pets are permitted subject to the condition that the pet(s) is not allowed to unreasonably annoy and/or disturb the normal residential occupancy of the neighborhood or constitute a hazard to public health or safety. No pet shall be allowed to run at large and must be on a leash when in the Common Area. All Lot Owners must clean up after their pets.
  - 12. Swimming Pools. Swimming pools shall not be permitted on any Lot.
  - 13. <u>Mailboxes</u>. One or more cluster mailboxes shall be provided for the Property.
- 14. <u>City Requirements</u>. All buildings constructed upon any Lot within the Property shall be constructed in conformity with the requirements of the applicable building codes of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska.
- 15. <u>Sidewalks</u>. Each Lot Owner, other than the Declarant, shall be, and does hereby assume, any and all responsibility or liability for the construction and installation of public sidewalks parallel to each street or private roadway which abuts the Lot or Lots owned by such Lot Owner. All sidewalks parallel to such street or road which abuts a Lot shall be constructed and paid for by such Lot Owner upon the earlier date of, to wit: (a) the construction of the residence constructed upon such Lot, or (b) whenever required by the City of Lincoln, or the Association, whichever is first. Each individual Lot Owner, other than the Declarant, shall indemnify and hold the Declarant harmless from any liability or cost incurred in connection with the installation of or payment for any public sidewalk parallel to each street or road which abuts the Lot owned by such Lot Owner.
- 16. <u>Street Trees</u>. Declarant shall be responsible for the initial planting of street trees required by the City of Lincoln along each street or private roadway within the Property that abuts any Lot or Lots. Such street trees shall be paid for by the Lot Owner at the time the Lot is purchased from Declarant. The Lot Owner shall be responsible for maintenance and replacement of any street tree installed by Declarant.
- 17. <u>Signage</u>. No advertising signs, billboards, or other advertising devices shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising a lot as "For Sale". In addition, Declarant may erect signs of any size advertising Lots for sale within the Property. This provision shall not prohibit any object or sign from being placed on any Lot that is required by a governmental entity, builder, contractor, subcontractor or tradesman as part of the home marketing and construction process.

- 18. Exterior Restrictions. No exterior television or radio antenna, satellite receiving station or dish, exterior solar heating or cooling device, or wind powered electric generators of any sort shall be permitted on any Lot unless such apparatus is approved by the Declarant and is installed in such a manner that it is not visible from any street or roadway, except, satellite dishes 24" or less in diameter are permitted in the rear yard.
- 19. <u>Repair on Lot</u>. No exterior repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers/camper trucks, trailers (auto-drawn or mounted), recreational vehicles, mobile homes, aircrafts, or similar vehicles or chattels shall be permitted on any Lot at any time in excess of forty-eight (48) hours; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot.
- 20. Storage on Lot. No boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers/camper trucks, trailers (auto-drawn or mounted), recreational vehicles, mobile homes, aircrafts, or similar vehicles or chattels shall be maintained or stored on any part of a Lot for over forty-eight (48) hours, other than within the garage. No motor vehicle may be parked or stored outside on any Lot, except properly licensed and registered vehicles driven on a regular basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot. No grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semi tractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Paragraph shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings or other improvements during the period of construction.
- 21. <u>Construction Vehicle and Roll off Service</u>. Declarant may designate and enforce locations through and over which all construction vehicles shall enter and exit the Property during development. During construction of any residence on a Lot, a dumpster shall be placed on the Lot and no material may be staged or stored in any street, road or on another Lot. Such dumpster shall be covered and must be emptied when full. Declarant shall have the right to designate a single provider of roll off service within the Property in order to limit and control the number of service trucks operating within the Property. No trash containers shall be placed or kept outside on a Lot unless they are completely screened from view, except waste collection containers may be set out for pick-up day.
- 22. <u>Lighting</u>. All exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots.
- 23. <u>Temporary or Permanent Structures</u>. No partially completed dwelling or temporary building and no trailer, tent, storage shed, outbuilding, shack or garage on any Lot shall be used as a temporary or permanent residence.
- 24. <u>Nuisance</u>. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the community or which endangers the health or unreasonably disturbs the quiet of the occupants of adjoining Lots. No grass, weeds or other vegetation will be grown or otherwise permitted to commence or continue, and no dangerous, diseased or otherwise objectionable shrubs or trees will be maintained on any Lot so as to constitute an actual or potential public nuisance, create a hazard

or undesirable proliferation, or detract from a neat and trim appearance. Vacant Lots shall not be used for dumping of earth or any waste materials. No vegetation on vacant Lots, excluding vacant Lots owned by Declarant, shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of eighteen (18) inches. In the event vegetation on a vacant Lot not owned by the Declarant is allowed to reach a height in excess of eighteen (18) inches, the Association shall have the right to enter upon and mow the Lot, and to assess the mowing charges against the Lot.

- 25. <u>Gardens and Composting</u>. Gardens shall only be allowed on a Lot within the rear yard or within containers. No compost pile may be constructed or maintained on any Lot.
- 26. <u>Exterior Maintenance</u>. Each individual Lot Owner, at their own expense, shall maintain in good condition the exterior of the residence located upon such Lot Owner's Lot, the driveway from such Lot Owner's Lot to the Roadways, and the sidewalk located between such Lot Owner's residence and the Roadways, and all other sidewalks (excluding those sidewalks running parallel to the Roadways), patios and/or decks specifically serving such Lot.
- 27. <u>Subdivision</u>. No Lot may be split, divided or subdivided for sale, resale, gift, transfer, or otherwise, without the prior written approval of Declarant of plans and specifications for such split, division or subdivision. This provision does not apply to Declarant.

### ARTICLE IV ASSOCIATION

- 1. <u>The Association</u>. Declarant shall cause the incorporation of the Association. The Association shall have as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Property, including:
  - (a) The acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep, replacement and administration of the Common Area for the use, benefit and enjoyment of all the Members, including snow removal from all driveways and walkways located upon the Lots. The Common Area may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, on private property subject to an easement in favor of the Association, or on public property.
  - (b) The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of the Common Area. The rules and regulations may permit or restrict use of the Common Area by Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who may be required to pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Area.
  - (c) The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of the Property; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of the Property.

2. <u>Membership and Voting</u>. Every Lot Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot and ownership of such Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership.

All Members whether one or more persons and entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote per Lot on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association. Declarant shall be entitled to ten (10) votes per Lot for each Lot owned by Declarant on each matter coming before the Members of the Association.

- 3. <u>Rights of All Members</u>. Each Member of the Association shall have the right to use and enjoy the Common Area and shall have an easement over and upon the Common Area for the use and enjoyment thereof, which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the interest requisite for membership held by such Member; provided, however, that no Lot Owner shall install any landscaping or construct any structures within the Common Area without the prior written consent of the Association. The rights of the Members of the Association in and upon the Common Area shall be subject to the following:
  - (a) All easements shown upon any final plat of any portion of the Property recorded with the Register of Deeds of Lancaster County, Nebraska;
  - (b) The right of the Association to promulgate rules and regulations for the reasonable use and enjoyment of the Common Area and the right of the Association, as provided in its Articles and Bylaws to suspend a Member's use of the Common Area for any period during which any assessment remains unpaid, or for any period not to exceed thirty (30) days for any other infraction of any published rules and regulations governing the use and maintenance of the Common Area;
  - (c) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members; provided, however, that any such dedication or transfer shall be approved by a majority vote at a regular meeting of the Members, providing notice of the proposed dedication or transfer be contained in the notice of such meeting; and
  - (d) The use of the Roadways located within the Common Area by the general public pursuant to any public access easement granted or to be granted by the Declarant.
  - (e) The right of the City of Lincoln to enter upon the Common Area to maintain the Common Area in the same manner as required of the Association in the event the Association fails to perform said maintenance or the Association dissolves and the Lot Owners fail to perform said maintenance.

The Members of the Association acknowledge that Outlot E, Grandale Addition, which is adjacent to the Property is not part of the Common Area and the Members have no rights use said Outlot.

- 4. <u>Powers and Responsibilities</u>. The Association shall have the powers conferred upon nonprofit corporations by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and all powers and duties necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes and administer the affairs of the Association. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors, and upon authorization of the Board of Directors by the officers, shall include but shall not be limited to the following:
  - (a) The acquisition, construction, improvement, development, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep, replacement and administration of the Common Area and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Area.
  - (b) The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.
  - (c) The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering the Common Area against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.
  - (d) The exercise of all of the powers and privileges, and the performance of all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.
  - (e) The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association.
  - (f) The deposit, investment and reinvestment of Association funds in bank accounts, securities, money market funds or accounts, mutual funds, pooled funds, certificates of deposit or the like.
  - (g) The employment of professionals and consultants to advise and assist the Officers and Board of Directors of the Association in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for the Association.
  - (h) General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing the performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.
  - (i) The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.
- 5. <u>Association Activities Regarding the Common Area.</u> The Association covenants and each Lot Owner of a Lot, by acceptance of a deed by which the interest requisite for membership is acquired, shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to administer, insure,

maintain, repair, replace, add, improve and to the extent applicable, own the Common Area. The covenant to pay shall be satisfied by the payment of dues and assessments for such administration, insurance, maintenance, repairs, replacement, addition, improvement, and to the extent applicable, ownership of the Common Area as set forth below. In the event the Association dissolves, the Lot Owners shall remain jointly and severally liable for the cost of maintenance of the Common Area.

- 6. <u>Driveway and Walkway Snow Removal; Window Cleaning</u>. The Association shall be responsible for snow removal from all driveways and walkways located upon the Lots as well as within the Common Area, except for rear yard patios and walkways. The Association shall also be responsible for exterior window cleaning for the residences located upon the Lots.
- 7. Green Area Maintenance. The Association's maintenance of the Green Area located upon each Lot shall include lawn fertilizing and mowing, but shall not include (i) mowing of any Green Area located within a fenced area on a Lot; or (ii) maintenance of any landscaping and plantings installed on any Lot. Each Lot Owner shall be responsible for maintaining any and all landscaping and plantings located upon their Lot; provided, however, a Lot Owner shall have the option to elect to have the Association provide said maintenance and the cost thereof shall be charged directly to the Lot Owner. Each Lot Owner shall also be responsible for mowing any Green Area located within a fenced area on the Lot Owner's Lot.
- 8. <u>Refuse Service</u>. The Association shall select a single provider to provide refuse collection services for the Property. The cost of the refuse services for each Lot shall be paid by the Lot Owner directly to the service provider and shall not be collected by or paid to the Association.
- 9. <u>Imposition of Dues and Assessments</u>. The Association may fix, levy and charge each Lot Owner with dues and assessments under the following provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the dues and assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be payable at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Board.
- 10. <u>Abatement of Dues and Assessments</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant.
- 11. <u>Liens and Personal Obligations for Dues and Assessments</u>. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Lot Owner at the time when the dues and assessments first become due and payable. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be a charge and continuing lien upon the Lot in respect of which the dues and assessments are charged. The personal obligation for delinquent dues and assessments shall not pass to the successor in title to the Lot Owner at the time the dues and assessments become delinquent unless such dues and assessments are expressly assumed by the successors, but all successors shall take title subject to the lien for such dues and assessments, and shall be bound to inquire of the Association as to the amount of any unpaid dues and assessments.

- 12. <u>Purpose of Dues</u>. Dues and assessments may be levied by the Board of Directors of the Association. The dues and assessments levied and collected by the Association shall be committed and expended to accomplish the purposes and to perform the powers and responsibilities of the Association described in this Article.
- 13. <u>Assessments for Capital Improvements</u>. In addition to the dues, the Board of Directors may levy an assessment or assessments for capital improvements; provided that, within thirty (30) days of the Board's adoption of an assessment for capital improvements, the Board shall set a meeting date to consider ratification of the capital assessment not less than fourteen (14) nor more than thirty (30) days after mailing the meeting notice. The capital assessment is automatically ratified by the Members, whether or not a quorum is present, unless at that meeting Members holding at least fifty percent (50%) of the total votes of all Members of the Association reject the capital assessment.
- 14. <u>Uniform Rate of Dues and Assessments</u>. Dues and assessments related to the Common Area shall be fixed at a uniform rate as to all Lots, but may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Paragraph 10, above.
- 15. <u>Certificate as to Dues and Assessments</u>. The Association shall, upon written request and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the dues and assessments on a specified Lot have been paid to the date of request, the amount of any delinquent sums, and the due date and amount of the next succeeding dues, assessment or installment thereof. The dues and assessment shall be and become a lien as of the date such amounts first become due and payable.
- 16. Effect of Nonpayment of Dues or Assessments; Remedies of the Association. Any installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues or assessments shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of fourteen percent (14%) per annum, or the maximum rate allowed by law, whichever is less. The Association may bring an action at law against the Lot Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot or Lots, and pursue any other legal or equitable remedy. The Association shall be entitled to recover as a part of the action and shall be indemnified against the interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to such action. No Lot Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the charge and lien provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot. The mortgagee of any Lot shall have the right to cure any delinquency of a Lot Owner by payment of all sums due, together with interest, costs and fees. The Association shall assign to such mortgagee all of its rights with respect to such lien and right of foreclosure and such mortgagee may thereupon be subrogated to any rights of the Association.
- 17. <u>Subordination of the Lien to Mortgagee</u>. The lien of dues and assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage, contract or deed of trust given as collateral for a home improvement or purchase money loan. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect or terminate the dues and assessment lien.

- 18. Failure to Maintain; Self-Help by Association. In the event that any Lot Owner fails or refuses to install and/or perform any required maintenance of any item identified in Paragraph 26 of Article III or Paragraph 7 of Article IV in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Directors of the Association, the Declarant or the Board of Directors of the Association may, after seven (7) days' notice to the Lot Owner in default, authorize and direct the installation, maintenance or repair of such item by agents or employees of the Association. Such agents or employees shall have the right to enter upon such Lot for the purpose of such installation and maintenance, and the cost thereof, together with a ten percent (10%) administrative fee, shall be assessed against the Lot and be the personal obligation of the Lot Owner failing to perform his/her obligations, shall bear interest at the rate of fourteen percent (14%) per annum and shall be a lien upon the Lot assessed.
- 19. Dissolution of Association; Lot Owner Responsibilities. Each Lot Owner by the acceptance of a deed by which the interest requisite for membership in the Association is acquired, shall be deemed to covenant that, in the event the Association dissolves, such Lot Owner shall remain jointly and severally liable along with all other owners of Lots within the Property for the cost of administering and maintaining the Common Area in the same manner as required of the Association under Article IV, Paragraph 5 above. In the event such Lot Owners fail or refuse to perform any required maintenance and upkeep of the Common Area, the City of Lincoln after seven (7) days' notice to such Lot Owners, may perform the required maintenance and assess each Lot and Lot Owner for the cost of the performance of such maintenance on an equal per Lot basis. Each assessment of the City's actual costs of performing the maintenance shall be the personal obligation of each Lot Owner who is the owner of the Lot at the time of assessment and shall be a lien upon the Lot assessed. To evidence such lien for unpaid assessments, the City shall prepare a written notice setting forth the amount, the name of the Lot Owner, and a legal description of the lot. Such notice shall be signed on behalf of the City by the Mayor and shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds of Lancaster County, Nebraska. Each Lot Owner shall pay the Lot Owner's pro-rata share of the City's actual cost of maintaining the Common Area within thirty days following receipt of an assessment therefor. Delinquent payments shall be subject to a late charge of 10% of the delinquent payment or twenty dollars (\$20) whichever is greater.

# ARTICLE V GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Additional Property. Declarant reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time, to add Additional Property to the provisions of this Declaration without the consent of the Members of the Association. Additional Property may be added to this Declaration by an instrument executed by Declarant and filed with the Lancaster County Register of Deeds, which instrument shall be deemed an amendment to this Declaration (which need not be consented to or approved by any Member of the Association) and shall (i) refer to this Declaration, stating the date and filing information, (ii) contain a statement that such Additional Property is conveyed subject to the provisions of this Declaration or only specified portions thereof; (iii) contain an exact legal description of such Additional Property, and (iv) state such other or different covenants, conditions and restrictions as the Declarant, in its sole discretion, shall specify to regulate and control the use, occupancy and improvement of such Additional Property.

- 2. <u>Common Utility Lines</u>. When any utility line shall be constructed on two or more adjoining Lots with the Property, each Lot Owner of one of the adjoining Lots shall have an easement for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the utility line upon all of the adjoining Lots, which easement shall be appurtenant to the interest requisite for membership. Any expense of maintenance, repair or replacement of the utility line shall be borne equally by the Lot Owners of such adjoining Lots. The provisions of this paragraph shall not operate to relieve any Lot Owner from any liability which such Lot Owner may incur by reason of negligent or willful acts or omissions resulting in damage to the utility line.
- 3. Enforcement of Declaration. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or any Lot Owner named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. The City shall have the right to enforce by proceedings at law or in equity all restrictive covenants and conditions regarding the maintenance of the Common Area. The City proceedings may be to restrain violation of the duty to maintain the Common Area, to recover a money judgment upon the personal obligation and debt of the Lot Owner to pay the Lot Owner's pro-rata share of the City's cost to maintain the Common Area or to foreclose upon the defaulting Lot Owner's Lot in a like manner as mortgages on real property. In any such foreclosure or lawsuit, the Lot Owner shall be required to pay the cost and expenses of such proceedings, including reasonable attorney fees, costs of suit, and court costs incurred as allowed by the court. Suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid assessments for the cost to maintain the Common Area shall be maintainable without foreclosure of the Lot Owner's Lot or waiving the lien securing the assessment. Failure by the Declarant, City of Lincoln or by any Lot Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- 4. <u>Amendment</u>. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant, in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of fifteen (15) years from the date hereof. Thereafter any portion of this Declaration, may be amended by an instrument signed by the Lot Owners of Lots comprising not less than sixty-six percent (66%) of the total votes of Lots covered by this Declaration.
- 5. Assignment. Meridian Corporation shall have the power to assign any or all of its rights and duties as Declarant in this Declaration to a successor or assign, or to the Association at such time as the Declarant deems appropriate, by filing a Notice of Assignment of Declarant Rights and Duties that delineates which rights and duties are being assigned. Meridian Corporation, or its successor or assign, may also terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration in its entirety, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, the Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant with respect to those remaining rights and duties the Declarant has not previously assigned to another entity, association or individual under a Notice of Assignment of Declarant Rights and Duties, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant with respect to those remaining rights and duties.

- 6. <u>Partial Invalidation</u>. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- 7. Termination of Covenants. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land and the Lot Owners, their successors, assigns, heirs and devisees, for a term of thirty (30) years from the date of this Declaration, after which time said Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive ten (10) year periods unless an instrument terminating this Declaration signed by the then Lot Owners of Lots comprising not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total votes of Lots covered by this Declaration has been recorded prior to the commencement of any ten year period.
- 8. <u>City Approval</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, any instrument amending, modifying, abrogating, or terminating this Declaration pertaining to the structure, existence or financing of the Association maintenance of the Common Area, enforcement of this Declaration by the City and City approval of amendments to this Declaration must be approved by the City of Lincoln City Attorney's office in writing and recorded with the Register of Deeds before it shall be effective.

IN WITNESS day of	WHEREOF, the	Declarant ha	s caused	these	presents	to be	e executed	this
day of _//	arch	_, 2019.						

MERIDIAN CORPORATION, a Nebraska

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Cori Sampson Vokoun, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING MAINTENANCE OF THE COMMON AREA TO THE ASSOCIATION:

Assistant City Attorney

Date:

February 22,2019

STATE OF NEBRASKA	)
	) ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER	)
The foregoing was acknowle 2019, by Cori Sampson Vokoun, Probehalf of the corporation.	edged before me this, day of, esident of Meridian Corporation, a Nebraska corporation, on
-	Steffary J. Kopes
GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska STEFFANY J. KOBES	Notary Public

### **EXHIBIT "A"**

### **PROPERTY**

Outlots F, G, and H, Grandale Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

Lots 1-10, Block 1; Lots 1-5, Block 2: Lots 1-8, Block 3; Lots 1-10, Block 4; and Outlots A, B, C and D, Grandale 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

