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GRANTOR:

LENZ, THOMAS J. & CYNTHIA L., husband and wife

GRANTEE:

THE PUBLIC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

ASSESSOR'S TPN:

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DECLARATION OF USE AND OCCUPANCY COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RIVER VALLEY ESTATES, A LARGE LOT SUBDIVISION (PL 05-0201)

ARTICLE ONE PROPERTY, DECLARANTS

ARTICLE TWO DECLARATION

For the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, attractiveness and desirability of the lots in RIVER VALLEY ESTATES, DECLARANTS declare that all of the following described real property undergoing development as RIVER VALLEY ESTATES:

That portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter lying South of the County Road; all of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; EXCEPT the South 990 feet thereof, Section 26, Township 36 North, Range 4 East, W.M., records of Skagit County, Washington,

and each part thereof, herein called the "Property", shall be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the following easements, covenants, conditions, and restrictions, which shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the above described property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

ARTICLE THREE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. House Construction. All buildings shall be "stick built." Mobile homes, manufactured houses, modular houses, and prefabricated buildings are prohibited.

Section 2. Siding/Roofing. Siding must be natural wood-appearing, such as board and batten, lap siding, etc. There shall be no metal or fiberglass siding or roofing other than that appearing to be natural wood. All outbuildings shall be of the same siding and roofing as the residence.

Section 3. Minimum Floor Living Area. No construction plan shall be approved unless the first floor of a single story, exclusive of one-story open porches, decks, and garages, has more than 1,800 square feet of usable living area. For two-story homes, the main floor shall be a minimum of 1,500 square feet as defined above.

Section 4. Fences. Any fence which is built must be maintained in an aesthetic manner, so that the fence is not broken, leaning, or otherwise has a shabby appearance. No cyclone fencing is allowed within the sight of the road or neighbor's residential area.

ARTICLE FOUR USE AND OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS

Each lot in the Property shall be occupied and used only as follows:

Section 1. Reasonable Use. No lot shall ever be used in a fashion which unreasonably interferes with the other lot owners' use and enjoyment of their respective properties.

Section 2. Single Family Residence. Each lot shall be used as a residence for a single family and for no other purpose.

Section 3. Non-Residential Use. No commercial or industrial activity of any kind shall be conducted on any lot except that a home-based business that has no external activity, and hence no impact on the neighborhood, is allowed.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Nuisances.</u> Discharge of firearms, fireworks, the operation of noisy motorbikes, excessively loud animals, or other noxious or offensive activity shall be prohibited within the external boundaries of the Property.

Section 5. Waste Disposal. No rubbish, trash, garbage, or other waste material shall be kept or permitted on any lot except in sanitary containers located in appropriate areas concealed from public view. Disposition of any hazardous or toxic waste or material, including any petroleum by-product, onto any lot or into any storm drainage channel or facility shall be prohibited, and the violator shall pay all costs of re-mediation.

Section 6. Excess Vehicles. All inoperative vehicles, and all vehicles not regularly used such as motor homes, trailers, tractors, etc., shall be placed inside a building or otherwise screened from view from any public area and the residential area of the neighboring properties.

Section 7. Temporary Dwelling Prohibited. No outbuilding, basement, tent, shack, garage, recreational vehicle, trailer, shed, or temporary building of any kind shall be used as a residence, either



temporary or permanent.

Section 8. Speed Limit. There is instituted a speed limit of 20 miles per hour upon the private

road within the Property.

ARTICLE FIVE GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. DECLARANTS or any owner shall have the right to enforce, by any

proceeding at law or in equity, the restrictions, conditions, covenants, easements and reservations, now

or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this declaration and the plat. Failure by DECLARANTS

or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed

a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. The prevailing party in such an action shall be entitled to all

costs and a reasonable attorneys fee.

Section 2. Severability: Construction. Invalidation of any one or more of these covenants or

restrictions by court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force

and effect. Use of the singular herein includes the plural and vice versa; masculine, feminine and

neutral gender are interchangeable.

Section 3. Amendment. Covenants and restrictions of this Declaration may be amended by

duly recording an instrument executed and acknowledged by not less than a 3/4 majority of the lots

within the Property.

Section 4. Subordination. No breach of any of the conditions herein contained or re-entry by

reason of such breach shall defeat or render invalid the lien of any mortgage made in good faith and

for value as to any lot in RIVER VALLEY ESTATES, provided, however, that such conditions shall

be binding on any owner whose title is acquired by foreclosure, trustee's sale or otherwise.

Section 5. Duration. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and

bind the land, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by any lot owner thereof for a period

of twenty years from the date hereof, and thereafter shall continue automatically in effect for

additional periods of 20 years, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the then owners of at least 75%

of the lots in RIVER VALLEY ESTATES.

Section 6. Acceptance of Deed Constitutes Acceptance of Restrictions. The acceptance of

a deed by the grantee shall constitute an acceptance of all the terms, conditions, limitations,

restrictions, and uses to which the property herein conveyed is made.

DATED this 30 day of October, 2006.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON)

) ss:

COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH)

On this day personally appeared before me THOMAS J. LENZ and CYNTHIA L. LENZ, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they signed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 30 day of 00000

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PUBLIC in and for the State of

Washington, residing at Stanwood My appointment expires: 12-