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BLANCO WOODS SUBDIVISION

DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

(UNIT 1A)

THE STATE OF TEXAS Ø
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COUNTY OF BEXAR Ø

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT, BAKER PROPERTIES, INC., a Texas corporation (Declarant), being the owner of all of the lots situated within that certain subdivision known as Blanco Woods, Unit 1A, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Volume 9300, Page 159, of the Deed and Plat Records of Bexar County, Texas (hereinafter called the subdivision), and desiring to create and carry out a uniform plan for the improvement, development and sale of the subdivided lots situated in the subdivision, does hereby adopt and establish the following restrictions and covenants to run with the land and to apply in the use, occupancy, and conveyance of the aforesaid described subdivided lots therein, and each Contract or Deed which may be executed with regard to any of such property shall be held to have been executed, delivered and accepted, subject to the following restrictions and covenants (the headings being employed for convenience only and not to be controlling over content):

I.

USE

All lots in the subdivision shall be used for single-family residential purposes only.

No owner shall occupy or use his lot or any improvements constructed thereon, or permit the same or any part thereof to be occupied or used for any purpose other than as a private residence for the owner, his family, guests and tenants. During the construction and sales period of the initial dwelling units, the builder may erect and maintain such structures as are customary in connection with such construction and sale of such property, including, but not limited to, a business office, storage areas, construction yards, signs, model units, and sales office.

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No building material of any kind shall be placed or stored upon any lot until the owner thereof is ready to commence improvements, and then, the material shall be placed within the property lines of the lot upon which the improvements are erected and shall not be placed on the street or between the curb and property line.

II.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

No building, fence, or other structure shall be erected, placed or altered on any lot in the subdivision until the plans and specifications, including exterior elevations for such building, fence or other structure and a plat showing the location of such building, fence or other structure, shall have been approved in writing as to the quality of workmanship and materials, conformity and harmony of exterior design with existing structures in the subdivision and as to the location with respect to topography and finished ground elevation by an Architectural Control Committee composed of Jesse A. Baker, Bruce W. Baker and Earl Jones, or a representative designated by a majority of the members of said Committee. In the event of the death or resignation of any member of said Committee, the remaining member or members shall have full authority to approve and disapprove such plans and specifications and plat, and authority to designate a successor Committee member or members with like authority. In the event said Committee or its designated representative fails to approve or disapprove any plans and specifications or plat within thirty (30) days after the same have been submitted to it, or in the event no suit to enjoin the erection or alteration of such building, fence or structure has been commenced prior to the completion thereof, such approval shall not be required and this covenant shall be deemed to be fully complied with. The Committee shall have the express authority to perform fact finding functions hereunder and shall have the power to construe and interpret any covenant herein that may be vague, indefinite, uncertain or capable of more than one construction. Members of said Committee and their representatives shall not be liable to any person subject to or possessing or claiming the benefits of these restrictive covenants for any damage or injury to property or for damage or loss

arising out of their acts hereunder, it being understood and agreed that any remedy be restricted to injunctive relief and no other. The Architectural Control Committee shall not be entitled to any compensation for services rendered pursuant to this covenant.

III.

SIZE OF DWELLING

The total floor area of the main structure of any dwelling shall not be less than two thousand square feet (2,000 sq. ft.). These areas shall be exclusive of open porches, breezeways, carports, garages and other outbuildings.

IV.

OUTBUILDING REQUIREMENTS

Every outbuilding, inclusive of such structures as a storage building, greenhouse or childrens' playhouse, shall be compatible with the dwelling to which it is appurtenant in terms of its design and material composition. All such buildings shall be located on the rear one-third of the lot and shall be subject to approval of the Architectural Control Committee. In no instance shall an outbuilding exceed one (1) story in height or have total floor area in excess of ten per cent (10%) of the floor area of the main dwelling. No outbuildings shall be located closer than five feet (5') from any rear or side lot lines.

V.

MASONRY REQUIREMENTS

That portion of the exterior walls of the main residence building constructed on any lot which are within eight feet (8') from the ground level of such lot shall be at least seventy-five per cent (75%) by area, composed of masonry or masonry veneer, said percentage to apply to the aggregate area of all said walls, inclusive of door, window and similar openings. The minimum masonry requirement specified shall apply to the lower floor only for a two-story dwelling. Masonry or masonry veneer includes stucco, ceramic tile, clay, brick, rock and all other materials commonly referred to in the San Antonio, Texas area as masonry. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Architectural Control Committee is empowered to waive this restriction if, in its sole discretion, such waiver

is advisable in order to accommodate a unique or advanced building concept, design, or material, and the resulting structure will not detract from the general appearance of the neighborhood.

VI.

FENCES

No fence, wall, or hedge shall be built or maintained forward of the front wall line of the main structure, not including decorative walls or fences which are part of the architectural design of the main structure, and which are not to be built or maintained nearer than the building setback line of any lot. An exception shall be made in the case of retaining walls, decorative courtyard walls or planter-type walls.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Architectural Control Committee is empowered to waive the aforesaid height or setback limitation in connection with retaining walls and decorative walls if, in its sole discretion, such waiver is advisable in order to accommodate a unique, attractive or advanced building concept design or material and the resulting decorative wall and/or retaining wall will not detract from the general appearance of the neighborhood.

No chain-link fences may be built or maintained on any lot where same would be visible from a street (i.e., between dwellings and abutting side street on corner lots).

No fence, wall, or hedge, or shrub planting which obstructs sight lines shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner lot within the triangular areas formed by the street property lines and a line connecting them at points twenty-five feet (25') feet from the intersection of the street lines or in the case of a rounded property corner, from the intersection of the street line extended; the same sight line limits shall apply on any lot within ten feet (10') from the intersection of street property lines with the edge of a driveway or alley pavement. No tree shall be permitted to remain within such distance of such intersections, unless the foliage is maintained at sufficient height to prevent obstruction of such sight lines.

VII.

DRIVEWAYS

All driveways shall be surfaced with concrete, or other similar hard surfaced material and shall be a minimum of sixteen feet (16') in width.

VIII.

TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

No structure of a temporary character -- trailer, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuildings -- shall be used on any lot at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently. No trailer, camper or similar vehicle shall at any time be connected to utilities situated within a lot. No dwelling previously constructed elsewhere may be moved on any lot in the subdivision controlled by these covenants. This covenant specifically includes the use of a mobile home in which the axle and wheels have been removed and placed upon a concrete slab, which said mobile home is hereby specifically prohibited as a residence, either temporarily or permanently, and further, specifically includes a mobile home upon which the wheels have been left attached.

IX.

SIGNS

No signs of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any single-family residential lot except one professional sign of not more than one (1) square foot or one sign of not more than nine (9) square feet advertising the property for sale or rent. Signs used by the developer to advertise the property during the construction and sales period shall be permitted, irrespective of the foregoing.

X.

MAINTENANCE

Grass, weeds and vegetation on each lot sold shall be kept mowed at regular intervals. Trees, shrubs, vines and plants which die shall be promptly removed from the property. Lawns must be properly maintained, fences must be repaired and maintained, and no objectionable or unsightly usage of lots will be permitted which is visible to the public view. Building materials shall not be stored on any lot except when being

employed in construction upon such lot, and any excess materials not needed for construction and any building refuse shall promptly be removed from such lot.

Until a home or residence is built on a lot, Declarant may, at its option, have the grass, weeds and vegetation cut when and as often as the same is necessary in its judgment, and have dead trees shrubs and plants removed therefrom. Declarant may also, at its option, remove any excess building materials or building refuse situated on a lot in violation of this covenant. The owner of any such lot shall be obligated to reimburse Declarant for the cost of any such maintenance or removal upon demand.

XI.

UTILITY EASEMENTS

Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the recorded plat. Within these easements, if any, no structure, planting, or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities; or in the case of drainage easements, which may change the direction of flow of water through drainage channels in such easements. The easement area of each lot, if any, and all improvements in such area shall be maintained continuously by the owner of the lot, except for those improvements for which a public authority or utility company is responsible. Neither Declarant nor any utility company using the easements herein or referred to shall be liable for any damage done by them or their assigns, agents, employees, or servants to shrubbery, streets or flowers or other property of the owners situated on the land covered by said easements.

XII.

VEHICLES

No trailer, tent, boat, or stripped down, wrecked, junked, or wholly inoperable vehicle shall be kept, parked, stored, or maintained on any portion of the front yard in front of the building line of the permanent structure and shall be kept, parked, stored or maintained on other portions of a lot only within an enclosed structure or a screened area which prevents the view thereof from adjacent lots or streets. No

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dismantling or assembling of motor vehicles, boats, trailers or other machinery or equipment shall be permitted in any driveway or yard adjacent to a street. No commercial vehicle bearing commercial insignia or names shall be parked on any lot except within an enclosed structure or a screened area which prevents such view thereof from adjacent lots and streets, unless such vehicle is temporarily parked for the purpose of serving such lot.

XIII.

PETS

No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot except for cats, dogs, or other generally recognized household pets of a reasonable number, provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purposes; and provided further, that no more than two (2) adult dogs and two (2) adult cats may be kept on a single lot.

All such animals shall be kept in strict accordance with all local laws and ordinances (including leash laws) and in accordance with all rules established by the Architectural Control Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the owners of such household pets to prevent the animals from running loose or becoming a nuisance to the other residents.

XIV.

OIL AND MINING OPERATIONS

No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations, or shafts be permitted upon any lot. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any lot. No tank for the storage of oil or other fluids may be maintained on any of the lots above the surface of the ground.

XV.

WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS

No individual water supply system or sewage disposal system shall be permitted on any lot, including, but not limited to, water wells, cesspools or septic tanks.

XVI.

RADIO OR TV ANTENNA

No radio or television aerial wires or antennae shall be maintained on any portion of any lot forward of the front building line of said lot. Furthermore, no radio or television aerial wires or antennae shall be placed or maintained on any lot which extends more than ten feet (10') above the highest part of the roof of the main residence on said lot.

XVII.

DRAINAGE EASEMENTS

Easements for drainage throughout the subdivision are reserved as shown on the aforementioned recorded plats, such easements being depicted thereon as "drainage easements." No owner of any lot in the subdivision may perform or cause to be performed any act which would alter or change the course of such drainage easements in a manner that would divert, increase, accelerate or impede the natural flow of water over and across such easements. More specifically, and without limitation, no owner may:

(1) alter, change or modify the existing natural vegetation of the drainage easements in a manner that changes the character of the original environment of such easements;

(2) alter, change or modify the existing configuration of the drainage easements, or fill, excavate or terrace such easements or remove trees or other vegetation therefrom without the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee and the City of San Antonio Drainage Engineer;

(3) construct, erect or install a fence or other structure of any type or nature within or upon such drainage easements which would impede the drainage flow;

(4) permit storage, either temporary or permanent, of any type upon or within such drainage easements; or

(5) place, store or permit to accumulate trash, garbage, leaves, limbs or other debris within or upon the drainage easements, either on a temporary or permanent basis.

The failure of any owner to comply with the provisions of this Article XVII. shall in no event be deemed or construed to impose liability of any nature on the Architectural Control Committee and/or Declarant, and such Committee and/or Declarant shall not be charged with any affirmative duty to police, control or enforce such provisions. The drainage easements provided for in this Article XVII. shall in no way affect any other recorded easement in the subdivision.

XVIII.

NUISANCES

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 neighborhood.

Any owner shall do no act nor any work that will impair the structural soundness or integrity of another residence or impair any easement or hereditament, nor do any act nor allow any condition to exist which will adversely affect the other residences or their owners.

No exterior lighting of any sort shall be installed or maintained on a lot where the light source is offensive or a nuisance to neighboring property (except reasonable security or landscape lighting that has approval of the Architectural Control Committee).

No exterior speakers, horns, whistles, bells or other sound devices (except security devices such as entry door and patio intercoms used exclusively to protect the lot and improvements situated thereon) shall be placed or used upon any lot.

No guns, pistols, rifles or other firearms shall be discharged by owners or their guests in the subdivision, nor shall target practice or hunting of any nature be permitted on any tract situated in the subdivision, or on any adjoining property situated in close proximity to the subdivision whether owned by Declarant or otherwise.

XIX.

GARBAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage and other waste shall be kept in sanitary containers, whether arranged for alley pickup or street pickup. No trash,

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ashes or other refuse may be thrown or dumped on any vacant lot or drainage area in said subdivision.

XX.

MAIL BOXES

Mail boxes shall be erected and maintained upon each lot on which a residence is situated in accordance with the current postal authority standards and the approval of the Architectural Control Committee.

XXI.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Tennis court lighting and fencing shall be allowed with the approval of the Architectural Control Committee. No basketball goals or backboards or any other similar sporting equipment of either a permanent or temporary nature shall be placed within fifteen feet (15') from the front property line of any lot in the subdivision without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee.

XXII.

GARAGES

A garage able to accommodate a minimum of two (2) automobiles and a maximum of four (4) automobiles must be constructed and maintained for each residence. No garage or driveway access shall be allowed from Blanco Woods Boulevard except for those lots which front upon said thoroughfare. Garages will be allowed as temporary builder's sales offices prior to permanent occupancy of the main structure. No carports shall be permitted without the prior written approval of the Architectural Control Committee.

XXIII.

ROOFS

The surface of all roofs of principal and secondary structures which are exposed to public view shall be "300#" shingle or wood shingle, wood shakes, or tile. The Architectural Control Committee shall have the authority to approve other roof treatments and materials when in its determination such treatments and materials in the form utilized will not be a detriment to the quality of the neighborhood. No gravel or "built up"

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roofs shall be permitted without the written approval of the Architectural Control Committee.

XXIV.

SETBACK LINES

All buildings or other structures, permanent or temporary, habitable or not, must be constructed, placed and maintained in conformity with platted setback lines, and in no event shall any such building or other structure be constructed, placed or maintained within seven and one-half feet (7-1/2') of the side boundary of a lot within fifteen feet (15') from the rear property line, or within twenty-five feet (25') of the front boundary of a lot. The eaves of buildings shall not be deemed to be a part of a building or structure, but steps and porches shall be deemed to be a part of a building or structure for the purpose of this covenant. The Architectural Control Committee is empowered to grant variances from the setback requirements hereinabove provided in those instances where in the opinion of said Committee, the proposed location of the buildings or other structures will not detract from the appearance and value of other tracts in the subdivision, and will not have a detrimental effect on the aesthetic integrity and harmony of the subdivision.

XXV.

SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks shall be required for all lots upon which dwellings are constructed, such sidewalks to be a minimum of three feet (3') in width at all points (including mailbox clearance which also must be three feet [3']) and to be situated adjacent to the front curb. Sidewalks meeting the foregoing criteria shall also be required to be constructed upon all "reverse frontage" lots as designated by the Architectural Control Committee as well as along side property lines or those lots siding to streets of at least sixty feet (60') in width.

XXVI.

TERM

The foregoing covenants are made and adopted to run with the land and shall be binding upon the undersigned and all parties and persons claiming through and under it until January 1, 2010, at which time

said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless an instrument executed by a majority of the then owners of the lots in the subdivision controlled by these covenants has been recorded agreeing to change said covenants in whole or in part.

XXVII.

ENFORCEMENT

If the parties hereto, or any of them, or their heirs, successors, lessees or assigns shall violate or attempt to violate any of the covenants herein contained, it shall be lawful for any person or persons owning real property situated in the subdivision controlled by these covenants to prosecute any proceedings at law or in equity against the person or persons violating or attempting to violate any such covenants and either to prevent him or them from so doing or to recover damages for such violations. Declarant, for itself, its successors or assigns, reserves the right to enforce these restrictive covenants, though it may have previously sold and conveyed all subdivided lots in the subdivision, controlled by these covenants. The reservation of this right of enforcement shall not create an obligation of any kind to enforce same.

XXVIII.

PARTIAL INVALIDITY

The invalidation of any one of these covenants by judgment or court order shall in nowise affect any of the other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

XXIV.

AMENDMENT

At any time the owners of the legal title to seventy per cent (70%) of the lots within the subdivision may amend the restrictions and covenants set forth herein by filing an instrument containing such amendment in the office of the County Clerk of Bexar County, Texas; except that, prior to January 1, 1986, no such amendment shall be valid or effective without the joinder of Declarant.

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EXECUTED this 1st day of April, 1982.

BAKER PROPERTIES, INC. Attest:

By: Jesse A. Baker
Jesse A. Baker, President

DECLARANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF BEXAR §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on April 1, 1982, by JESSE A. BAKER, President of BAKER PROPERTIES, INC., a Texas corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My Commission Expires:
4-29-85

Betty R. Bowers
Notary Public, The State of Texas

BETTY R. BOWERS

PLEASE RETURN TO

Mr. Richard L. Kerr
Foster, Lewis, Langley, Gardner
& Banack, Incorporated
1655 Frost Bank Tower
San Antonio, Texas 78205

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR -
I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED in File Number
Sequence on the date and at the time stamped hereon by me, and
was duly RECORDED in the Official Public Records of Real Property of
Bexar County, Texas on



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COUNTY CLERK BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

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