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NORTH CAROLINA  
DARE COUNTY

**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,  
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS  
OF  
SPENCER'S COVE SUBDIVISION**

**THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**  
made and entered into this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000 by OLIN E. FINCH and GEORGIA C. FINCH,  
husband and wife, and JOHN R. HOOPER, hereinafter referred to as Developer and Island Creek  
Partners, hereinafter referred to as ISLAND CREEK:

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Developer is the owner of the real property described in Article One of this  
Declaration and desires to create thereon an exclusive residential community known as Spencer's  
Cove Subdivision (the "Development") with Common Areas for the benefit of the Community; and

WHEREAS, Developer desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities  
in Spencer's Cove Subdivision and for the maintenance of the Common Areas and, to this end,  
desires to subject the real property described in Article One to the covenants, conditions, restrictions,  
easements, charges and liens hereinafter set forth, each and all of which is, and are, for the benefit  
of said real property and each owner thereof; and

WHEREAS, Developer has deemed it desirable, for the efficient preservation of the values  
and amenities in Spencer's Cove Subdivision, to create an agency to which would be delegated and  
assigned the powers of maintaining and administering the Common Areas and administering and  
enforcing the covenants, conditions and restrictions, and collecting and disbursing the assessments  
and charges hereinafter created; and

WHEREAS, Developer has caused to be incorporated under the laws of the State of North  
Carolina, a non-profit corporation, The Spencer's Cove Property Owners Association, Inc., for the  
purpose of exercising the functions aforesaid.

WHEREAS, the Owners of properties in Spencer's Cove Subdivision will have use rights  
and access through certain road ways and bridges as contained in a development project immediately  
North of Spencer's Cove Subdivision which such development and lands are presently owned by  
Island Creek.

This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions is being rerecorded to attach plat  
which inadvertently was not attached when originally recorded.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Developer declares that the real property described in Article One, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be made pursuant to Article One hereof, is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to the terms and provisions of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, charges and liens (sometimes referred to herein as "covenants and restrictions" or "This Declaration") hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE ONE

PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION

SECTION 1. Existing Property. The real property which is, and shall be, held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to this Declaration (the "Existing Property") is located in Dare County, North Carolina, and is more particularly described as follows:

Spencer's Cove Subdivision as shown on map or plat entitled in part "Revised Subdivision Plat of Spencer's Cove in Avon, Kinnakeet Township, Dare County, North Carolina" by Cummins Surveying as recorded in Plat Cabinet E, Slide 265, Dare County Public Registry.

ARTICLE TWO

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 2. The following words when used in this Declaration or any supplemental Declaration (unless the context shall require otherwise) shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Association" shall mean and refer to the Spencer's Cove Property Owners Association, Inc.; and "By-Laws" shall mean and refer to the By-Laws of the Association.

(b) "Board" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Spencer's Cove Property Owners Association, Inc.

(c) "Common Areas" shall mean and refer to all areas denominated as "Common Areas", if any, on the map or plat of Spencer's Cove Subdivision as recorded in Plat Cabinet E, Slide 265 and further to include the non-exclusive right of ingress, egress, access and utilities over and upon the easements described in Article Six, Section 1.

(d) "Limited Common Element" or "Limited Common Area" or "Limited Common Properties" shall mean or refer to those areas of land and improvements shown or designated as Limited Common Properties or Limited Common Areas or Limited Common Elements on any recorded subdivision map and shall further include any joint use driveway as set forth herein.

(e) "Living Area" shall mean and refer to those heated and/or air conditioned areas within a Living Unit which shall not include garages, carports, porches, patios, or storage areas.



(f) "Living Unit" shall mean and refer to any building or portion of a building, situated upon any Lot, which is a part of The Properties, designed and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by a single family.

(g) "Mobile Home" shall mean and refer to a modular unit, including double wide and triple wide units, build on a chassis, designed to be used as a dwelling, with or without permanent foundation.

(h) "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land within The Properties shown upon any recorded subdivision map of The Properties, or any portion thereof, with the exception of Common Properties as heretofore defined.

(i) "Member" shall mean and refer to all those Owners who are members of the Association as provided in Article Five, Section 1, hereof.

(j) "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot situated upon The Properties, but notwithstanding any applicable theory of any lien or mortgage law, shall not mean or refer to any mortgagee or trust beneficiary unless and until such mortgage or trust beneficiary has acquired title pursuant to foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure.

(k) "The Properties" shall mean and refer to all Existing Property and any additional units of Developer as are subject to this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration under the provisions of Article One hereof.

(l) "The Developer" shall mean and refer to John R. Hooper, Olin E. Finch, Georgia C. Finch and any person or entity who is specifically assigned the rights and interests of John R. Hooper, Olin E. Finch, Georgia C. Finch.

(m) "Common Expense" shall mean and refer to:

(i) Expense of administration, maintenance, repair or replacement of the Common Properties;

(ii) Expense declared Common Expense by the provisions of this Declaration or the By-Laws;

(iii) Expense agreed upon as Common Expense by the Association and lawfully assessed against Owners of Lots in accordance with the By-Laws;

(iv) Any valid charge against the Association or against the Common Properties as a whole.



ARTICLE THREE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Duration. All covenants, restrictions and affirmative obligations set forth in this Declaration shall run with the lands and shall be binding on all parties and persons claiming under them to specifically include, but not be limited to, the successors and assigns, if any, of the Developer for a period of fifty (50) years from the date of this Declaration, after which time, all said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless an instrument signed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the then owners of the lots has been recorded, agreeing to change said covenants in whole or in part, provided, however, that no such agreement to change shall be effective unless written notice of the proposed agreement is sent to every Owner at least ninety (90) days in advance of any action taken.

SECTION 2. Notices. Any notice required to be sent to any Member or Owner under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, prepaid, Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested, to the last known address of the person who appears as Member or Owner on the records of the Association at the time of such mailing. Notice to any one of the Owners, if title to a Lot is held by more than one, shall constitute notice to all Owners of a Lot.

SECTION 3. Enforcement. In the event of any violation or breach of any of the restrictions contained herein by any Property Owner or agent of such Owner, the Developer, its successors or assigns, or the Owners of Lots within the Development, or any of them, jointly or severally, shall have the right to proceed in law or in equity to compel a compliance to the terms hereof or to prevent the violation or breach of any of the restrictions set out above, but before litigation may be instituted ten (10) days written notice of such violation shall be given to the Owner or his agent. The failure to enforce any right, reservation or condition contained in this Declaration, however long continued, shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to do so hereafter as to the same breach or as to a breach occurring prior or subsequent thereto and shall not bar or affect its enforcement. The invalidation by any court of any restriction contained in this Declaration shall in no way affect any of the other restrictions, but they and each of them shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE FOUR

RESTRICTIONS ON USE AND RIGHTS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND OWNERS

SECTION 1. Permissible Uses. No Lot shall be used except for residential purposes and no building of any type shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any residential Lot other than a detached single-family dwelling, garage, swimming pool or tennis court, for the private use of the owner or guests of said owner, which shall comply with all applicable zoning regulations. The dwelling shall be constructed prior to or simultaneously with any garage, swimming pool or tennis court. No Lot shall be used for access to any adjoining lot or to any other property except the



Developer reserves the right to grant an emergency non-exclusive access easement not to exceed 20 foot in width which may cross Lot 5, may further cross the property denominated "Portion of Lot 3" and may further cross the properties denominated as "Reserved Area". The emergency access easement shall only be granted and used at such time as the access easement described in Article Six, Section 1 (b) is no longer passable or useable by vehicular traffic. Said easement shall exist only for so long as the access easement as described in Article Six, Section 1 (b) is not useable by vehicular traffic. Upon traffic being able to again use said access easement as described in Article Six, Section 1 (b) then any such emergency easement shall become null and void and to no effect. The non-exclusive emergency access easement shall be for the benefit of the Lot owners in Spencer's Cove Subdivision and the Developers, Owners and guests of the Island Creek Development which is North of the Spencer's Cove Subdivision

When an Owner acquires two or more adjoining Lots then, and in that event, the adjoining one or more lots may be used as one building site and the side lot lines and easements referred to herein shall apply to the outside perimeter line of the combined Lots. Each building erected upon said Lot shall have the exterior completed within six (6) months after construction shall have commenced and failure to complete the exterior of such building within the six (6) months period shall operate as a forfeiture of architectural approval granted, at the option of the Developer or its successors and thereon said partnership or its agents shall have the right and privilege to go upon the premises with such labor and materials as are necessary and complete the same and such shall operate as a primary lien against the structure and Lot upon which it is located. No business or business activity may be carried on upon any residential property at any time provided, however, that nothing shall preclude the Developer, its subsidiaries, affiliates, agents and employees from using all or part of the dwellings owned by or rented by them for the purpose of carrying on business directly related to the Development, management and/or sale of Lots and homes in .

SECTION 2. Utilities and Easements. The Developer reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, a perpetual, alienable and releasable easement and right on, over and under the ground to erect, maintain and use electric and telephone systems, cable television service, and conduits for the purpose of binding public services to The Properties, on, in or over an area within ten (10) feet of each Lot line fronting on a street or where a Lot line abuts a right of way or boundary line, five (5) feet along the side lines of each Lot, and ten (10) feet along the rear line of each Lot, and such other areas as are shown on any recorded plats of The Properties. The Developer reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, perpetual, alienable and releasable easements within the Development and the right on, over and under the ground to cut drainways for surface water and make any grading of the soil whenever and wherever such action may appear to the Developer to be necessary to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance. In the event of any additions to The Properties, as provided in Article One, by the Developer, these easements created hereby shall exist on the Lots in such additional units. These easements and rights expressly include the right to cut any trees, bushes, or shrubbery, take or add any soil, or take any other similar action reasonably necessary to provide economical and safe utility installation or to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance.

SECTION 3. Setback Requirements. No building, including porches, eaves, steps and similar fixtures shall be located on any Lot within twenty-five (25) feet of the front line nor closer



than ten (10) feet from the sidelines thereof, nor closer than twenty (20) feet from the rear property line or twenty (20%) percent of the lot depth, whichever is less. Notwithstanding the above, the side setback for Lot 4 on the South Lot line shall be eight (8) feet from the South Lot line.

SECTION 4. Temporary Structures and Limitations on Use. No structures of a temporary nature may be placed upon any portion of The Properties at any time. Temporary shelters, tents, travel trailers, campers or self-propelled mobile homes may not at any time be used as a temporary or permanent residence. Campers, travel trailers, boat trailers, self-propelled mobile homes and other vehicles of that nature may be stored on a Lot, provided that they do not constitute a visual nuisance and are stored in compliance with the setback requirements of Section 3 above. No mobile homes shall be permitted to remain on any portion of The Properties, either temporarily or permanently.

SECTION 5. Driveways. Prior to the commencement of construction of improvements or clearing of any Lot other than by hand, the Owner shall place a temporary clay or permanent clay and gravel or concrete driveway to provide entry to the Lot from the road.

SECTION 6. Parking. Parking on the traveled streets within the Development shall be prohibited at all times. Each Lot Owner shall provide off-street parking space for his family's use and the use of their guests. This would constitute a turnaround large enough to part two cars, in addition to the driveway. All construction vehicles are to be parked off of the traveled streets and on the shoulder of the road or in the driveway of the Lot at all times during construction.

SECTION 7. Debris. No leaves, trash, garbage or other similar debris shall be burned except as permitted by the appropriate governmental authority. No garbage, trash, construction debris or other unsightly or offensive material shall be placed upon any portion of The Properties, except as is temporarily and incidental to the bona fide improvements of any of The Properties.

SECTION 8. Garbage, Mail and Delivery Boxes. Standards and guidelines for the implementation thereof for the location, material, color and design of all mail and newspaper boxes and the manner in which they shall be identified are included in the Architectural Guidelines.

Each owner shall provide receptacles for garbage in accordance with the standards established by the Developer and the Architectural Review Committee.

SECTION 9. Screening. Each Lot Owner shall provide screening from public view, approved in writing by the Developer or Architectural Review Committee, for fuel tanks, air conditioning units, water tanks, or for any other permanent facility which the Developer or Architectural Review Committee, in its sole opinion, shall require to preserve the beauty and harmony of the Development.

SECTION 10. Disposal. Prior to commencing construction of any residence, applicable permits for sewage disposal shall be obtained with the location and site of such proposed facility to be approved by the Developer or the Architectural Review Committee. No sewage disposal system shall be used unless such system is designed, located, constructed and maintained in accordance with



the requirements, standards and recommendations of the appropriate public health authority. Each septic tank and nitrification field relating thereto shall be maintained in good condition so that its use and existence shall not constitute a nuisance to any other Owner.

SECTION 11. Unsightly Conditions. Each Lot Owner within the Development shall maintain and preserve his lot or lots in a clean, orderly and attractive appearance within the spirit of this Development. Failure on the part of a Lot Owner to adhere to such proper, clean, orderly and attractive maintenance to his property, upon ten (10) days written notice given him by the Developer, or its successors or assigns, shall subject the Lot Owner to a suit for specific performance.

SECTION 12. Nuisances. It shall be the responsibility of each Lot Owner to maintain the exterior of his residence and the surrounding grounds of his Lot in a clean, tidy and safe manner. No Lot shall be used in whole or in part for the storage of anything which might cause such Lot to appear cluttered, unclean or obnoxious to the eye, nor shall any substance, thing or material be kept on any Lot which might emit fowl or obnoxious odors, noises or other conditions that will or may disturb the serenity, safety or comfort of the occupants of surrounding property. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any lot or shall anything be done thereon tending to create a nuisance to the neighborhood.

SECTION 13. Entry. Each Lot Owner shall keep his lot cleared of unsightly underbrush, weeds or debris and if said Lot Owner shall permit same to exist on his property and fail to remove the same within thirty (30) days after being requested to do so by the Developer, its successors or assigns, it reserves for itself and its agents the right to enter upon the Lot for the purpose of cleaning, clearing or cutting the grass, underbrush or debris, which, in the Developer's opinion, distracts from the overall beauty and natural character of the neighborhood or adversely affects the safety or health of the residents and such entrance shall not be deemed a trespass. The expenses of entry and removal shall be the personal debt of the Lots Owner(s) and shall also constitute a lien upon the lands until paid. The provisions of this section shall not be construed as an obligation of the Developer, its successors or assigns, to provide such services.

SECTION 14. Trees, Vegetation and Dunes. Any Lot Owner shall not remove, reduce, cut down or otherwise change or cause to be removed, reduced, cut down or changed, the elevation of any sand dunes or ridges or both in the Development, or trees more than three (3) inches in diameter at a point two (2) feet above the ground, or any flowering trees or shrubs above five (5) feet in height, without the express written consent of the Developer, which shall require proposals for the restabilization of any such disturbed areas.

SECTION 15. Animals and Pets. Animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall not be raised, bred or kept on any lot except dogs, cats and other household pets may be kept, provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose and provided that they are under the control of their owner at all times.

SECTION 16. Discharge of Firearms. Hunting and trapping of wild animals, fowl and game and the discharge of firearms and/or bows and arrows within The Properties is prohibited, unless required for public safety.



SECTION 17. Vehicles. All motorized vehicles operating within The Properties must be properly muffled so as to eliminate noise which might be offensive to others. Two (2) and three (3) wheel motorized vehicles, as well as four (4) wheeled go-cart or beach buggy type vehicles are prohibited from being used or operating on or within the Common Properties or frontal dune system or sand dunes.

SECTION 18. Signs. No sign of any kind of advertising device shall be displayed to the public view on a residential lot except one sign of not more than six (6) square feet advertising the property for sale. Said sign shall be located adjacent to a driveway, ten (10) feet back on the property line and not more than three (3) feet in height, including the sign and stand. During construction, a builder's sign may be affixed to the dwelling but it may not be more than six (6) square feet and must be removed before occupancy by the owners. All "For Rent" signs must be affixed to the structure and cannot exceed six (6) square feet. The Developer shall not be prevented from erecting such signs as may be deemed necessary to the operation of the subdivision or the normal conduct of its business, provided that any sign so erected shall be within the acceptable limits as defined by the guidelines applicable to all other Lot Owners in the subdivision. All commercial signs on those lots in commercial areas must conform to the required county and municipal ordinances and those signs which are lighted must be constructed in such a way that they do not shine on a residential lot.

ARTICLE FIVE

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS IN  
THE ASSOCIATION AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Membership. Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee simple interest in any Lot is subject by this Declaration to assessment by the Association and shall be a Member of the Association; provided, however, that any such person or entity to hold such interest merely as a security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member. The requirement of membership shall not apply to any mortgagee or trustee beneficiary acquiring title by foreclosure or otherwise pursuant to the mortgage or deed of trust instrument.

SECTION 2. Voting Rights. The Association shall have one class of voting membership and Members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot in which they hold an interest required for membership by Section 1 of this Article. When more than one (1) person or entity holds such an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members and the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine and such persons shall designate one (1) person to vote for their Lot, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any such Lot.

SECTION 3. Control of the Association and Board of Directors. The Existing Property contains five (5) lots and the Developer does not presently contemplate adding to The Properties. Within five (5) years from the date of the first sale of a Lot by the Developer, or until the date when eighty (80%) percent of the total number of Lots contemplated have been sold by the Developer, whichever occurs later, the voting rights of the Developer as to any matters in which Members may vote other than the election of Directors by virtue of Lots owned by the Developer, shall not be less





than a majority of the total votes outstanding in membership. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Board shall be composed of Directors appointed by the Developer. These matters shall be further governed by the By-Laws of the Association.

As of the date the Developer no longer has the ability to elect two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, then all rights as granted in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Spencer's Cove Subdivision to the Developer may be exercised by either the Developer or the Association.

ARTICLE SIX

PROPERTY RIGHTS IN THE COMMON AREAS

SECTION 1. Members' Easements of Enjoyment.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Article, every member shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Properties, if any, and such easement shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot.
- (b) Furthermore, each Owner shall have as an appurtenance to their Lot the nonexclusive right of ingress, egress and access over and upon the following described property (the "Access Easement"):

Beginning at a point, said point being located in and on the Western edge of the 100 foot right of way of North Carolina Highway 12, said beginning point being located the following calls and distances from NCGS Station "Colony" (N:185,027.469M;E: 927,645.982MNAD83): North 17 deg. 26 min. 49 sec. East 616.50 feet; South 68 deg. 15 min. 07 sec. East 66.57 feet; thence from said beginning point turning and running along the Western edge of the aforementioned right of way South 23 deg. 53 min. 46 sec. West 10.01 feet to a point; thence turning and running North 68 deg. 15 min. 07 sec. West 15.8 feet to a point; thence turning and running along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 13.84 feet for an arc length of 5.10 feet for a chord of 5.07 feet on a chord bearing of North 78 deg. 48 min. 31 sec. West, to a point; thence turning and running 89 deg. 21 min. 55 sec. West 11.2 feet to a point; thence turning and running along a curve, said curve having a radius of 6,813.92 feet for an arc length of 290.01 feet for a chord of 289.98 feet on a chord bearing of South 89 deg. 24 min. 56 sec. West to a point; thence turning and running South 01 deg. 30 min. 02 sec. West 28.64 feet to a point; thence turning and running North 88 deg. 29 min. 58 sec. West 45 feet to a point; thence turning and running North 01 deg. 30 min. 02 sec. East 25.99 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 240.00 feet for an arc length of 65.56 feet for a chord of 65.36 feet on a chord bearing of North 82 deg. 39 min. 00 sec. West to a point; thence along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 220.00 feet for an arc length of 55.11



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feet for a chord of 54.97 feet on a chord bearing of North 82 deg. 00 min. 04 sec. West to a point, said point being at the approximate Eastern most edge of a wooden bridge crossing Spencers Creek; thence continuing on an approximate bearing of North 89 deg. 10 min. 41 sec. West along the Southern most edge of the existing wooden bridge to a point, said point being located on the Western most edge of the aforereferenced wooden bridge; thence continuing North 89 deg. 10 min. 41 sec. West 236.05 feet to a point; thence turning and running South 02 deg. 38 min. 25 sec. East 122.75 feet to a point; said point being located on the Northern property line of the Spencer's Cove Subdivision; thence turning and running North 89 deg. 24 min. 54 sec. West 20.04 feet to a point; thence turning and running North 02 deg. 38 min. 25 sec. West 142.87 feet to a point; thence turning and running South 89 deg. 10 min. 41 sec. East 257.29 feet to a point, said point being located on the Western terminus of the wooden bridge which crosses Spencers Creek; thence continuing along the Northern edge of the wooden bridge which crosses Spencers Creek on an approximate bearing of South 89 deg. 10 min. 41 sec. East to a point, said point being the Eastern most terminus of the aforereferenced wooded bridge; thence along a curve, said curve having a radius of 240.00 feet for an arc length of 60.13 feet for a chord of 59.97 feet on a chord bearing of South 82 deg. 00 min. 04 sec. East to a point; thence along a curve, said curve having a radius of 220 feet for an arc length of 66.43 feet for a chord of 66.18 feet on a chord bearing of South 83 deg. 28 min. 28 sec. East to a point; thence along a chord, said chord having a radius of 6,833.92 feet for an arc length of 329.14 feet for a chord of 329.11 feet on a chord bearing of North 89 deg. 15 min. 18 sec. East to a point; thence South 89 deg. 21 min. 55 sec. East 11.20 feet to a point; thence along a curve, said curve having a radius of 39.84 feet for an arc length of 12.47 feet for a chord of 12.40 feet on a chord bearing of South 78 deg. 48 min. 31 sec. East to a point; thence turning and running South 68 deg. 15 min. 07 sec. East 16.55 feet to a point, said point being located in and on the Western edge of the 100 foot right of way of North Carolina Highway 12; thence turning and running along the Western edge of the aforereferenced right of way South 23 deg. 53 min. 46 sec. West 10.01 feet to the point and place of beginning. Reference is hereby made to that map or plat entitled in part "Ingress/egress easement for Spencer's Cove Subdivision, Village of Avon, Kinnakeet Township, Dare County, North Carolina" prepared by William T. Robbins, Surveyor which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference as if set out word for word.

- (c) Furthermore, each owner shall have as an appurtenance to their Lot the non-exclusive right of ingress, egress and access over and upon Windy Lane as shown on that map or plat of Spencer's Cove Subdivision referenced in Article One, Section 1
- (d) Lot 1 for the benefit of Lot 2 and Lot 2 for the benefit of Lot 1 shall be subject to an easement of right of way for ingress, egress, access and utility over a twenty (20) foot

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driveway which shall be located on ten (10) feet along the Southern property line of Lot 1 and ten (10) feet along the Northern property line of Lot 2 and shall extend from Windy Lane to the Easternmost edge of the Easternmost Dwelling Unit on either lot.

- (e) Lot 3 for the benefit of Lot 4 and Lot 4 for the benefit of Lot 3 shall be subject to an easement of right of way for ingress, egress, access and utility over a twenty (20) foot driveway which shall be located on ten (10) feet along the Southern property line of Lot 3 and ten (10) feet along the Northern property line of Lot 4 and shall extend from Windy Lane to the Easternmost edge of the Easternmost Dwelling Unit on either lot.
- (f) Each of the above joint driveways shall be deemed to be Limited Common Elements and as such, those Lot Owners who are serviced by or subject to said joint driveways for ingress, egress, access and utilities shall each be responsible for one-half (1/2) of the cost to maintain or repair said driveway.

SECTION 2. Title to Common Areas. The Developer may retain the legal title to the Common Areas, if any, until such time as it has completed improvements, if any, thereon and until such time as, in the opinion of the Developer, the Association is able to maintain the same but, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, the Developer hereby covenants, for itself, its successors and assigns, that it shall convey the Common Area, if any, to the Association not later than five (5) years from the date of the first sale of a Lot by the Developer or when eighty (80%) percent of the Lots are sold by the Developer, whichever occurs later. The Association shall be obligated to accept conveyance in accordance with this paragraph.

SECTION 3. Extent of Members' Easements. The rights and easements of enjoyment created herein shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The right of the Association as provided in its Articles and By-Laws to suspend the enjoyment rights of any owner for any period during which an assessment remains unpaid and for any period not to exceed thirty (30) days, for any infraction of any published rules and regulations; and
- (b) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas to any public agency, authority or utility for such purpose and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members, excepting tennis court and swimming pool, provided that no such dedication or transfer, determination as to the purpose or as to the conditions thereof, shall be effective unless an instrument signed by Members entitled to cast fifty-one (51%) percent of the total number of votes of all Members has been recorded agreeing to such dedications, transfer, purpose of condition or unless written notice of the proposed agreement and action thereunder is sent to every Member at least thirty (30) days in advance of any action taken.

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ARTICLE SEVEN

COVENANT FOR PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS

SECTION 1. Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any such deed of other conveyance, shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges and (2) special assessments to be fixed, established, and collected from time to time as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each such assessment is made.

Upon filing with the Dare County Clerk of Court's Office, each such lien shall be prior to all other liens except the following: (1) Assessments, liens and charges for real estate taxes due and unpaid on the Lot; and (2) All sums unpaid on Deeds of Trust, Mortgages and other encumbrances duly of record against the Lot prior to the docketing of the aforesaid lien. Each such assessment, together with such interest thereon and cost of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who is the Owner of such lot at the time when the assessment fell due. Prior to the conveyance of Common Areas to the Association, the Developer shall pay to the Association ten (10%) percent of the established assessments per Lot for each recorded Lot owned by the Developer. Upon conveyance of Lot(s) to a subsequent Owner by Developer, such Owner shall immediately be charged the full assessment for each Lot acquired, and shall pay same in accordance with this Article. The Developer covenants that upon conveyance of the Common Areas, if any, to the Association, it shall pay assessments on all lots owned or thereafter acquired by it in the same amount as any other Owner.

SECTION 2. Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be exclusively for the purpose of promoting the health, enjoyment, safety or welfare of the residents in The Properties and in particular for the improvement and maintenance of properties and facilities devoted to the purpose and relating to the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas and of the homes situated upon The Properties, including maintenance of roads and access easements, all of which shall be Common Expenses, as detailed in the By-Laws.

It is expressly understood and agreed that at some date in the future, Island Creek may develop a project on the property North of Spencer's Cove Subdivision. Upon such development, Island Creek may form a Homeowners Association which shall be responsible for the maintenance of the access easement as described in Article Six, Section 1 (b) and shall be further responsible for the maintenance of Windy Lane. As a portion of the purpose of the assessments, it is specifically understood and agreed that the Spencer's Cove Homeowners Association, Inc. shall be responsible to pay to either Island Creek and/or the association established by Island Creek for the Spencer's Cove Property Owners Association, Inc. prorata share of the cost to maintain the access easement described in Article Six, Section 1 (b) and Windy Lane.

SECTION 3. Annual Assessments. The first annual assessment shall be for the calendar year 2001 and shall be \$350.00 (or a prorated amount for any Owner who owns any lot for less than

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the full calendar year), for each Lot. Thereafter, the annual assessment shall be established by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws. The total assessment payable by any Owner may be divided into such installments as the Board shall deem appropriate, but until notice from the Board to the contrary is received, the Owner of each Lot shall pay his or its appropriate share as herein determined on any annual basis, in advance.

SECTION 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized by Section 3 hereof, the Association may levy in any assessment year, a special assessment, applicable to that year only, for the purposes of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction or reconstruction, unexpected repairs or replacement of any capital improvement located upon the Common Areas, including the necessary fixtures and personal property relating thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of all the Members at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all Members at least thirty (30) days in advance and shall set forth the purpose of the meeting.

SECTION 5. Quorum for any Action Authorized Under Section 4. The quorum required for any action authorized by Section 4 of this Article shall be as follows:

At the first meeting called, as provided in Section 4 of this Article, the presence at the meeting of Members, or of proxies, entitled to cast a majority of all the votes of the membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called, subject to the notice requirement set forth in Section 4 of this Article, and the required quorum at any such subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting, provided that no such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding scheduled meeting.

SECTION 6. Certification of Assessments. The Association shall, upon demand, furnish at any time to any Owner liable for said assessment, prospective purchaser, or lending institution, a certificate in writing, signed by an officer of the Association, setting forth whether said assessment has been paid. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any assessment therein stated to have been paid.

SECTION 7. Effect of Non-Payment of Assessment: The Personal Obligation of the Owner: The Lien: Remedies of the Association. If the assessments are not paid on the date due then such assessment shall become delinquent and shall, together with such interest thereon and cost of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, thereupon become a continuing lien on the Lot, or Lots, which shall bind such Lot, or Lots, in the hands of the then-Owner, his heirs, devisees, personal representatives and assigns. The personal obligation of the then-Owner to pay such assessment, however, shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the delinquency date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of interest set by the Board,



not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law and the Association may bring appropriate civil action against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or to foreclose the lien against any such Lot, or Lots, and there shall be added to the amount of such assessment to be collected upon foreclosure, the costs of such action and reasonable attorney's fees to other cost incurred by the Association. In the event a judgment is obtained against any Owner for such assessment, such judgment shall include interest on the assessment as above provided and reasonable attorney's fees to be fixed by the Court, together with the costs of the action.

SECTION 8. Exempt Property. The following property subject to this Declaration shall be exempted from the assessments, charges and liens created herein: (a) all Common Areas, if any, as defined in Article Two hereof; (b) all properties denominated "Reserved Area" on the map or plat of Spencer's Cove Subdivision or any amendments thereto unless expressly made subject to this Declaration by Supplemental or Amended Declaration and © all properties exempted from taxation by the laws of the State of North Carolina, upon the terms and to the extent of such legal exemption.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Section 8, no Lot or any Living Unit located thereon shall be exempt from said assessments, charges or liens.

### ARTICLE EIGHT

#### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

SECTION 1. Purposes. Developer desires to insure the best use of the most appropriate development improvement of each building site thereof to protect the owners of building sites against such improper use of surrounding building sites as will depreciate the value of their property. Preserve, so far as practical, the natural beauty of said property, to guard against the erection thereon of poorly designed or proportioned structures and structures built of improper or unsuitable materials, to insure the highest and best development of said property, to encourage and secure the erection of attractive homes thereon with appropriate locations thereof on building sites, to prevent haphazard and inharmonious improvement of building sites, to secure and maintain proper setbacks from property lines and adequate free spaces between structures, and in general, to provide adequately for a high type and quality of improvement on said property, both enhancing the values of investments made by purchasers of building sites therein, and preserving as fully as possible the natural beauty of both the Common Areas and individual building sites. To that end the Developer desires to establish an Architectural Control Committee in order to provide and maintain standards which will insure this harmony of exterior design and located in relating to surrounding structures and/or topography.

SECTION 2. Approval of Plans. No building, wall, driveway, swimming pool, tennis court, or other structure, site work or clearing preparatory to construction shall be begun, altered, added to, maintained or reconstructed on any Lot until the plans and specifications for such work have been reviewed and approved by the Architectural Control Committee (The Committee ). Before commencing such review, a Lot Owner shall submit to the Committee three (3) completed sets of plans and specifications, including but not limited to, foundation plan, floor plan or plans, the four directional elevations, a schedule of proposed exterior colors and material, shingle colors, grade



and weight, plan showing driveway, parking, septic tank and drainfield, and expected completion of improvement. The Committee shall have the absolute and exclusive right to refuse any such plans and specifications which are not suitable or desirable in the opinion of The Committee for any reason, including purely aesthetic reasons which, in the sole and uncontrolled discretion of The Committee, shall be deemed sufficient, provided the Committee shall not refuse to approve any plans and specifications which previously have been approved for or constructed on any Lot. If construction of any improvement required to be approved shall not have been begun before the expiration of six (6) months following approval, said approval shall be void and of no effect. The plans of such improvement shall be resubmitted to The Committee for reconsideration and The Committee may, in its discretion either confirm its earlier approval of plans or disapprove.

SECTION 3. Architectural Control Committee.

(a) Membership: The Committee shall be composed of three (3) people appointed by the Board. The appointees need not be members of the Association. A majority of The Committee may designate a representative to act for it. In the event of death, resignation or removal by the Board of any member of The Committee, the Board shall have full authority to designate the successor otherwise approved by the Association. Neither the members of The Committee nor its designated representatives shall be entitled to any compensation for services performed pursuant to this Covenant. The Association shall keep or cause to be kept a list of the names of the persons who form The Committee and a list of the names of any designated representative of The Committee and such list shall be available to any Owner.

(b) Procedure: At least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of any construction the plans shall be submitted to The Committee. The Committee's approval, disapproval or waiver as required in these covenants shall be in writing and the decision of a majority of The Committee in case of any disagreement among Committee members as to the approval, disapproval or waiver by The Committee shall be controlling. In the event The Committee or its designated representatives fail to approve or disapprove within thirty (30) days after the plans have been received by it, approval of The Committee will not be required and the related covenants and conditions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been fully complied with. Further, in the event any construction is commenced on any Lot without submission to The Committee of the plans with respect thereto, and no action or suit is instituted against the Owner of such Lot by the Association or any Owner of any other Lot constituting a portion of The Properties within ninety (90) days after the foundation of any building being constructed on any such Lot is completed, then, and in any such event, approval by The Committee will not be required and the related covenants and conditions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been fully complied with.

(c) Committee: Within five (5) years from the date of the first sale of a Lot by the Developer or when eighty (80%) percent of the Lots have been sold by the Developer, whichever occurs first, at least a majority of the Members of The Committee shall be composed of Owners other than the Developer or a representative of the Developer.

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ARTICLE NINE

AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION

This Declaration may be amended by a majority vote of the Owners including the Developer. If any amendment to the Declaration creates an inconsistency in the By-Laws to the extent such inconsistency exists, the Declaration shall control. No amendment to this Declaration shall be effective until recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Dare County, North Carolina.

ARTICLE TEN

CAPTIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND GENDER

The captions and introductory material herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope of this Declaration for the intent of any provision hereof. The use of masculine gender in this Declaration shall be deemed to refer to the feminine and neuter genders, and the use of the plural shall be deemed to include the singular, whenever the context so requires.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

VARIANCE

The Board of Directors of the Association may from time to time grant to the Owner or Owners of Lots within the subdivision a waiver or variance from the provisions of the Declaration. The conditions under which such a waiver or variance may be granted shall be in the total discretion of the Board of Directors of the Association. It is understood that the existence of this power does not create a right in any Homeowner or Lot Owner to such action by the Board and the decision of the Board on request for waiver or variance shall be final. The expressed purpose of the power as described in the paragraph is to enable the Board of Directors to alleviate hardships created by the terms of this Declaration under circumstances which are beyond control or fault of the parties, would create irreparable harm or unnecessary hardship without such action; or under conditions where title to the property in question is clouded, encumbered or detrimentally effected by the existence of conditions which cannot otherwise be corrected. Even when conditions as described herein exist so that waiver or variance appears appropriate, granting such waiver or variance shall remain completely within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE TWELVE

ISLAND CREEK

Island Creek Partners joins in this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the purpose of declaring that Island Creek Partners does hereby grant, bargain and convey and by these presents does grant, bargain and convey unto Developer, and to all Owners as defined

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herein, as an appurtenance to their Lot, the right of ingress, egress and access and for utility lines and the right for trash receptacles over, upon and across that certain access area as described in Article Six, Section 1 (b) thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Developer and Island Creek Partners have executed this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and have affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Olin E. Finch (SEAL)  
OLIN E. FINCH

Georgia C. Finch (SEAL)  
GEORGIA C. FINCH

John R. Hooper (SEAL)  
JOHN R. HOOPER

ISLAND CREEK PARTNERS (SEAL)

BY: John R. Hooper (SEAL)  
JOHN R. HOOPER, GENERAL PARTNER

BY: Olin E. Finch (SEAL)  
OLIN E. FINCH, GENERAL PARTNER

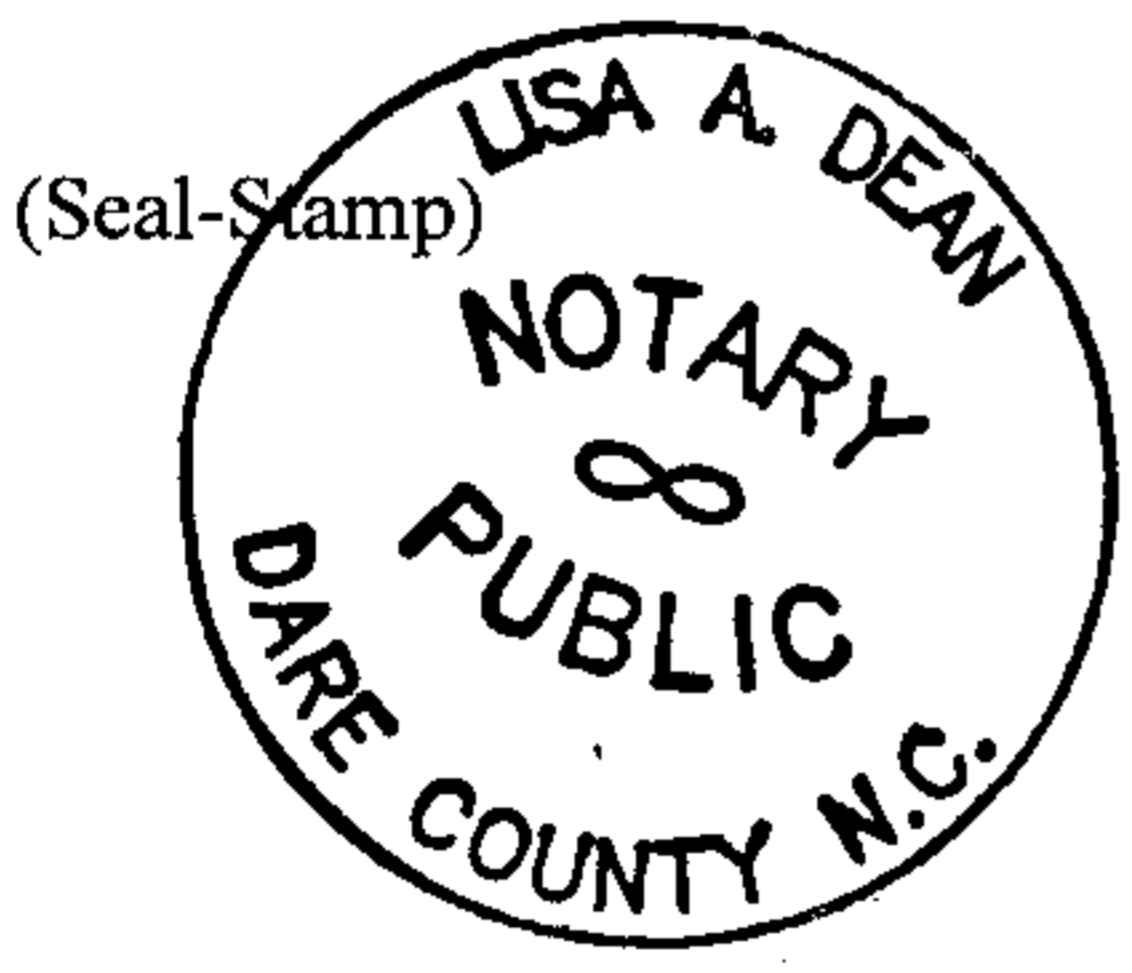
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DARE

I, Lisa A. Dean, a Notary Public of the City/County and State aforesaid, certify that Olin E. Finch personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this the 6th day of April, 2000.

Lisa A. Dean  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: 12/22/2002



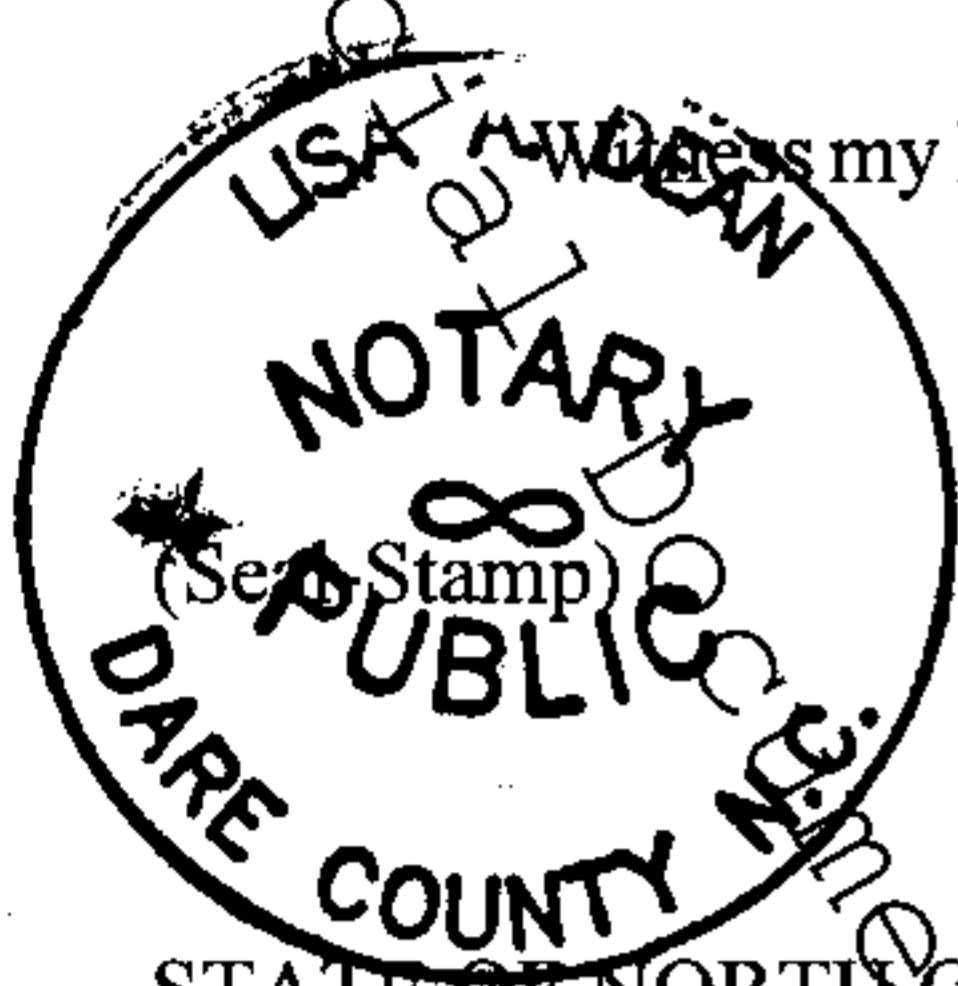
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I, Lisa A. Dean, a Notary Public of the City/County and State aforesaid, certify that Georgia C. Finch personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this the 6th day of April, 2000.



Lisa A. Dean  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: 12/22/2002

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DARE

I, SUSIE E PERRY, a Notary Public of the City/County and State aforesaid, certify that John R. Hooper personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this the 9th day of APRIL, 2000.

(Seal-Stamp)

Susie Perry  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: 04-15-03

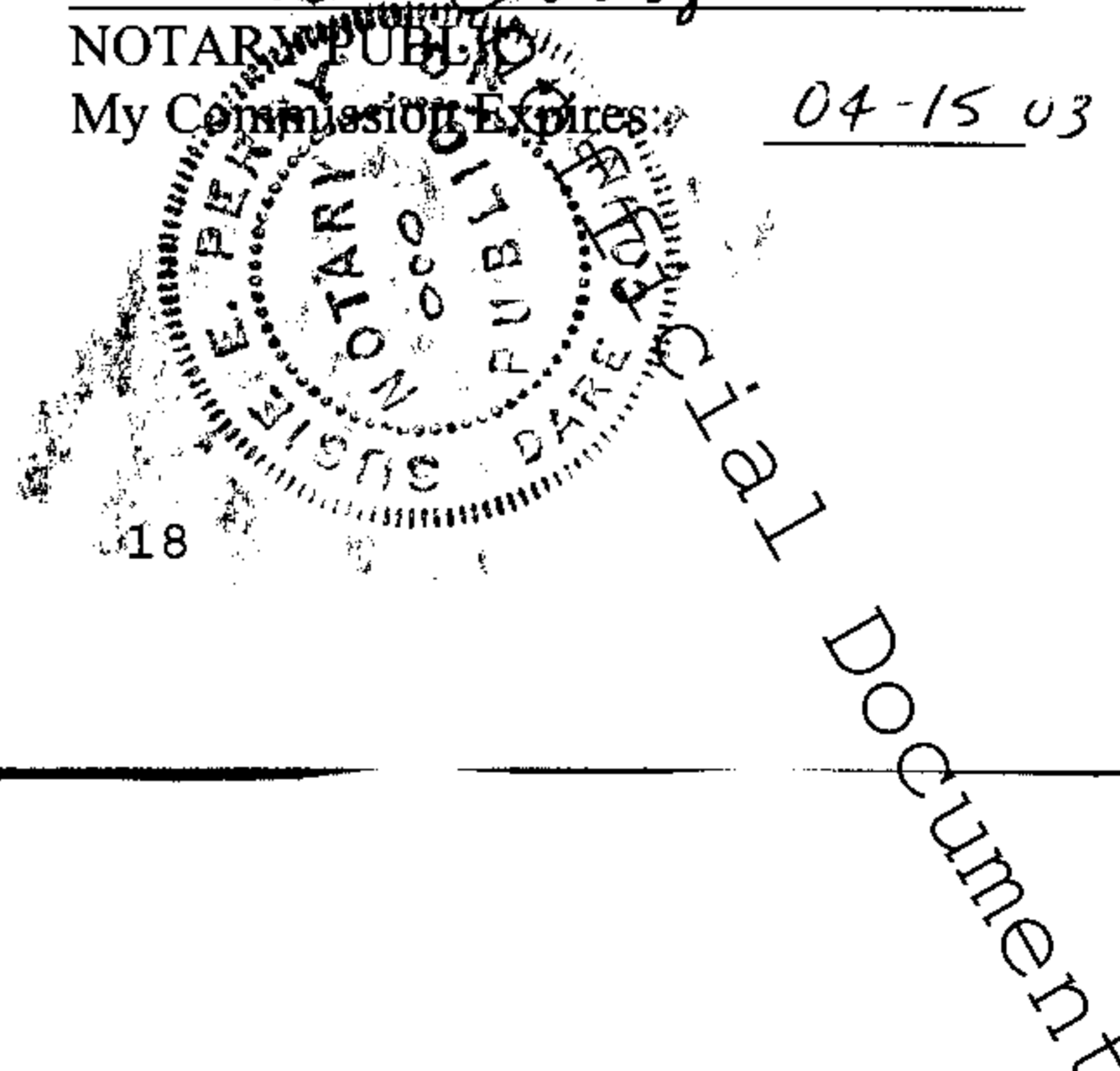
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I, SUSIE E PERRY, a Notary Public of the City/County and State aforesaid, certify that John R. Hooper, General Partner of Island Creek Partners personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this the 9th day of APRIL, 2000.

(Seal-Stamp)

Susie Perry  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: 04-15-03

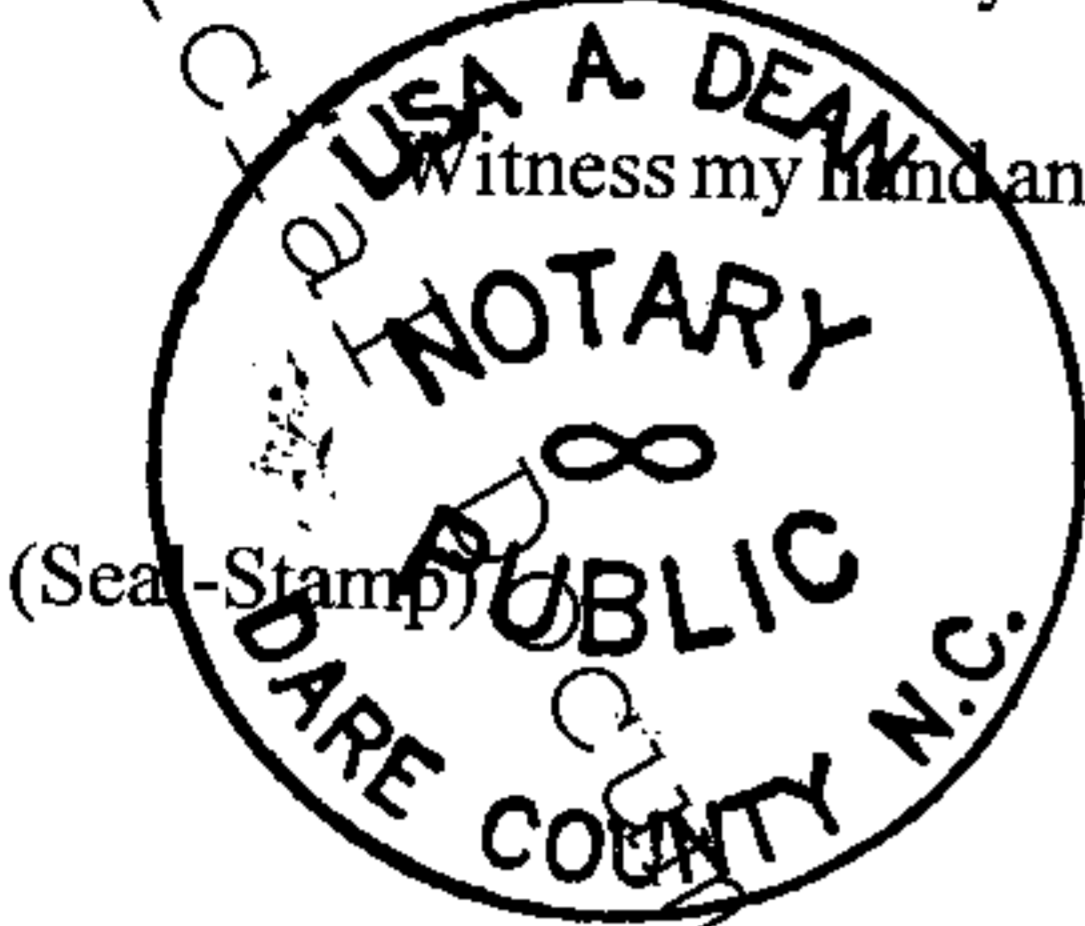




STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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I, Lisa A. Dean, a Notary Public of the City/County and State aforesaid, certify that Olin E. Finch, General Partner of Island Creek Partners personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this the 6th day of April, 2000.



Lisa A. Dean  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: 12/22/2002

North Carolina  
Dare County

The Foregoing certificate of Susie E. Perry and Lisa A. Dean both Notaries Public of Dare County, North Carolina are certified to be correct. This instrument and this certificate are duly registered at the Date and Time in the Book and Page shown on the first Page hereof.

Barbara M. Gray, Register of Deeds

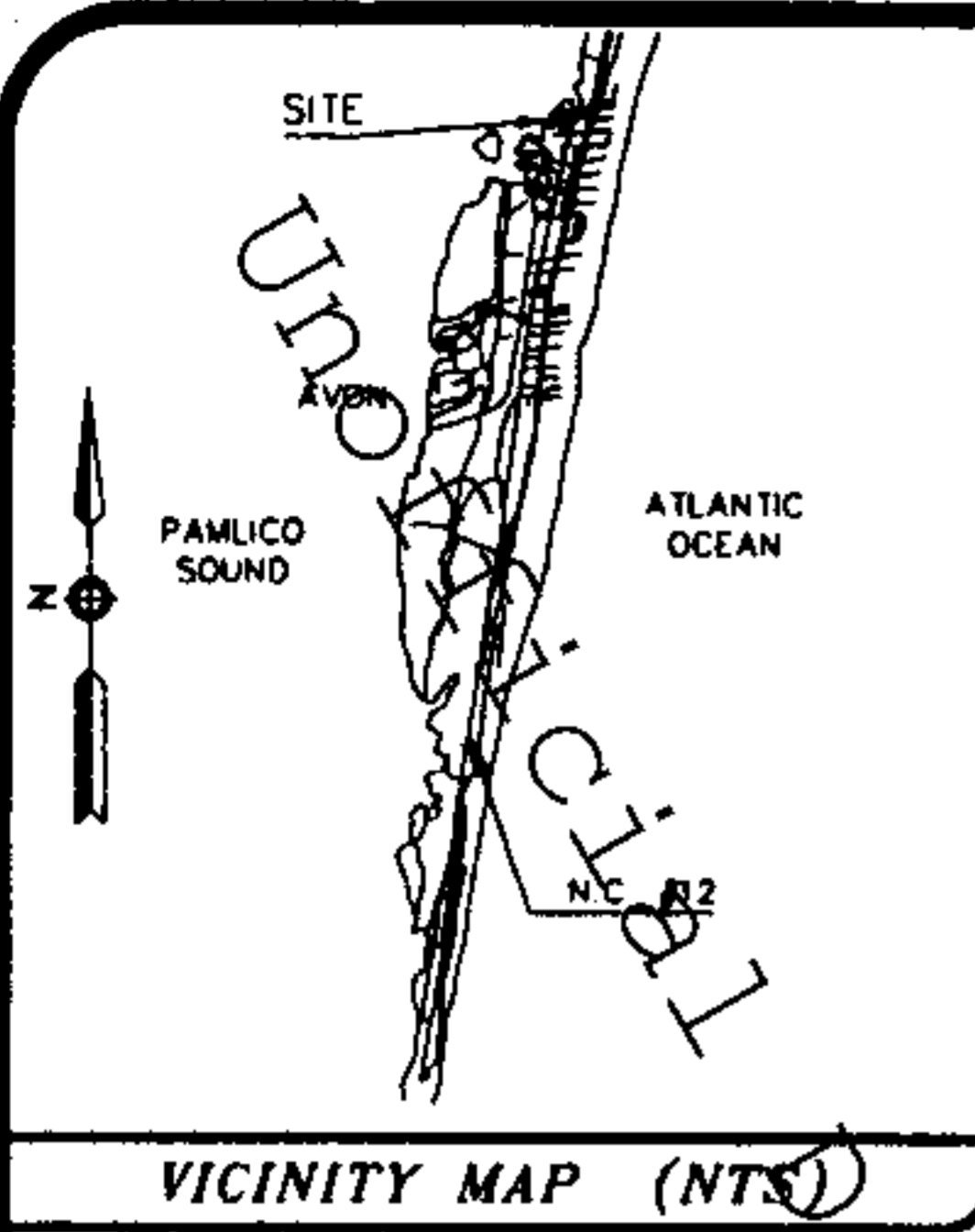
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NOTE  
 ALL BEARINGS ON THIS PLAT ARE REFERENCED TO M.B. 2, PG. 251 FOR SAKE OF CLARITY.

**EASEMENT LINE TABLE**

LINE	DIRECTION	DISTANCE
L1	S23°53'46" W	10.01'
L2	N68°15'07" W	15.80'
L3	N89°21'55" W	11.20'
L4	S01°30'02" W	28.64'
L5	N88°29'58" W	45.00'
L6	N01°30'02" E	25.99'
L7	N89°10'41" W	236.05'
L8	S02°38'25" E	122.75'
L9	N89°24'54" W	10.02'
L10	N89°24'54" W	10.02'
L11	N02°38'25" W	142.87'
L12	S89°10'41" E	257.29'
L13	S89°21'55" E	11.20'
L14	S68°15'07" E	16.55'
L15	S23°53'46" W	10.01'

**EASEMENT CURVE TABLE**

CURVE	RADIUS	LENGTH	CHORD	BEARING
C1	13.84'	5.10'	5.07'	N78°48'31" W
C2	6813.92'	290.01'	289.98'	S89°24'56" W
C3	240.00'	65.56'	65.36'	N82°39'00" W
C4	220.00'	55.11'	54.97'	N82°00'04" W
C5	240.00'	60.13'	59.97'	S82°00'04" E
C6	220.00'	66.43'	66.18'	S83°28'28" E
C7	6833.92'	329.14'	329.11'	N89°15'18" E
C8	33.84'	12.47'	12.40'	S78°48'31" E

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I, A REVIEW OFFICER OF DARE COUNTY, CERTIFY THAT THE MAP OR PLAT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATION IS AFFIXED MEETS ALL STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR RECORDING.

10-31-97 DATE  
 Robin Etheidge REVIEW OFFICER

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**SPENCER'S COVE SUBDIVISION**

VILLAGE OF AVON  
 KINNAKEET TOWNSHIP - DARE COUNTY - NORTH CAROLINA

I, WILLIAM T. ROBBINS, CERTIFY THAT THIS MAP WAS DRAWN UNDER MY SUPERVISION FROM AN ACTUAL SURVEY UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 21, NORTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 56. WITNESS MY HAND & SEAL THIS THE 23RD DAY OF MAY, 1997.

William T. Robbins  
 REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR L-2677

William T. Robbins  
 SURVEYOR

Surveyed: EJF 4/30/97 Drawn: WTR 5/23/97 Job No.: 97-091E Scale: 1" = 100'

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