# <u>DECLARATION OF</u> COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

This Declaration is made this	day of	 2007,	by	the
Declarant, D.R.A. Properties, L.C., an Iov	va limited liability company.		•	

WHEREAS, Declarant is the Owner of certain real property located in the City of Ankeny, the County of Polk, in the State of Iowa, which is legally described as:

See Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREAS, said property is referred to herein as the "Prairie Trail Property"; and

WHEREAS, Declarant is desirous of protecting the value and desirability of the Prairie Trail Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the Prairie Trail Property shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of the Prairie Trail Property and which shall run with the land and shall be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest therein or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

# I. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

For the purpose of this Declaration, the following terms shall have the following definitions, except as otherwise specifically provided:

A. "Architectural Review Board" shall mean the Prairie Trail Architectural Review Board, which shall be composed of representatives of the Declarant having one (1) vote, representatives of the City of Ankeny having one (1) vote, and an architect or home designer jointly selected by Declarant and the

City of Ankeny. All plan submittals and correspondence to the Architectural Review Board shall be addressed to the offices of the City of Ankeny.

- B. "Association" shall mean and refer to Prairie Trail Owners Association, Inc., its successors and assigns, a non-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 504A of the Code of Iowa as amended.
- C. "Association Board" shall mean the board of directors of the Prairie Trail Owners Association, Inc.
- "Common Areas" shall mean and refer to all portions of the Prairie D Trail Property now or hereafter owned by the Declarant or Association from time to time designated or declared by Declarant for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners. Included within the Common Areas, but not limited to the following, are any maintenance areas, parking lots, walkways, sidewalks, detention ponds, storm water improvements, lakes, recreational areas, street lighting, and signage which may be constructed or erected on the Common Areas and which have not been publicly dedicated; provided, however, that the inclusion of these improvements in this definition shall in no way be construed to impose upon Declarant any obligation to construct or erect such improvements. designation of any land and/or improvements as Common Areas shall not mean or imply that the public at large acquires any easement of use or enjoyment therein. The designation of Common Areas by the Declarant may or may not be recorded among the Public Records at the option of the Declarant. Common Areas may be modified by additions or deletions thereto, from time to time by the Declarant, including, but not limited to Common Areas outside the boundaries of the Prairie Trail Property.
  - E. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to D.R.A. Properties, L.C.
- F. "Lot" shall mean and refer to each and any individual parcel of land within the Prairie Trail Property, shown on any recorded Official Plat of the Prairie Trail Property.
- G. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the owner of record (whether one or more persons or entities) of the legal or equitable title to any Lot.
- H. "Outbuilding" shall mean an enclosed, covered structure (other than a dwelling or the attached garage), such as a detached garage, tool shed or garden house.
- I. "Pattern Book" shall mean the Prairie Trail Pattern Book, which is available at <a href="http://www.prairietrailankeny.com/resources">http://www.prairietrailankeny.com/resources</a> useful.html.

# II. RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USE

Except as otherwise specifically noted by Declarant in a subsequently filed and recorded amendment to this Declaration, or except as specifically authorized by the PUD, all Lots in the Prairie Trail Property designated as such shall be residential lots and shall not be improved, used or occupied for other than private residential purposes. No full-time or part-time business activity may be conducted on any Lot or in any dwelling or structure constructed or maintained on any Lot except those activities permitted under the terms of the provisions of the zoning ordinance of the City of Ankeny applicable to the Prairie Trail Property.

# III. BUILDING TYPES

Permitted residential building types shall be <u>only</u> those specified in Section C and D of the Pattern Book.

No mobile home or Manufactured Home as defined in the Code of Iowa shall be placed or erected on any Lot. No dwelling structure of any kind may be moved onto any Lot.

No Outbuilding, or other building or structure shall be constructed, altered, or maintained on any Lot, other than one Outbuilding (excluding detached garage) that conforms to the exterior design and construction features of a dwelling on such Lot and does not occupy a space larger than specified in Section B of the Pattern Book.

Permitted commercial building types shall be <u>only</u> those specified in Sections B and D of the Pattern Book.

# IV. <u>BUILDING AREA</u>

No dwelling or other building shall be constructed on any Lot unless the design and location comports with the specifications for the applicable building type specified in Section B and D of the Pattern Book. Dwellings and other buildings must be scaled to complement the lot size, geometry and existing landscaping as well as neighboring houses and other buildings, where applicable.

# V. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

All design elements of buildings on every Lot shall conform to the requirements stated in the Pattern Book, including, without limitation:

- A. All buildings, dwellings and Outbuildings shall be designed and constructed in accordance with one of the Architectural Patterns set forth in Section C and D of the Pattern Book and utilizing materials specified in the Pattern Book for the applicable Architectural Pattern.
- B. All dwellings shall have a garage meeting the requirements of Section B of the Pattern Book for the applicable Lot type.

- C. All building structures or improvements of any kind must be completed within twelve (12) months of the date of commencement of construction.
- D. The Association hereby delegates to the Architectural Review Board the authority to determine Compliance with the architectural standards of the pattern book. All appropriate Architectural Review Board Documents shall be submitted to the City of Ankeny.

# E. Lighting Design Guidelines:

- 1) The following reference guidelines from the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) shall be utilized as a basis for design when selecting and designing an exterior lighting system:
  - IESNA RP-8-00 "Roadway Lighting"
  - IESNA RP-33-99 "Lighting for Exterior Environments"
  - IESNA G-1-03 "Guideline on Security Lighting for People, Property, and Public Spaces"
- 2) Commercial property parking areas shall be designed with the MAXIMUM lighting level as follows:
  - 5 foot-candle average
  - 1 foot-candle minimum
  - 10:1 max:min
- 3) All private commercial property shall extinguish 90% of their parking lot lighting by 11:00pm unless the business uses a third shift or a large workforce who work non-traditional hours past midnight. All building mounted area lighting or other lighting used for security lighting around the perimeter of the building may remain on from dusk to dawn.
- 4) All private commercial property shall utilize full cut-off optics, minimize lighting trespass from commercial zones to residential zones and use minimum required lighting levels and/ or night-time curfews on parking lot lighting where businesses are not operational 24 hours a day. Minimize building floodlighting and utilize high performance optics to again minimize the amount of light either being reflected off of the façade or directed up into the sky.

# VI. TEMPORARY AND OTHER STRUCTURES; CERTAIN USES

No temporary building or structure shall be built or maintained on any Lot. No above-ground (or other non-permanent) swimming pools capable of holding more than 24 inches of water shall be permitted on any Lot.

No camper, motor home, boat, trailer, tent, shack, garage, unfinished dwelling basement or Outbuilding shall be used at any time as a dwelling, unless approved by the Association Board. No truck with a gross vehicle weight greater than forty-five hundred (4,500) pounds and no camper, motor home, boat, jet ski, snowmobile, trailer, commercial sized vehicle, mechanical equipment or similar property may be parked or maintained on any Lot or on the public street adjacent to any Lot (except entirely inside a closed garage); provided that this restriction shall not apply to what are customarily considered sport utility vehicles, passenger pick-up trucks,

passenger vans or "conversion vans," or to trucks, equipment or trailers used in connection with construction of or rebuilding of a dwelling on any Lot. Temporary shall mean no more than a total of ten (10) days per year. At no time shall an automobile, motorcycle, truck, camper, motor home, other vehicle, boat, jet ski, snowmobile, trailer, mechanical equipment or similar property be disassembled, repaired or serviced on any Lot, except inside a garage or dwelling. No automobile, motorcycle, truck, camper, motor home, other vehicle, boat, jet ski, snowmobile, trailer, work van, work truck, mechanical equipment or similar property may be at anytime parked or maintained on the yard of any Lot.

# VII. FENCES

No fences shall be built or maintained on any Lot unless they conform to the specifications set forth in Section B and F of the Pattern Book and the plans for such fencing are reviewed and approved by the Association Board in advance of installation or construction. All fences must be maintained to installation quality.

No exterior dog runs shall be allowed in residential areas. "Invisible Fences" for dogs shall be permitted.

# VIII. RUBBISH CONTAINERS (RESIDENTIAL ONLY)

On Lots having back alley access, no rubbish container shall be visible from the front street at any time, and all garbage collection shall take place from the alley. On all other Lots, no rubbish container shall be visible from the front street with the exception of the scheduled pick-up time and twelve hours prior to and after the scheduled pick-up time.

# IX. LANDSCAPING

Lot landscaping shall be the responsibility of the Owner and shall reflect one or more of the landscape patterns recommended for the type of Lot in Section D of the Pattern Book. Additionally, the amount of lot landscaping specified in Section F of the Pattern Book shall be strictly adhered to by the Owner. Frontage street trees as shown on the final plat construction plans shall be included on the dwelling landscape plans and installed with the Lot landscaping or upon installation of the sidewalk. All landscaping must be installed within six (6) months from the completion of construction. All landscaping shall be maintained and replaced (as necessary) by the Owner in conformance with the standards of the Pattern Book.

Following completion of construction of the improvements on any Lot, the front yard, side yard and rear yard other than those which are landscaped shall be fully sodded, but such parts of the yard which were previously seeded and have a full stand of grass shall not be required to be sodded.

No hedge or shrub planting which obstructs sightlines at elevations between thirty (30) inches and ten (10) feet above the roadways and alleys shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner lot within the triangular area formed by the street and alley property lines and a line connecting them at points thirty (30) feet from the intersection of the street lines, or in the case of a rounded property corner within the triangular area formed from the intersection of the street property line with the edge of the driveway. No trees shall be permitted to remain within such

distances of such intersection unless the foliage line is maintained at sufficient height to prevent obstruction of such sightlines.

The Owner shall keep the Lot free of debris and shall keep the grass mowed so that it does not exceed six inches in height.

If the Owner of a Lot does not commence construction within six (6) months after the purchase of a Lot from Declarant, the Owner shall be required to grade the Lot, seed the Lot to grass and keep it properly mowed.

# X. SIDEWALKS

The purchaser of a Lot shall, at the purchaser's expense, install public sidewalks in accordance with the specifications of the City of Ankeny and the Pattern Book. The installation and construction of the sidewalks shall be completed upon the earlier of: (i) substantial completion of the improvements on said Lot; or (ii) one (1) year following the purchase of the Lot from Declarant.

# XI. <u>ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW</u>

11.01 Procedure. The Architectural Review Board shall review plans and specifications for all proposed buildings, structures, and outbuildings.

#### XII. EASEMENTS

Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the recorded Official Plats of the Prairie Trail Property or are reserved on separately recorded easements. The Owner and/or occupant of each Lot, jointly and severally, shall at the expense of such Owner and/or occupant, maintain, keep, and preserve that portion of the easement area within the Lot at all times in good repair and condition and shall neither erect nor permit erection of any building, structure or other improvement of any kind within said easement areas (except customary and traditional ground cover) which might interfere in any way with the use, maintenance, replacement, inspection or patrolling of any of the utility services and drainage facilities within such easement areas. The Owner and/or occupant of a each Lot, jointly and severally, shall at the expense of such Owner and/or occupant, preserve and maintain any berm and/or swale constructed for drainage purposes to accomplish the purposes for which it was constructed.

# XIII. NUISANCES

No noxious or offensive activity or odors shall be permitted on or to escape from any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which is or may become what a reasonable person would consider to be a genuine annoyance or a genuine nuisance, either temporarily or permanently.

#### XIV. SIGNS (RESIDENTIAL ONLY)

No sign of any kind shall be placed, exposed to view or permitted to remain on any Lot or any street adjacent thereto, except (i) street markers, traffic signs, or any signs installed by the

City of Ankeny, by other governmental entities or by the Declarant, (ii) signs which have been approved by Declarant in writing not exceeding 144 square inches in area on which there shall only be exhibited the street number and/or the name of the resident, and (ii) a customary and traditional sign (one per Lot) advertising a Lot or dwelling for sale, not exceeding 1,296 square inches. In the event that any signs other than those described above shall be placed or exposed to view on any Lot, the agents of the Declarant are hereby given the right to enter upon such Lot and remove said signs. An Owner may request a variance for a temporary sign not in conformance with these standards through the Association's managing agent. Any such request is subject to the discretion

# XV. UTILITIES

All utility connection facilities and services shall be underground. No individual water supply system or individual sewage disposal system shall be permitted on any Lot.

Declarant reserves the right to provide exclusive access to providers of telecommunications, cable, internet, and other utilities to the Prairie Trail Property.

# XVI. ANTENNAS

No exterior towers or antennas of any kind shall be constructed, modified, or permitted on any Lot, except as herein specifically permitted. Customary television or radio antennas not exceeding five (5) feet in height shall be permitted if attached directly to either the dwelling or the garage. A satellite dish (or similar structure) shall be permitted in a size and manner as provided by rules of the Association Board.

#### XVII. MAINTENANCE

The Owner and/or occupant of each Lot shall jointly and severally be responsible to keep the Lot free of trash, weeds and debris and to keep the lawn and landscaping well maintained and healthy. The Owner and/or occupant of each Lot shall jointly and severally be responsible to maintain the exterior of any dwelling, the driveway, fence, screening and all other improvements.

# XVIII. CERTAIN ANIMALS PROHIBITED

No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any residential Lot except that dogs, cats and other common household pets may be kept so long as they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes. In no event, however, shall more than a total of three dogs and/or cats be kept at any one Lot at any one time. Animals must reside in the dwelling.

# XIX. SURFACE WATER

The topography of the Prairie Trail Property is such that surface water may flow from certain Lots onto other Lots. In regard to all matters concerning surface water, each Lot shall be subject to and benefited by such easements as may exist for the flowage of surface water under the law of the State of Iowa, as may be in effect from time to time; and all owners shall have such rights and obligations with respect thereto as may be provided by such law. The pattern book provides guidelines for those parties interested in this matter.

# XX. COVENANT FOR ASSESSMENTS

# A. <u>Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments.</u>

The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Prairie Trail Property, and improved for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued, hereby covenants, and each other Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agrees to pay to the Association: (i) regular assessments or charges, and (ii) special assessments for capital improvements and operating deficits, and other special assessments as provided in this Declaration; such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The regular and special assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each such assessment is made senior to all liens except a first mortgage of record, municipal utilities, and any ad valorem taxes. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

# **B.** Purpose of Assessments.

The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents in the Prairie Trail Property and for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Areas and for other purposes specifically provided herein; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that Declarant and/or the Association reserves the right to include Common Areas outside the boundaries of Prairie Trail Property, and other lot owners of property outside the boundaries of Prairie Trail Property may be granted the right to utilize the Common Areas located within Prairie Trail Property. In addition, the regular assessment shall include repayment of sums advanced by the Declarant on behalf of the Association.

# C. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements and Operating Deficits.

In addition to the regular assessments authorized above, the Association may levy a special assessment for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement, which the Association required to maintain or for operating deficits which the Association may from time to time incur.

# **D**. <u>Date of Commencement of Regular Assessments: Due Dates.</u>

The regular assessments provided for herein shall commence as to each respective Lot on the first day of the first month following the date of conveyance to an Owner of a Lot with completed living unit constructed thereon and for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued. Lots which do not have completed living units constructed thereon and for which certificates of occupancy have not been issued, shall be exempt from assessments. The due dates for all assessments shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate in a recordable form signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate from the Association regarding the status of assessments on a Lot shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of its issuance.

# E. <u>Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association.</u>

Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall, in addition to being a lien upon such Owner's Lot, bear interest from the due date at the rate of 15% per annum or at the highest rate allowed by Iowa law, whichever is lower. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot in the manner provided for foreclosure of a mortgage, or both, and there shall be added to the amount of such assessment the cost of preparing and filing the petition in such action, including reasonable attorney's fees. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by abandonment of his Lot.

# F. <u>Subordination of Assessments Liens</u>.

If any Lot subject to a lien created by any provision in this Declaration shall be subject to the lien of a first mortgage of record: (i) the foreclosure of any lien created by anything set forth in this Declaration shall not operate to affect or impair the lien of such mortgage; and (ii) the foreclosure of the lien of such mortgage or the acceptance of a deed in lieu of the foreclosure by the mortgagee, shall not operate to affect or impair the lien except that assessment liens, if any, as shall have come due up to the expiration of the applicable redemption period and issuance of a sheriffs deed resulting from a decree of foreclosure or the appointment of a receiver in foreclosure proceedings or the acceptance of the deed in lieu of foreclosure shall be subordinate to the lien of the mortgage, with the foreclosure-purchaser and purchasers therefrom taking title free of assessments, if any, that have come due up to the expiration of the applicable redemption period and issuance of a sheriff's deed resulting from a decree of foreclosure or the appointment of a receiver in foreclosure proceedings or deed given in lieu of foreclosure, but subject to assessment liens that shall have come due subsequent to the expiration of the applicable redemption period and issuance of a sheriffs deed resulting from a decree of foreclosure or the appointment of a receiver in foreclosure proceedings or the acceptance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure. All assessment liens as shall have come due up to the expiration of the applicable redemption period and issuance of a sheriff's deed resulting from a decree of foreclosure or the appointment of a receiver in foreclosure proceedings or the acceptance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure and have not been paid shall be deemed to be an expense of the Association, but this shall not derogate the Association's right to collect said sums from the defaulting owner personally.

# XXI. ENFORCEMENT OF COVENANTS

This Declaration of Residential Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions shall be deemed to run with the land, and the Declarant and/or the Owner of any Lot may bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce this Declaration of Residential Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and enjoin its violation or for damages for the breach thereof, or for any other remedy or combination of remedies recognized at law or in equity.

#### XXII. AMENDMENTS OF COVENANTS

This Declaration of Residential Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions may be amended from time to time with the approval of the Owners. Said approval shall be given by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Owners. The Owner of each Lot (or the joint Owners of a single Lot in the aggregate) shall be entitled to cast one vote on account of each Lot owned. Provided, however, until twelve (12) months following the date on which the Declarant has sold all of the Lots, it may make amendments or modifications to this Declaration of Residential Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions without the consent of any other Owners or any other party. Such amendments or modifications by the Declarant shall be effective only after all other Owners are provided with a copy of the amendment or modification by ordinary mail and the amendment or modification has been filed with the Polk County Recorder.

# XXIII. PERIOD OF COVENANTS

This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions shall continue and remain in full force and effect at all times as to the Prairie Trail Property and as to the Owners of any Lot, regardless of how title was acquired, for a term of twenty (20) years from the recording of this Declaration, on which date this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions shall terminate and end and thereafter be of no further legal or equitable effect; provided, however, that this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions shall automatically be extended for one additional period of twenty (20) years, unless on or before the end of the initial period, the Owners of not less than fifty percent (50%) of the Lots, by written instrument duly recorded, declare a termination of same.

# XXIV. ENFORCEMENT AND WAIVER

- A. In the event that any one or more of the foregoing covenants, conditions or restrictions shall be declared for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction to be null and void, such judgment or decree shall not in any manner whatsoever affect, modify, change, abrogate, or nullify any of the covenants, conditions and restrictions not so expressly held to be void, which shall continue unimpaired and in full force and effect.
- B. Wherever there is a conflict between this Declaration and the zoning ordinance of the City of Ankeny, the more restrictive provision shall be binding.

#### XXV. DISCLAIMER

Declarant may at anytime by written instrument filed with the Polk County Recorder, disclaim their rights and powers hereunder and thereafter it shall have no rights or responsibilities hereunder. Declarant shall have no liability in or for damages of any sort to any Owner, or any lessee or occupant of any Lot, or otherwise to any person for any exercise or failure to exercise any right (or duty or obligation, if any) of Declarant hereunder, for the making of an amendment or modification hereto by Declarant for the granting of approval or withholding of approval required or permitted under the terms of this Declaration or in any other manner arising herefrom. Provided however, any Owner may exercise any rights such Owner may have against Declarant or otherwise seek to enforce the provisions of this Declaration against Declarant by an action in equity for specific performance or injunctive relief to which Declarant shall be subject. The remedies of specific performance and injunctive relief shall be the only remedies against Declarant for any exercise or failure to exercise any right (or duty or obligation, if any) of Declarant hereunder, for the making of an amendment or modification hereto by Declarant, for the granting of approval or withholding of approval required or permitted under the terms of this Declaration or for other matters arising herefrom, all other remedies being expressly waived. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the rights and powers of the Declarant hereunder shall be deemed to have been disclaimed by Declarant five (5) years following the date on which Declarant conveys the last Lot it owns in Prairie Trail Property, and thereafter enforcement of this Declaration may be carried out exclusively by the Owners as provided in Article XIX, above.

This Declaration of Residential Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, was made the date first written above by the Declarant.

D.R.A. PROPERTIES, L.C.

By:_		
_	Tara Meredith, Secretary	

		Notary Public
This instrument Tara Meredith, Secretary	was acknowledged y of D.R.A. Properti	, 2007, by
COUNTY OF POLK	)	
STATE OF IOWA	) ss.	