

**Generalized Template – Deed Restriction Renewal**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED DEED RESTRICTIONS  
FOR  
MEYERLAND, SECTION **Section Specific****

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STATE OF TEXAS     §  
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**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, a certain [Section Specific] acre tract out of the James D. Owen Survey, Harris County, Texas, which has been heretofore platted and subdivided into that certain subdivision known as Replat A of a Replat of Meyerland, [Section Specific], according to the plat of said subdivision filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas, [Section Specific Information] (the "Subdivision"); and

**WHEREAS**, on the \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_, certain reservations, restrictions, covenants and easements applying to said tract were filed for record under Harris County Clerk's File Number \_\_\_\_\_ of the Deed Records in the office of the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas (as previously supplemented and amended from time to time, the "Original Deed Restrictions"); and

**WHEREAS**, on the \_\_\_<sup>nd</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_, amendments to the Original Deed Restrictions were filed for record under Harris County Clerk's File Number \_\_\_\_\_, at Film Code Number \_\_\_\_\_, *et. seq.* of the Deed Records of said County; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 28 of the Original Deed Restrictions provides that the Original Deed Restrictions may be amended and changed at any time by the affirmative vote of the then owners of a [Section Specific] of the lots shown by the recorded plat of the Subdivision, evidenced by a written agreement signed and acknowledged by the then owners of a majority of such lots; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 28 of the Original Deed Restrictions further provides that an amendment or change to the Original Deed Restrictions shall become effective upon such written agreement being filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the owners of a majority of the lots shown on the recorded plat of the Subdivision to amend and restate the Original Deed Restrictions as set forth below;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the undersigned, being the President of the Meyerland Community Improvement Association, a Texas non-profit corporation, does hereby certify that the owners of a [Section Specific] of the lots shown on the recorded plat of the Subdivision adopted, established and imposed, and the owners of the lots in the Subdivision whose signatures appear on *Exhibit "A"* hereto do hereby adopt, establish and impose, upon the lots in the Subdivision, the following easements, reservations, restrictions, covenants and conditions (these "Deed Restrictions"), which amend and restate the Original Deed Restrictions, and each amendment thereof, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the land, which easements, covenants, restrictions and conditions shall run with the land and shall be applied uniformly to the use, occupancy and conveyance of all lots in the Subdivision, and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in such land, or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of each of the owners of the lots in the Subdivision.

## **ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS**

The following words or phrases shall for purposes of these Deed Restrictions have the meanings assigned to them as follows and as further defined in this document:

1. Accessory Building: Any detached Building which is not used as a residence, Garage, or Carport.
2. Assessment(s): The assessments set forth in Article 6 hereof.
3. Board: Shall mean and refer to the duly elected Board of Directors of the MCIA.
4. Building: Any roofed Structure which is enclosed by two (2) or more walls and affixed to or resting upon the ground. "Building", as used herein, specifically includes, but is not limited to a Garage, whether it is attached to or detached from the Single Family Dwelling.
5. Building Line: Boundary upon which a Building and certain Structures

may not encroach, pursuant to City of Houston Code of Ordinances, the Plat and these Deed Restrictions.

6. Carport: Any Structure (whether attached to a Dwelling, Garage or free standing) that is neither a Garage nor Porte Cochere, and can be used as a shelter for a motor vehicle.
7. Driveways: Surface used by vehicles to access a Garage and/or a Lot.
8. Dwelling: Any Building used or which can be used as a residence by one or more persons or which can be used for sleeping and lodging
9. Erosion Control Devices: Devices used to contain soil.
10. Front Building Setback Line: The line along the front of a Lot beyond which no Structures, or any part thereof may be placed, other than those allowed by the Plat, the City of Houston, or these Deed Restrictions.
11. Front Lot Line: The boundary line of a Lot (as shown on the Plat), which is adjacent to the street on which the original Single Family Dwelling is fronted.
12. Garages: Any enclosable Structure with three (3) full walls (with or without doors and/or windows) and a closable garage door on the 4<sup>th</sup> wall, which can be used as a shelter for a motor vehicle.
13. Interior Lot Line: Any boundary line of a Lot, other than those boundary lines adjacent to a street.
14. Landscaped Area: Shall refer to the portion of any Lot that is not covered with a Structure.
15. Lot: Shall mean and refer to any numbered lot or plat of land as shown on the Plat which is or may be used as a building site for the construction of a Dwelling and the other Structures permitted by these Deed Restrictions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a numbered lot as shown on the Plat which has been combined with an adjacent numbered lot or a portion of an adjacent numbered lot (with fee simple title to such adjacent parcels being held by the same owner and whether or not such parcel has been re-platted) prior to the date that these Deed Restrictions are recorded in the Official

Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas, shall also be defined as a “Lot” hereunder regardless as to how such parcels are shown on the Plat; such combined parcels being one (1) Lot.

16. Lot Owner: Any person or persons, trust, estate, partnership, firm, corporation or other entity or any combination thereof that is the record owner of fee simple title to a Lot, including contract sellers, but excluding those having an interest merely as a security for the performance of an obligation.
17. Lot Line: Any boundary line of a Lot.
18. Maintenance Fee(s): The annual maintenance fee set forth in Article 6, Section 6.2 hereof.
19. Maintenance Fund: Any accumulation of the Assessments collected by the MCIA in accordance with the provisions of these Deed Restrictions, interest, penalties and other sums and revenues collected by the MCIA pursuant to the provisions of these Deed Restrictions or by law.
20. Masonry: The specific construction materials of [brick, natural or man-made stone, and plaster portland cement finishes \(also known as stucco\) and the mortar used to join them together.](#)
21. MCIA: Meyerland Community Improvement Association, a Texas non-profit corporation.
22. Meyerland: Includes Meyerland, Sections 1 through 10.
23. Original Deed Restrictions: As used herein shall have the meaning as defined in the “Recitals” portion of these Deed Restrictions.
24. Permeable, Non-Permeable, Impervious: Defined per the City of Houston Code of Ordinances or appropriate governmental agency, and if not so defined, may be defined by the RCC or MCIA Board.
25. Plat: The plat of the Subdivision filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas, on the [\[Section Specific Information\]](#)
26. Policy: Policies are set by a majority of the Board and may be amended



from time to time by a majority of the Board. Policies can be more restrictive than these Deed Restrictions but cannot contradict these Deed Restrictions.

27. Porte Cochere: Any Structure, attached to the Dwelling, used or which can be used as a shelter for persons getting into or out of a motor vehicle, with walls on no more than 2 sides, which must be opposite each other so that a car can pass through. For purposes of this definition, an enclosure on the back side of the Porte Cochere, with more than half of the length comprised of a Garage door shall not count as a wall.
28. Public View: The words Public View includes the view from the public streets and any Lot, including the backyard of a Lot.
29. Resident: Any person, other than the Lot Owner, who has a right to reside at any Lot in the Subdivision.
30. Review and Control Committee (or "RCC"): The Review and Control Committee set forth in Article 3 hereof.
31. Secondary Quarters: Any Building or part of a Building, other than the Single Family Dwelling, used or which can be used as a residence and/or sleeping area by one or more persons and that is attached to the Single Family Dwelling, Carport, Porte Cochere, and/or Garage, including but not limited to accessory living quarters, guest quarters, in-law quarters, private sleeping quarters, with or without a private entrance.
32. Side Street Lot Line: Any boundary line of a Lot adjacent to a street and which is not a Front Lot Line.
33. Single Family: One person; or two (2) or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption; or a maximum of two (2) persons unrelated by blood or marriage.
34. Single Family Dwelling: A Dwelling, as defined above, for a Single Family, as defined above.
35. Structure: Anything which is built, erected, constructed, assembled or otherwise joined together by other than natural force. When appropriate, the use herein of "Structure" includes, but is not limited to Buildings,

Dwellings, Garages, Carports, Secondary Quarters, Porte Cocheres, pools, Accessory Buildings, patio coverings, Masonry walls, fences, fountains, statuary, breezeways, decks, patios, Driveways, sidewalks, walkways and Erosion Control Devices.

36. Subdivision: That [Section Specific] acre tract of land out of the James D. Owen Survey, Harris County, Texas, which has been heretofore platted and subdivided into that certain subdivision known as [Section Specific]
37. Vehicle: Vehicles include but are not limited to, automobiles, motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, recreational vehicles, motor homes, boats, storage/moving containers, trucks, commercial vehicles, all trailers and any other motor powered machine used for transportation of one (1) or more persons and/or material.

## **ARTICLE 2 USE RESTRICTIONS**

### **Section 2.1 Land Use, Single Family Residential:**

No Lot shall be used for any purpose except for Single Family residential purposes. No Lot Owner, or Resident may rent, lease, or sublease a portion of the Structures, Dwelling, Garage, Accessory Buildings, or Secondary Quarters on the Lot, or they shall be in violation of the Single Family Residential restriction stated herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is not the intention of these Deed Restrictions, nor the MCIA to limit the number of individuals who have not attained the age of 18 years of age who are brothers and/or sisters who may be domiciled with their parent, parents or other legal guardian or the designee of such parent, parents or legal guardian with the prior written consent of said parent, parents or legal guardian. It is not the intention of these Deed Restrictions, nor the MCIA to violate any local, state, or federal laws or regulations and if this section is construed by any court of competent jurisdiction and found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, then this section shall be construed to be amended to limit the restriction to the maximum limitation allowed by law.

Lots may only be leased for Single Family residential purposes. No Lot Owner shall be permitted to lease their Lot for hotel or transient purposes, which for purposes of this Section is defined as a period of less than ninety (90) days. No Lot Owner shall be permitted to lease less than the entire Lot. Every such lease shall be in writing. The Lot Owner making such lease shall not be relieved from any obligations under these

Deed Restrictions.

**Section 2.2 Structure:**

No Structure shall be erected, located, permitted, or placed on any Lot other than the following Structures:

- one (only) detached Single Family Dwelling not to exceed height restrictions as set forth in these Deed Restrictions,
- two (only) Garages, in any combination of attached and/or detached,
- one (only) Carport,
- one (only) Porte Cochere,
- one (only) bona fide Secondary Quarters, attached to either the Single Family Dwelling, Carport, Porte Cochere, and/or Garage,
- one (only) Accessory Building, and
- fences, sidewalks, pools and other Structures which are not Buildings, and which are appropriate for residential purposes and which are not otherwise in violation of other sections of these Deed Restrictions.

The list of Structures in this Section 2.2 is intended to be an exhaustive list of Structures that may be permitted on a Lot. In no event is this section to be interpreted to mean that any Structure(s) in addition to those listed in this section will be allowed to be erected, located, or placed on any Lot within the Subdivision.

**ARTICLE 3  
REVIEW AND CONTROL COMMITTEE**

**Section 3.1 Review and Control Committee Membership:**

The RCC shall be a standing MCIA committee and should be composed of three (3) to seven (7) persons as determined by majority vote of the Board. There shall be only one (1) RCC for Meyerland and the RCC herein is the same RCC as may be referenced

in Amended and Restated Deed Restrictions for the other sections in Meyerland. The RCC members shall be owners of Lots in Meyerland. The Board by majority vote shall appoint the RCC committee members who serve at the pleasure of the Board. In the alternative to afore mentioned, the Board, by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote, shall have the authority to use outside services as an alternative to the RCC.

Any Lot Owner may apply for an open position or future position on the RCC by filing an application with the MCIA. Procedures for such an application shall be determined by the Board.

At any time, with or without notice, and with or without cause, any RCC member may be removed or terminated from the RCC, by a majority vote of the Board.

In the event of unfilled positions, death, incapacity, resignation or termination of any RCC member(s), the President of the Board may appoint a temporary replacement(s) to the position(s), and until the temporary replacement has been made, the remaining members shall exercise the RCC's authority. Any temporary replacement shall be appointed by the President of Board from among the owners of Lots in the various sections of Meyerland. Said temporary replacement shall remain a member of the RCC until such time as the Board has voted on a permanent replacement member or voted to remove said temporary replacement(s).

### **Section 3.2 Compensation:**

Neither the members of any RCC, nor any designated representative, shall be entitled to any compensation for services performed pursuant to these Deed Restrictions, unless said compensation is necessary to secure outside services, as defined by the Board.

### **Section 3.3 Powers of the Review and Control Committee:**

The RCC shall have the authority and responsibility, subject to a Lot Owner's right to appeal as stated in this Article, to interpret and to approve or disapprove the plans, specifications, and/or requests for approval for creation, erection, installation, maintenance, modification, alteration and/or relocation, of the exterior portions of any and all Structures as well as any improvements made to or on any Lots. The Board shall have the right to specify acceptable exterior materials, colors, and/or finishes (all subject to the requirements of these Deed Restrictions) that may be used in the construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of any Structure. Where not otherwise specified herein, the Board also shall have the right to specify requirements as set forth in these

Deed Restrictions and in a Policy for each Lot, including but not limited to: minimum setbacks; driveway access to adjacent streets; the location, height and extent of fences, walls and other screening devices and orientation of Structures with respect to streets; walks and Structures on adjacent property, as well as anything effecting aesthetics of the Subdivision, be it based on a structure, non-structure, or any alteration to a lot. RCC is empowered to base any decision on basis of aesthetic considerations, as long as not arbitrary and capricious.

The RCC shall have full power and authority to reject, deny, or approve any construction plans, specifications, and/or requests for approval for improvements or modifications. The Lot Owner shall have the right to appeal a ruling by the RCC as per Section 3.8. Neither the completion of any Structure nor the commencement of, alteration of, addition to, or modification to any Structure or Lot prior to RCC approval shall constitute a defense to any suit for enforcement of these Deed Restrictions and the Board, on behalf of the MCIA, shall be entitled to enjoin further construction or modifications and to require the removal or correction of any work in place. Neither the Board nor the RCC shall have any liability as to any enjoinder of further construction or modifications, or for the removal or correction of any work in place which was not approved by the RCC.

#### Right To Inspect:

Any member of the Board, their appointees, or the RCC, and their representatives shall have the right, but not the obligation, during reasonable hours to enter upon and inspect any Lot with respect to which construction or modification is underway to determine whether or not the plans, specifications, and/or modifications therefore have been approved and are in compliance. Such person or persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass, other tort or any civil or criminal liability by reason of such entry. In the event the RCC and/or the Board shall determine that such plans, specifications, or modifications have not been approved or are not being complied with, the Board, on behalf of the MCIA, shall be entitled to enjoin further construction or modifications and to require the removal or correction of any work in place which does not comply with approved plans, specifications, or approvals for work/modifications. In addition to any other remedies available to the MCIA, the Board may record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation naming the violating Lot Owner.

#### **Section 3.4 Change and Control:**

No Structure shall be commenced, constructed, erected, placed or maintained in the Subdivision, nor shall any exterior addition to, improvement of, or alteration to a Lot

be made, unless and until, a copy of the construction plans, specifications, requests for approval and other documents, together with a site plan (if required and to the extent required per modification, work, or similar type application requesting approval and/or if and as the RCC deems it necessary) showing the location and orientation of all Structures (both existing Structures, if any, and the Structures covered by the plans and specifications) with reference to property lines, building lines, setback lines, and easements have been submitted to the RCC and approved in writing by the RCC.

The construction plans, specifications, and requests for approval together with such information as the RCC may deem pertinent, shall specify, in such form as the RCC may require, the nature, kind, shape, height, exterior color scheme, materials, and location of any proposed Structure and/or the alterations to a Structure and/or Lot. The Board may charge a fee for any application submitted to the RCC for review, and shall establish Policy and fee schedules regarding such charges.

Upon request of party submitting plans, specifications, a request for approval, or any other documents, the RCC, or their designee, shall provide said party a written receipt stating both the date received and a general description of the documents.

### **Section 3.5 Approval/Denial:**

Any approval, denial, or similar decision by the RCC shall be in writing (electronic or other). Written approval, denial, or similar decision must be signed by a RCC member or designee and mailed, emailed, or delivered to the applicant's last known address. In case of denial, the RCC shall include a statement with the reasons for denial, and should indicate in a general way the type of plans, specifications, or approval requests that the RCC would approve for the subject Lot.

If a Lot Owner who has submitted all necessary plans and documents for approval, and has a valid receipt acknowledged by approved RCC designee, has not received a reply or request for additional information from the RCC within forty-five (45) days after such plans and documents have been received by RCC, then the plans and documents shall be considered denied and the Lot Owner may pursue its appeal rights pursuant to these Deed Restrictions.

Upon approval of plans, specifications and requests for approval, no further approval under this Article 3 shall be required with respect thereto, unless such construction and/or improvement has not substantially commenced within twelve (12) months of the approval of such plans, specifications and requests for approval (e.g., clearing and grading, pouring of footings, etc.) or unless such plans, specifications, or

requests for approval are altered or changed and submitted for further approval prior to time limit stated above.

Denial or disapproval of plans, specifications, or documents, including but not limited to requests for approval, may be assessed by the RCC upon any ground which is consistent with the purposes and intent of these Deed Restrictions and/or any Policy, including purely aesthetic considerations, so long as such grounds are not arbitrary or capricious.

The method for submittal of plans, specifications, approval requests, and other documents, as well as the method of RCC delivery of acknowledgement, approval, and/or denial of said, may be modified by a Policy.

**Lot Owner Responsibility and No Waiver of Future Approvals:**

The Lot Owner is responsible for ensuring that the plans and other information that the Lot Owner submits to the RCC complies with the requirements of these Deed Restrictions, MCIA Policies, and governmental authorities. While the RCC may identify, and make a denial based on, non-compliance with these Deed Restrictions, MCIA Policy, and/or governmental requirements, the RCC has no obligation to identify non-compliance on the Lot Owner's behalf. Any non-compliance shall remain the responsibility of the Lot Owner, even if the plans and other information is initially approved by the RCC.

The approval by the RCC of any plans, specifications or documents for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval and consent of the RCC, or the Board, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar plans and specifications, drawings, documents, or matters whatsoever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent by any Lot Owner or party.

**Section 3.6 Disclaimer:**

The RCC, the Board, their agents, the MCIA, and any members thereof shall not be responsible for structural or other defects of any kind or nature whatsoever in any plans, specifications, or documents submitted to the RCC, and/or improvements/modifications constructed or made as a result of plans, specifications, or documents submitted to the RCC, nor shall they, or any of them, be deemed to have assumed any liability with regard to any undertaking by consequence of its enactment and enforcement of, or failure to, enact or enforce minimum standards for such



improvement, and no act or omission shall be construed to impose any liability on the RCC, the Board, their agents, the MCIA, or any member thereof, for damages that any Lot Owner may sustain. Each Lot Owner shall, in each instance, be responsible for the safety and quality of the improvement constructed, made, or erected by, or for, said Lot Owner. No approval of plans, specifications or documents and no Policy may ever be construed as representing or implying that, or as a covenant, representation, warranty or guaranty that, if followed, the applicable Structure or modification will comply with these Deed Restrictions or other applicable legal requirements, or as to any matters relating to the health, safety, workmanship or suitability for any purpose of the applicable Structure. It is understood that the standards imposed by these Deed Restrictions, the Board, MCIA, and RCC are in all cases minimum standards.

### **Section 3.7 Errors and Omissions:**

Any error, defect in , or omission from the construction plans, specifications, requests for approval, documents, or the site plan submitted to the RCC, shall solely be the responsibility of the Lot Owner to which the improvements relate, and neither the RCC, the Board, their agents, nor MCIA, shall have any obligation to check for errors or defects in, or omissions from, any such plans, specifications, requests for approval, documents, or site plan (whether the same relate to Lot Lines, building lines, easements, usability, fitness for the purpose intended or otherwise).

### **Section 3.8 Appeals:**

If a Lot Owner who has properly submitted plans, specifications, or requests for approval, and has a proper receipt acknowledged by a RCC designee or by the manager of the MCIA, or their designee who received the above documents, has had said documents rejected, or denied by the RCC, then said Lot Owner shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Board by written notice of appeal received and acknowledged by the manager of the MCIA, or their designee (the “Appeal Filed Date”), on or before thirty (30) days after the date of rejection or denial (the “First Appeal Deadline Date”). Procedures for such an appeal shall be determined by the Board. If the Lot Owner has not filed a notice of appeal on or before the First Appeal Deadline Date, then the RCC’s ruling stands. No action may be brought against the MCIA, its agents, officers or directors, or the RCC, or like organizations, or their members unless and until an appeal is made by the Lot Owner and a decision on such an appeal is made by the Board.

If the Board issues a written ruling to a first timely filed appeal on or before sixty (60) days of the Appeal Filed Date, the Board’s ruling stands and the Lot Owner may not file a second notice of appeal.



If a first timely filed appeal has not been ruled on by the Board on or before sixty (60) days of the Appeal Filed Date, the RCC's ruling stands. The Lot Owner may file a second notice of the appeal by written notice received and acknowledged by the manager of the MCIA, or their designee (the "Second Appeal Filed Date") on or before seventy five (75) days from the Appeal Filed Date (the "Second Appeal Deadline Date"). If the Lot Owner has not filed a second notice of the appeal on or before the Second Appeal Deadline Date, then the RCC's ruling stands.

If the Lot Owner has filed a second notice of appeal on or before the Second Appeal Deadline Date, and the appeal has not been ruled on by the Board on or before forty five (45) days from the Second Appeal Filed Date, then the second appeal shall be deemed approved provided the proposed improvements/changes comply with all of the terms and provisions of the Deed Restrictions, any Policy, and all governmental requirements.

## **ARTICLE 4 ARCHITECTURAL RESTRICTIONS**

### **Section 4.1 Lot Area and Width:**

All Lots re-platted on or after the recording of these Deed Restrictions shall be of at least [Section Specific Information](#) square feet and have a minimum width of [Section Specific Information](#) feet at the [Building Line shown on the Plat](#) and shall comply with all sections of these Deed Restrictions.

### **Section 4.2 Easements:**

Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities are reserved as shown and provided for on the recorded Plat.

### **Section 4.3 Maintenance of Property:**

All Structures on Lots located within the Subdivision must be kept in good repair and must be painted and cleaned when necessary to preserve their attractiveness. Grass, ground cover, or other acceptable landscape material must be placed on the Landscaped Area of a Lot and properly maintained in a neat and attractive condition. Other acceptable landscape material may be permissible as established by a Policy. All damaged, diseased beyond recovery, or dead trees, shall be cut and removed from any

Lot at the expense of the Lot Owner. Any and all governmental codes and/or regulations must be followed by the Lot Owner and Resident of the Lot.

In the event any Lot Owner fails to maintain the Lot and the Structures and any other improvements situated thereon in a manner satisfactory to the Board, the MCIA, after seven (7) days' notice to the Lot Owner, setting forth the action intended to be taken by the MCIA and after approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, shall have the right (but not the obligation), through its agents and employees, to enter upon said Lot and to repair, maintain and restore the Lot and the exterior of the Structures and any other improvements located thereon. Neither the Board, the MCIA nor its agents or employees shall be liable, and are expressly relieved from any liability for trespass or other tort in connection with the performance of the exterior maintenance unless caused by the gross negligence of the Board, the MCIA or its agents or employees. The cost of all work performed shall be the personal obligation of the Lot Owner on which it was performed and shall become a part of the assessment payable by said Lot Owner and secured by the lien herein retained. Alternatively, the MCIA or any Lot Owner of a Lot may bring an action at law or in equity to cause the Lot Owner to bring said property or Lot into compliance with these Deed Restrictions

#### **Section 4.4 Single Family Dwelling Size and Height:**

The first floor area of the Single Family Dwelling, excluding any exterior porches and Garages, shall be [Section Specific Information](#).

Height of the Single Family Dwelling shall be as set forth in Article 4, Section 4.4 of these Restrictions.

#### **Section 4.4 Height of the Single Family Dwelling and Secondary Quarters**

Neither the Single Family Dwelling nor the Secondary Quarters shall exceed two and one-half stories in height, nor be of more than thirty-six (36) feet in height measuring from the Minimum Flood Protection Elevation as defined by the Municipal Code of the City of Houston. All measurements shall be to highest point of highest roof line, excluding any chimneys. The height of the chimney may be limited if it is out of character of Meyerland as determined by the RCC. The half story may be a livable attic that is finished into one or more bedrooms and bathrooms, or left unfinished as storage space. The half story will have less floor space, lower ceilings, and the ceiling-floor height changes. The half story is built under the roof, therefore like the roof, the sides of the half story slope downward.

#### **Section 4.5 Structure Location & Height:**

### Height –

No Structure shall be higher than the highest roof peak on a Dwelling and a Policy may be created further limiting height of non-dwelling structures.

### Front Lot Line & Front Building Setback Line -

No Structure shall be located on any Lot nearer to the Front Lot Line than the Front Building Setback Line as shown on the Plat, except (i) Erosion Control Devices, (ii) sidewalks, (iii) walkways, (iv) Driveways, (v) stairs, steps or ramps facing the front entrance of the Dwelling, or running parallel to the front Building Line, (vi) stairs or steps for sidewalks, and (vii) other non-Building exceptions as may be allowed by Board Policy.

Any Garage, Porte Cochere, or Carport opening may be located at or behind the Front Building Setback Line, however, no forward facing garage may be closer to the front building line than the forward most portion of the dwelling.

### Side Street Lot Line & Building Line -

No Structure shall be located on any Lot nearer to the Side Street Lot Line than the side street Building Line as shown on the Plat, except (i) Erosion Control Devices, (ii) sidewalks, (iii) walkways, (iv) Driveways, (v) stairs or steps for sidewalks, (vi) fences (see Section 4.17 Fences and Walls for further location requirements), and (vii) other non-Building exceptions as may be allowed by Board Policy

For any Lot located at a corner of two streets, a Garage, Porte Cochere, or Carport may face and be built up to the side street Building Line.

### Interior Lot Line & Building Line -

No Structure shall be located nearer than [Section Specific Information](#) to any side Interior Lot Line, with the except

- (i) as allowed in Section 4.17 Fences/Walls,
- (ii) sidewalks/walkways may be as close as three (3) feet to side Interior Lot Line,
- (iii) a driveway may be as close as three (3) feet to the Side Interior Lot Line,
- (iv) a Garage, Carport, or Accessory Building (as permitted under Article 2 of these Deed Restrictions and which is located [seventy-five \(75\)](#) feet or more from the Front Lot Line) may be a minimum distance of [three \(3\)](#) feet from a side Interior Lot Line, as shown on the Plat and/or,
- (v) any approved structure, not specifically addressed in these Deed Restrictions and not a Building or Carport, which is further back than the

rear most portion of the Dwelling, is inside a fenced area, and which is less than six (6) feet in height, may be as close as three (3) feet from a side Interior Lot Line.

- (vi) HVAC systems (raised or not), water filtration/conditioner equipment, pool equipment, utility, and mechanical type equipment as per the discretion of the RCC may be closer than [Section Specific Information](#) to the interior lot line.

Rear Lot Line/Building Line -

- (i) No Carport, Building other than a Garage or Accessory Building, may be closer than [Section Specific Information](#) feet to the rear Lot Line.
- (ii) No Structure may be closer than five (5) feet to the rear Lot Line.

Additional -

No Structure (except as allowed in Section 4.17 Fences/Walls), even of a temporary nature, may be placed in a utility easement.

For the purpose of this covenant, (a) eaves that extend no more than 3 feet from any Building, Carport or Porte Cochere or one (1) foot from any other Structure, (b) steps, and (c) unroofed terraces higher than the first floor ceiling and extending no further than the maximum allowed to eaves, shall not be considered as part of the Building, Carport or Porte Cochere, provided however that this shall not be construed to permit any portion of a Structure on a Lot to encroach upon another Lot, including, but not limited to water runoff.

Conversion of, alteration of, or change in use of a Garage or any other Structure as permitted under Article 2 or Article 4 of these Deed Restrictions is prohibited if the resulting conversions or alterations (a) have not been approved by the RCC or (b) are in violation of these Deed Restrictions, including but not limited to, greater setback requirements for structures other than a Garage or Carport, even if attached to a Garage or Carport.

**Section 4.6 Removal of Structures:**

Any Structure may be removed from any Lot without prior approval by the MCIA, provided the Lot Owner provides written notice to the MCIA of the type of work, scope of work and intended beginning and end date of work. Such notice must be received by and acknowledged by the MCIA a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the commencement of any removal/alteration work and Lot Owner must have MCIA receipt

stating such. All Deed Restriction and MCIA Policy requirements must be adhered to, including but not limited to construction fencing, port-a-potties, erosion control, trash storage/removal, and similar requirements.

Notification for removal of any structure must be made to MCIA. The procedure for notice and approval can be modified by the Board and set forth in a Policy.

#### **Section 4.7 Roofs:**

Any proposals for the repair of, replacement of, or new construction of a roof must be submitted to the RCC and approved in writing by the RCC prior to commencement of the repair, replacement, or new construction. No repair, replacement, or new construction shall be approved unless it complies with the then-existing standards established by the Board. Completion of repair, replacement, or new construction of any roof prior to RCC approval shall not constitute a defense to any suit for enforcement of these Deed Restrictions. Notwithstanding the above, a repair of a roof that (1) affects less than twenty percent (20%) of the total surface area of the roof, (2) does not alter the pitch, color, design, type of materials or composition of the roof as originally constructed, and (3) is otherwise in compliance with all then-existing Deed Restrictions, building codes, and MCIA standards for roof construction, may be commenced without prior written approval of the RCC. Within ten (10) days of completion of such a repair, written notice shall be provided to the RCC of the completion of a roof repair without prior plan approval. If the completed repair is found to be in noncompliance with the then-existing Deed Restrictions and the standards for roof construction established by the Board, a notice to that effect shall be sent by the RCC and all legal and equitable remedies for non-compliance with these Deed Restrictions may then be sought. Neither the MCIA, nor the RCC shall be liable in any way for any decision as to appropriateness of any roof material or color. This right of repair may be modified by the Board and set forth in a Policy.

#### **Section 4.8 Temporary Structures:**

No Structure of a temporary character, including, but not limited to, a trailer, basement, tent, shack, mobile home, RV, garage, barn, moving or shipping container, temporary storage container or structure, or Accessory Building shall be used on any Lot at any time as a Dwelling either temporarily or permanently.

#### **Section 4.9 Signs:**

No signs of any kind shall be displayed to the Public View on any Lot except those allowed as set forth in these Deed Restrictions and MCIA Policy.

All signs must be ground mounted and are to be placed on Lot Owner's Lot and not located in public space between public walk and street unless otherwise specified by a Policy. Nothing herein is intended to allow rent or lease signs contradicting the single family residence restriction set forth above. All signs must be of aesthetically suitable material as determined by the Board. In addition, no sign of any kind is permitted which, (1) contains roofing material, siding, paving materials, flora, one or more balloons or lights, or any other similar building, landscaping, or nonstandard decorative component; (2) is attached in any way to plant material, a traffic control device, a light, a trailer, a vehicle, or any other existing structure or object; (3) includes the painting of architectural surfaces; (4) threatens the public health or safety as determined by the Board; (5) violates a law; (6) contains language, graphics, or any display that would be offensive as determined by the Board; or (7) is accompanied by music or other sounds or by streamers or is otherwise distracting to motorists as determined by the Board.

No sign shall be larger than five (5) square feet in area. No permanent sign shall be allowed except for up to two (2) unlighted security signs of not more than two (2) square feet in area located not more than two (2) feet above the ground and positioned within a planting or landscape bed not more than four (4) feet from the nearest portion of the Single Family Dwelling, or in the event no such bed exists, the sign shall not be more than one (1) foot from the nearest portion of the Single Family Dwelling. For purposes of this paragraph, a permanent sign is any sign designed or permitted to exist for more than six (6) months.

The Board shall have the right (but not the obligation), through its agents and employees, to enter upon said Lot and to remove any sign that is in violation of these Deed Restrictions or MCIA Policy. Neither the Board, the MCIA nor its agents or employees shall be liable, and are expressly relieved from any liability for trespass or other tort or civil or criminal action in connection with the performance of their duties.

#### **Section 4.10 Oil and Mining:**

No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or within any Lot, nor shall any wells, tanks, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon or in any Lot. No derrick or other structure designed for use in exploring for or the production of oil, natural gas, or



other minerals shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any Lot.

**Section 4.11 Animals, Livestock and Poultry:**

No livestock, poultry, or animals, singular or plural, of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. City of Houston Code of Ordinances as pertaining to registration inoculation, number and type of pets and leashing shall be adhered to.

**Section 4.12 Obstruction of Public Thoroughfares:**

No fence, wall, hedge, shrub planting, landscape features, yard art, vehicles of any kind, or anything which obstructs sight lines at elevations between two (2) and eight (8) feet above the roadways shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner Lot within the triangular area formed by the street property lines and a line connecting them at points twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of the street lines, or in the case of a rounded property corner from the intersection of the street property lines extended. The same sight-line limitation shall apply on any Lot within 10 feet from the intersection of the street property lines with the edge of a driveway or alley pavement. No tree, hedge or shrub shall be permitted to remain within such distances of such intersections unless the foliage line is maintained at sufficient height to prevent potential obstruction of sight lines.

Trees and shrubs within such triangular area or such distance of a driveway intersection shall be trimmed so as not to obstruct streets, street lamps, and/or sidewalks. Furthermore, the bottom of the canopy of trees and shrubs passing over sidewalks, drive ways, or public streets shall be trimmed to a minimum height of eight (8) feet, as measured from the top of the nearest curb.

Notwithstanding the above, the Board and/or RCC shall have full discretion to restrict any fencing, wall, tree, hedge, shrub planting, landscape features, yard art, vehicles of any kind, or anything else which obstructs sight lines further than the listed location requirements contained within these Deed Restrictions, if the proposed object's location presents a potential line of sight blockage or other concern in the Board's or RCC's sole and absolute discretion.

**Section 4.13 Garbage, Refuse and Recycling Storage or Disposal:**

No Lot improved or unimproved shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground

for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers. All equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Lawn, leaf and other such debris should be contained in bags according to the City of Houston Code of Ordinances. Trash, garbage, lawn debris, other waste, and containers, including but not limited to cans and bags, shall not be placed or stored in a location visible from any street prior to 6:00 p.m. on the date prior to trash/garbage or similar pickup day.

All trash and recycling containers must be removed from view from the street by the time set out in the City of Houston Code of Ordinances or similar regulation, but in no circumstance later than 8:00 a.m. on the day immediately after trash pickup day. In the case of “Tree Waste or Junk Waste” as defined by the City of Houston Code of Ordinances for monthly pickup; said items shall be set out/placed out in accordance with the City of Houston Code or similar regulation. Any trash or waste remaining after “Tree Waste or Junk Waste”, or similar type scheduled pickup, must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of city pickup day.

#### **Section 4.14 Land Near Parks and Watercourses:**

No Building shall be placed on nor any material or refuse be placed or stored on any Lot within twenty (20) feet of the property line of any park or edge of any open water course, except that clean fill may be placed nearer provided that the natural water source is not altered or blocked by such fill.

#### **Section 4.15 Automobiles, Vehicles, Boats, Mobile Homes, Motor Homes, RVs, Trailers, and Other:**

No Vehicle with an expired license or inspection sticker, or that has been dismantled, either in whole or in part, or that has been left in an inoperable condition for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours or seventy-two (72) nonconsecutive hours within a thirty (30) day period, shall remain on any portion of any Lot within the Public View.

No recreational vehicles, motor homes, boats, storage/moving containers, commercial vehicles, trailers, or other similar vehicles shall be stored or permitted to remain on any Lot or on any street in Meyerland and exposed to the Public View for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours or seventy-two (72) nonconsecutive hours within a thirty (30) day period. However, such items may be stored in a Garage so long as not visible from the street or adjoining Lot regardless if covered.



No Vehicle visible from the street or adjacent Lots shall remain elevated on jacks, ramps, stands, or other such devices for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours or seventy-two (72) nonconsecutive hours within a thirty (30) day period.

Under no circumstances shall Vehicles be parked on the Landscaped Area in Public View.

#### **Section 4.16 Sidewalks:**

Concrete sidewalks of width per City of Houston Code of Ordinances but in no case less than 4 feet wide shall be constructed continuously along all front and side streets adjacent to all Lots. The sidewalk shall be installed as a part of the improvements placed upon the Lots, and shall be located between the Lot lines and the curb lines. The exact locations, grades, specifications, and maintenance of the sidewalks shall be as required by the City of Houston. If for any reason, any portion of the sidewalk is removed by a Lot Owner (except if removed for the purpose of eventual new home construction), a replacement sidewalk must be installed within one (1) month from the date of removal. MCIA Policy may set a maximum time allowed until Sidewalk replacement for new home construction and/or for empty Lots. Sidewalks must be maintained in a reasonable manner as and set forth in a Policy.

#### **Section 4.17 Fences and Walls:**

All fences, walls, gates, and other similar structures shall require approval by the RCC prior to work or installation.

##### **Height**

Fences/walls/gates shall be a maximum of eight (8) feet in height, however, MCIA may develop a Policy allowing for maximum rear fence height of ten (10) feet [and/or](#) with reasonable height transitions to/on adjoining fences. In no circumstance shall forward facing fences be more than eight (8) feet in height. Should City of Houston Code of Ordinances or similar regulation specify a lesser maximum height, said Code/regulation shall at all times be followed.

Exceptions to the height of construction may be made in the discretion of the RCC for fences abutting commercial property or a major thoroughfare (as determined by the Board).

##### **Location**

Fences and walls may extend to the Interior Lot Line but shall not be forward of the front Building Line as specified on the Plat nor extend forward of the forward-most portion of the forward-most Building.

On corner Lots, fences/walls/gates may be placed between the Side Street Lot Line and the Building Line from the side street, so long as said fences/walls:

- (i) are no closer to the sidewalk than the greater distance of, the property line, four feet (4') from the inside portion of any public sidewalk, or twelve feet (12') from the curb,
- (ii) do not impede the view of traffic exiting the driveway(s) of same lot or abutting lot(s) as relates to street and sidewalk traffic. In such instances the fences/walls/gates, may be required to be a greater distance from the curb should appropriate Meyerland review committee or appropriate governmental authority find necessary, and
- (iii) Lots having a side Lot Line abutting [Section specific side street](#) may have no fence closer than the greatest of [Section Specific Information](#) feet to the Side Street Lot Line or [Section Specific Information](#) feet to the inside portion of any public sidewalk.

For conjoined/abutting Lots owned by the same Lot Owner, and if not re-platted into one (1) Lot, if a fence appears to enclose no more than two (2) Lots, the fence may be placed at the Front Building Line of the non-Dwelling Lot (excluding Secondary Quarters) subject to any other applicable provision of these Deed Restrictions and any MCIA Policy.

In all circumstances, obstruction of public thoroughfares and off-Lot line of sight issues, as referenced or specified in these Deed Restrictions, MCIA Policy, by the City of Houston Code of Ordinances, and/or appropriate governmental agency, shall not be violated. Additionally and notwithstanding the above, the appropriate Meyerland review committee shall have full discretion to restrict any fencing further than the listed location requirements above, if the proposed fence location presents a potential line of sight blockage or other safety concern in the committee's sole and absolute discretion.

## **Materials**

Fences/walls are to be constructed of wood, Masonry material, and/or decorative metal, as defined and approved by the RCC or Board. No permanent installation of wire or chain-link (i.e. metal mesh) or welded wire (i.e. hog panel or similar material) will be allowed or permitted.

Fence, gate and/or wall material may be disallowed by the RCC for purely aesthetic reasons, even if a similar structure already exists or is allowed in similar circumstances. Other restrictions, specifications, and considerations may be set forth by MCIA Policy.

Construction of Masonry and other solid wall-like structures that are (i) over twenty (20) inches in height and (ii) extend outside the Building Line, shall not be allowed if facing the Front Lot Line. However, the RCC may make an exception for a necessary Erosion Control Device and for instances involving conjoined/abutting Lots owned by the same Lot Owner, and if not re-platted, if a fence appears to enclose no more than two (2) Lots, and of which one (1) of said Lots does not contain a Single Family Dwelling. Masonry may be used for fence posts. Such fence posts shall be no more than twenty-four (24) inches by twenty-four inches or twenty-four (24) inches in diameter. Said fence posts shall not be closer than eight (8) feet on-center, except where necessary for either a gate or due to limited space; necessity of which shall be determined by the RCC.

### **Miscellaneous**

Any fence/wall/gate facing a street shall be constructed in such a manner that the most aesthetically pleasing side as decided by the RCC, faces the street.

The color/stain/tint of all fences, walls, gates, and other similar structures requires RCC approval before installation and application of product.

Should any Lot have a forward facing fencing that totals more than fifty percent (50%) of the width of the Lot at the Building Line, said fence must be landscaped and in such a fashion that is approved by the RCC. Said percentage does not include approved forward facing gates that cross the primary driveway.

Driveway gates may swing outward from the Lot. However, at no time may the driveway gate cross any Lot Line or impede a public right of way including, but not limited to, streets and sidewalks.

The materials and right of repair may be clarified or restricted by the Board and set forth in a Policy.

**Section 4.18 Erosion Control Devices:**

Erosion Control Devices are allowed, so long as said Erosion Control Devices are no higher than twenty (20) inches, and are of suitable location, engineering, material, and aesthetics (as decided by the RCC). Erosion Control Device must be necessary to the Lot to prevent substantial erosion and shall not be allowed for purely aesthetic reasons, as decided by the RCC. Installation of any Erosion Control Device must be approved by RCC prior to installation.

**Section 4.19 Miscellaneous Structures, Devices, and Apparatus:**

No antenna towers, dish-type antennas, solar panels, water conditioners/filters/softeners, generating equipment, pool equipment, permanently placed basketball goals or irrigation devices other than sprinkler heads, shall be erected or located in the Subdivision that will be visible from a street unless otherwise stated by a Policy. No miscellaneous structure, device, or apparatus, listed herein or not, shall be erected or installed without the prior approval of the RCC. Flag poles, if erected, are to be placed behind building lines, and are to be no greater than 4" in diameter, of a height and material, as specified by a Policy and are to otherwise be in compliance with any Policy.

In addition to above restrictions and as part of new construction or major renovation, no air conditioning units, heating units, generating equipment, or similar devices, shall be visible from any street or from ground level of any adjoining Lot unless surrounded by RCC-approved materials.

**Section 4.20 Exterior Lights:**

Exterior lighting shall be shielded so as not to be offensive to neighboring Lot Owners or Residents.

**Section 4.21 Storage and Accessory Sheds:**

Accessory Buildings will be permitted only behind opaque fences. No Accessory Building may be more than one (1) story or higher than twelve (12) feet from grade level, except that an Accessory Building with a peaked roof of similar material and

construction to the peaked roof on the Single Family Dwelling may be fifteen (15) feet in height from grade level.

Nothing shall be stored on a Lot in violation of either state law or City of Houston Code of Ordinances, nor where it is visible from a street. The Lot Owner must receive approval from the RCC for the size, height, location, materials, color and any other requirements necessary prior to commencement of placement or construction of the Accessory Building.

**Section 4.22 Garages/Carports:**

A Single Family residence must contain an attached or detached private Garage or Carport for a minimum of two (2) cars. No attached Garage/Carport shall exceed the height of the main residence. No detached Garage shall exceed two (2) stories. The materials and design of all Garages/Carports, including garage door(s) shall be in harmony with both the main residence and Meyerland residential areas. As used in this section, “attached” means a Building that shares at least one common vertical wall with the residence.

- (i) There shall be no more than three (3) garage door openings and thirty (30) cumulative total maximum allowable linear feet of Garage doors or similar type doors (including split Garages) visible from the street via which cars may pass. With a maximum additional twenty (20) linear feet of Garage or similar type doors which are not visible from the street.

Or

- (ii) There shall be no more than three (3) garage door openings and a total maximum of thirty (30) cumulative allowable linear feet of Garage doors or similar type doors (including split Garages) which are not visible from the street via which cars may pass.

Location and orientation of Garages and Carports shall be in accordance with Section 4.5 of these Deed Restrictions.

No Carport shall be built or erected unless said Carport is of suitable material, construction, height, and location so as to match the aesthetics of the Single Family Dwelling and of Meyerland. Any and all determinations of such will be at the sole discretion of the RCC. Detached Carports shall be one story only and no more than eleven (11) feet in height from grade, except that a Carport with a peaked roof similar to a peaked roof on a Single Family Dwelling may be a maximum of twenty (20) feet in height from grade level.

Garages and Carports may not violate any Lot Line or structure setback restrictions as set forth by these Deed Restrictions or by a Policy.

**Section 4.23 Hedges:**

Ornamental hedges and/or similar view screening vegetation, placed or extending seven (7) feet outside of the front Building Line, shall not exceed thirty-six inches (36”) in height. Additionally, no hedges and/or other similar type vegetation may be placed and or extend closer than three (3) feet from any public sidewalk. Hedge and vegetation restrictions stated above do not apply to plantings established prior to recordation of these Deed Restrictions; however they do apply to replacement and/or new plantings. In all circumstances, obstruction of public thoroughfares and off-Lot line of sight issues, as referenced or specified in these Deed Restrictions, by the City of Houston Code of Ordinances, and/or appropriate governmental agency, shall not be violated.

**Section 4.24 Circular Driveways and Parking Pads:**

Circular Driveways and parking pads shall be allowed on all Lots provided they are in accordance with City of Houston Code of Ordinances and meet all other construction restrictions including impervious percentage requirements. Parking pads shall not be located forward of the foremost portion of the Dwelling. The RCC has the right to reject the location of, design of and materials used for any circular Driveways or parking pads constructed or modified

**Section 4.25 Exterior Color and Masonry Requirements of Structures:**

Color:

The exterior of any Structure, including, but not limited to Dwellings, Garages, Accessory Buildings, and fences, shall have a/be of a color which is approved by RCC, however such Structures may be re-painted or re-stained without prior approval of the RCC if using the same color of paint as that which is the existing top coat of paint and which is also a color pre-approved by the RCC. Should any dispute arise as to the necessity of RCC approval or color painted, it shall be entirely the responsibility of the Lot Owner to prove that RCC approval was not required, including, but not limited to the colors of the paint or stain used and painted/stained over. In all circumstances the burden of proof shall be on the Lot Owner.

Approved exterior paint colors may be established and modified by a Policy. Neither the MCIA, or RCC, nor any of their agents, shall have any liability as to any decision made by the MCIA, RCC, or their agents, as to the appropriateness of paint

color/stain color. The term paint as used herein, shall include, but is not limited to stains and other coloring/tinting materials/products.

**Exterior Masonry Requirement:**

The exterior material of the Single Family Dwelling on all Lots shall not be less than **Section Specific Information** Masonry. Percentage of Masonry shall be computed by dividing the total square footage of the exterior Masonry walls of the Single Family Dwelling (excluding the square footage composed of windows and doors) by the total square footage of the exterior Masonry and non-masonry walls of the Single Family Dwelling (excluding the square footage composed of windows and doors).

**Section 4.26 Joining and Subdividing Lots:**

Any two (2), but only two (2), adjoining Lots may be re-platted into one (1) Lot, but only if City of Houston approval is granted and all necessary City of Houston and other applicable governmental requirements are met. Any time two (2) Lots are re-platted into one (1) Lot, the financial commitment to the MCIA, by any Lot Owner of the re-platted Lot, shall not be changed to that of a single Lot. Said property will continue to be treated as if two (2) Lots in regards to any maintenance, courtesy patrol, and or any other current or future fees, or assessments established and/or assessed by the MCIA. Said “newly” combined/joined/ re-platted Lot(s) will be treated as one (1) Lot in regards to, but not limited to, voting rights, and building/structure/lot modification restrictions/requirements placed upon said property by the Board, RCC, and the Deed Restrictions. Once two (2) Lots have been re-platted/combined/joined into one (1) Lot, they may no longer be re-platted, combined, or in any other way joined with any other Lot, however the “newly” platted Lot may be re-platted back to two (2) Lots, but only two (2) Lots, provided each Lot individually shall not be in violation of any then current, as of time of division, provision of existing Deed Restrictions, or a MCIA Policy.

Except as set forth above, no Lot may be subdivided.

**Section 4.27 Non-Permeable Coverage and Drainage Requirements:**

Unless otherwise further restricted by a Policy, allowable Non-Permeable Lot coverage per Lot shall be the lessor of either sixty percent (60%), or that allowed by the City of Houston Code of Ordinances, or appropriate governmental agency. The permeability of a surface or material will be as stated by the City of Houston Code of Ordinances, or appropriate governmental agency. However, should the City of Houston Code of Ordinances or appropriate governmental agency not provide such information, guidelines, or decision on permeability; then, such a determination may be made by the



Board. Any such determination by the Board, shall not be interpreted as being correct as to and/or have any bearing on any current or future governmental code, policy, statutes, or similar restrictions, nor shall the Board or the MCIA have any liability as to any such determination.

Topography of every Lot must be maintained with proper grading and drainage systems such that new construction or modification does not cause undue erosion, flooding, or drainage problems of the Lot or any adjacent Lot. The RCC shall have the right, but not the obligation, of approval or rejection of any modification to a Lot on the basis of drainage. The RCC shall have the right to require an applicable drainage study by a licensed engineer at the Lot Owner's expense as part of the RCC's evaluation of the Lot modifications.

Lot Owners shall be responsible for ensuring that all local, state and federal rules and regulations regarding drainage and storm water run-off are met.

#### **Section 4.28 City Ordinances:**

No Lot Owner or person residing on a Lot in the Subdivision shall commit, continue, or permit any violation of the animal control, health, safety and/or welfare ordinances, laws, or regulations of the City of Houston, the State of Texas or other governmental agency.

#### **Section 4.29 - Nuisances:**

No noxious or offensive activity shall be permitted to occur on any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon, which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to Lot Owners or Residents of nearby Lots. No Lot Owner shall permit or continue to permit the erections, placement, or existence upon the Lot Owner's Lot any condition which endangers the health of any neighboring Lot Owner or Resident, nor which disturbs the reasonable enjoyment of any neighboring property by its owner or resident.

### **ARTICLE 5 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF SUBDIVISION**

#### **Section 5.1 Management by MCIA:**

The affairs of the Subdivision shall be administered by the MCIA. The MCIA shall have the right, and power to provide for the management, acquisition, construction,



maintenance, repair, replacement, administration, and operation of the Subdivision, as well as to enact assessments, special assessments, and fees, including fees for Lot or Structure improvements, for the Subdivision as provided for in these Deed Restrictions, the Articles of Incorporation of MCIA, and/or the Bylaws of MCIA, and shall have all the powers set forth in the Texas Property Code and the Texas Business Organizations Code. The business and affairs of the MCIA shall be managed by its Board, unless otherwise reserved to the members of MCIA (the "Members") by law, the terms of these Deed Restrictions, the Articles of Incorporation of the MCIA, or the Bylaws of the MCIA.

The MCIA acting through the Board, shall be entitled to enter into such contracts and agreements concerning the Subdivision as the Board deems reasonably necessary or appropriate to maintain and operate the Subdivision in accordance with these Deed Restrictions, including without limitation, the right to enter into agreements with adjoining or nearby land owners or governmental entities on matters of maintenance, repair, administration, courtesy patrol, or other matters of mutual interest.

The MCIA may enact Policies intended to clarify Deed Restrictions or which pertain to items either not within or items within these Deed Restrictions, but requiring more specificity.

### **Section 5.2 Membership in the MCIA:**

Each Lot Owner shall, upon and by virtue of becoming a Lot Owner, automatically become and shall remain a Member of the MCIA until ownership of the Lot ceases for any reason, at which time the membership in the MCIA shall also automatically cease. Membership in the MCIA shall be appurtenant to and shall automatically follow the ownership of each Lot and may not be separated from such ownership. All Members must provide their current mailing address to the MCIA in writing, if different from that of the Single Family Dwelling on the Lot owned by the Member.

### **Section 5.3 Voting of Members:**

Lot Owners shall only be entitled to one (1) vote per individual Lot owned within the Subdivision. When more than one (1) person holds interest in any Lot all such persons shall be Members, but such Members shall collectively only be entitled to one (1) vote, which vote shall be exercised as they among themselves determine.

### **Section 5.4 Board Actions in Good Faith:**

Any action, inaction or omission by the Board or its agents made or taken in good faith shall not subject the Board, any individual Member of the Board, or its agents, to any liability to the MCIA, its Members or any other party.

**Section 5.5 Indemnification of Officers, Directors and Their Agents:**

The MCIA shall indemnify each officer, director, and their agents of the MCIA to the fullest extent permitted by Chapter 8 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, as the same may be amended from time to time. The MCIA must provide liability insurance coverage for its Officers, Directors, and their agents.

**ARTICLE 6  
MCIA ASSESSMENTS AND FEES**

**Section 6.1 Obligation for Assessments and Fees:**

Each Lot Owner is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to MCIA:

- (a) Annual maintenance fees;
- (b) Assessments for courtesy patrol services;
- (c) Special Assessments; and
- (d) Application Fees for Lot/Structure Modification.

The fees and assessments, together with interest, costs, fines and other charges provided for herein or by law, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be the personal obligation of the person who was the Lot Owner at the time when the assessment fell due.

**Section 6.2 Maintenance Fund:**

Each Lot covered by these Deed Restrictions is subject to an annual maintenance fee provided for by a covenant contained within the deed from Meyerland Development Corporation to the first purchaser of such Lot (the "Developer Deed"). A lien to secure payment of the maintenance fee, interest, fines, attorney fees and other assessments hereunder is established in the Developer Deed and incorporated in these Deed Restrictions (the "Assessment Lien"). The Assessment Lien is a first lien on the Lots and is not junior, inferior or subordinate to purchase money liens, home improvement

liens, home equity liens or any other liens except liens securing the payment of ad valorem taxes. The obligation to pay the annual maintenance fee rests, and will continue to rest, on each person who owns a Lot in the Subdivision. The annual maintenance fee is due and payable to the MCIA on January 1st of each year. This fee, if not paid by February 1st of that year is delinquent. Each Lot Owner, by acceptance of a deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay these fees.

The amount of the annual maintenance fee may be adjusted from year to year by the Board as the need may, in the Board's judgment, require, but in no event shall the total of all such maintenance fee charges be raised above 8 mils per square foot of Lot area unless the cost of living as measured by the CPI-U for the City of Houston which is published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor and Statistics, or equivalent, hereinafter referred to as "Index" increases over the index value for the year 1979, in which case the annual maintenance fee may be increased at the same rate as the increase in said Index.

Reasonable and necessary attorney's fees incurred by the MCIA for the collection of delinquent assessments hereunder together with interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on such delinquent assessments hereunder (unless such rate is usurious in which event the interest rate will be the highest rate allowed by law) shall be the responsibility of the respective Lot Owner and shall be a charge on the land and continuing lien upon the Lot.

The MCIA shall apply the total fund arising from such annual maintenance fees and special assessments, so far as the same may be sufficient, toward the payment of expenses incurred for any and all of the following purposes: enforcing these Deed Restrictions or doing anything necessary or desirable in the opinion of the MCIA, to keep property in the Subdivision and other sections of Meyerland, neat and in good order, or that it considers of general benefit to the Lot Owners or Residents of the Subdivision and other sections of Meyerland, it being understood that the judgment of the MCIA in the expenditure of said funds shall be final and conclusive as long as such judgment is exercised in good faith. Nothing herein shall constitute a representation that any of the above will, in fact, be provided by the MCIA. Each person who accepts a deed to a Lot or Lots agrees, by the acceptance of same, to pay such annual maintenance fee and other assessments as herein provided.

### **Section 6.3 Assessment for Contracted Patrol Services:**

The Board may, by resolution adopted at any regular or special meeting, levy an assessment for the sole purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of providing

contracted patrol services ("Patrol Assessment") and related expenses. This Patrol Assessment shall be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots in Meyerland. The MCIA shall apply the total fund arising from such Patrol Assessments, so far as the same may be sufficient, toward the payment of expenses incurred for courtesy patrol services. Patrol Assessments shall be due on January 1 of the year for which the Patrol Assessment is to be applied. To secure payment of Patrol Assessments, a lien upon each Lot is hereby imposed and retained in the same manner as described in Section 6.2 regarding annual maintenance fees.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD EACH RESIDENT AND LOT OWNER OF THE SUBDIVISION, THEIR GUESTS AND INVITEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT IT SHALL NOT BE ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE MCIA TO PROVIDE SECURITY TO THE RESIDENTS AND LOT OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY OR THEIR GUESTS AND INVITEES, NOR FOR PROPERTY OF SAID PERSONS. NEITHER THE MCIA, ITS BOARD, NOR ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OR THEIR AGENTS SHALL IN ANY WAY BE CONSIDERED INSURERS OR GUARANTORS OF SECURITY WITHIN THE SUBDIVISIONS, NOR SHALL THEY BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE BY REASON OR ALLEGED FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF SECURITY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN, IF ANY.

**Section 6.4 Application Fees for Lot or Structure Modification:**

The Board may adopt application fees which may be charged to those persons doing work/modifications to any Lot and to any Structure on or being installed on any Lot.

**ARTICLE 7  
AMENDMENTS TO RESTRICTIONS/COVENANTS AND TERMS**

**Section 7.1 Amendment Process:**

These Deed Restrictions can be amended and changed at any time by the affirmative vote of the then Lot Owners of a majority of the Lots shown on the recorded plat of the Subdivision, evidenced by a written agreement signed and acknowledged by the then Lot Owners of a majority of such Lots within a six (6) month time period (as measured from the date of the earliest signature to the date of the last signature). For the

purpose of this Article 7, it shall be presumed that the Lot Owners as reflected by the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas, have full ownership of the Lots. For the purposes of determining a majority vote of the Lots, each Lot will be entitled to one (1) vote. When more than one (1) person or entity holds as ownership interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as the Lot Owners thereof determine. Any Lot Owner's acknowledged signature of a written agreement amending and changing these Deed Restrictions and covenants shall be made with the knowledge, consent, and authority of at least a majority of the co-Lot Owners, if any, of such Lot. In the event at least one (1) but less than all Lot Owners of a Lot sign a written agreement amending and changing these Deed Restrictions and covenants, the knowledge, consent, and authority of a majority of the co-Lot Owners of a Lot will be presumed.

An amendment or change to these Deed Restrictions shall become effective upon such written agreement being filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas; provided, however, that the person or persons requesting an amendment or change, or the MCIA if it be the requestor shall bear all expenses in connection therewith. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any amendment or change to these Deed Restrictions made pursuant to this section shall not affect or abrogate the purposes of these Deed Restrictions as set out in Article 2 of these Deed Restrictions.

**Section 7.2 Term:**

The restrictions and covenants set out in these Deed Restrictions are to run with the land and shall be binding on all parties and all persons claiming under them until the [Section Specific Information](#) after which date said restrictions and covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless an instrument terminating these Deed Restrictions have been signed by the then Lot Owners of a majority of the Lots and recorded in the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas.

**ARTICLE 8  
OTHER PROVISIONS**

**Section 8.1 Applicability:**

These Deed Restrictions shall take precedence over the Original Deed Restrictions and the Original Deed Restrictions are terminated and of no further force or effect. These Deed Restrictions shall extend, continue, and preserve any lien previously created or existing which secured or secures annual maintenance fees, special assessments, Patrol Assessments assessed or to be assessed under the Original Deed Restrictions

referred to hereinabove, and all interest, fines, attorney fees and other assessments hereunder.

### **Section 8.2 Enforcement:**

These Deed Restrictions shall run with the Lots in the Subdivision and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by both the MCIA and each Lot Owner in the Subdivision, or any portion thereof, and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns. In the event any action to enforce these Deed Restrictions is initiated against a Lot Owner or occupant of a Lot by the MCIA, or other Lot Owner, as the case may be, the MCIA or the other Lot Owner shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees from the Lot Owner or occupant of a Lot who violated these Deed Restrictions. In addition, the MCIA is authorized to levy and collect after notice, reasonable and uniformly applied fines and penalties, established in advance in a Policy, from any Lot Owner for breach of these Deed Restriction or any Policy by the Lot Owner or the Lot Owner's family, guests, or tenants.

### **Section 8.3 Delay in Enforcement:**

No delay in enforcing the provisions of these Deed Restrictions with respect to any breach or violation thereof shall impair, damage, or waive the right of any party entitled to enforce the same to obtain relief against or recover for the continuation or repetition of such breach or violation or any similar breach or violation thereof at any later time.

### **Section 8.4 Remedies:**

In the event any one or more persons, firms, corporations or other entities shall violate or attempt to violate any of the provisions of these Deed Restrictions, the MCIA and/or any Lot Owner may institute and prosecute any proceeding at law or in equity to abate, preempt or enjoin any such violation or attempted violation or to recover monetary damages caused by such violation or attempted violation. The MCIA and/or any Lot Owner may file liens on Lot(s) in order to secure any ruling of a court of law, if specifically allowed for in these Deed Restrictions.

### **Section 8.5 Number and Gender:**

Pronouns, whenever used herein, and of whatever gender, shall include natural persons and corporations, entities and MCIA's of every kind and character, and the

singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, whenever and as often as may be appropriate.

### **Section 8.6 Articles and Sections:**

Article and section headings in these Deed Restrictions are for convenience of reference and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Deed Restrictions. Unless the context otherwise requires, references herein to articles and sections are to articles and sections of these Deed Restrictions.

### **Section 8.7 Existing Conditions and Improvements:**

If there exists on the effective date of these Deed Restrictions, any improvement which is not in violation of the Original Deed Restrictions such improvement shall be deemed to be in compliance with these Deed Restrictions.

Structures existing prior to these Deed Restrictions which had prior approval by the appropriate review committee and met all requirements at the time of construction/installation may be maintained and repaired, but only to the extent allowed by the RCC or MCIA Board, without violating these Deed Restrictions.

### **Section 8.8 Severability/Invalidity:**

In the event any court of competent jurisdiction finds the invalidity or partial invalidity or partial unenforceability of any provision in these Deed Restrictions, the remainder of these Deed Restrictions shall remain in full force and effect. In the event of the invalidity or partial invalidity or partial unenforceability of the Deed Restrictions against any Lot or portion of the Subdivision, the Deed Restrictions shall remain in full force and effect against the remainder of the Lots and Subdivision. It is not the intention of these Deed Restrictions to violate any local, state, or federal laws or regulations.

### **Section 8.9 Other Laws:**

Every Lot Owner or Resident in the Subdivision shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations as the same may now exist or may hereafter exist.

### **Section 8.10 Compliance with the Law:**

All of the provisions of these Deed Restrictions are intended to be in compliance with all applicable statutes, ordinances and laws. Should any particular section of these



Deed Restrictions ever be in conflict with any applicable law, to the extent possible, that particular section shall be interpreted to be as restrictive as possible while not being in conflict with the applicable law.

**Section 8.11 Counterparts:**

These Deed Restrictions contain signature pages from various identical counterparts, each of which, when executed, shall be deemed to be an original. Such counterparts shall constitute one (1) and the same instrument, and for recordation purposes, separate signature pages and acknowledgments may be affixed to the recorded instrument without the necessity of recording the entirety of each separate counterpart.