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NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

DECLARATION OF ACCESS EASEMENT FOR ABANDONED GRAVESITE

THIS DECLARATION OF ACCESS EASEMENT FOR ABANDONED GRAVESITE is made this the day of April, 2024 by LAUREL RIDGE DEVELOPMENT, INC. ("Declarant").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the developer of that certain subdivision in Chatham Count, North Carolina known as "The Estates at Laurel Ridge" (the "Development") and located on Old Graham Road;

WHEREAS, Declarant owns Lot 16 ("Lot 16") in the Development, which lot is approximately 9.223 acres in size and is located on the cul-de-sac at the northern terminus of Clearsprings Court, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Final Plat Amendment, Estates at Laurel Ridge PH -1A & 1B," dated October 20, 2022, by CE Group and recorded at Plat Slide 2023-156, Chatham County Registry (the "Plat"), a copy of which Plat is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A:

WHEREAS, Lot 16 is accessed by the sixty foot (60') private rights-of-way depicted on the Plat as "Brook Green Lane" and "Clearsprings Court" (the "Roads");

WHEREAS, Declarant is also the Declarant under that certain Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for The Estates at Laurel Ridge, dated November 2, 2020 and recorded on November 4, 2020 at Book 02159, Pages 0730-0774, Chatham County Registry (the "Master Declaration");

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 12.2 of the Master Declaration authorizes the Declarant thereunder to subject the Community to easements for "ingress, egress and regress and otherwise as shall be established by the Declarant or by its predecessors in title, prior to the conveyance of the Property designated to be Common Area to the Association;"

WHEREAS, the Property designated to be Common Area has not been conveyed to the Association;

WHEREAS, Declarant has become aware of (i) an abandoned cemetery located on Lot 16, the location of which abandoned cemetery is shown on **Exhibit B**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, as an "Abandoned Cemetery Bound by Stone Wall" as well as (ii) a smaller, contiguous area possibly containing abandoned gravesites, the location of which smaller area is shown on Exhibit B as "Additional 20'x20' Area of Possible Abandoned Graves" (both areas are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**Gravesite Area**");

WHEREAS the Gravesite Area is also depicted on that certain Boundary Survey for Lot 16, dated March 5, 2024 by CE Group and recorded at PS 2017, Chatham County Registry;

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. Section 65-101 et seq. (the "Statute") authorizes landowners to consent to visitation of gravesites located on private property by certain classes persons defined in the Statute; and

WHEREAS, Declarant, by this Declaration, desires to grant a non-exclusive easement of ingress, egress and regress to the persons identified hereinbelow for the sole purpose of visiting the Gravesite Area subject to the limitations set forth herein and to bind the Declarant and its successors and assigns to such grant of easement;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby agrees for itself and its successors and assigns, that Lot 16, as depicted on Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and the road segments of Brook Green Lane and Clearsprings Court as necessary to access Lot 16 from the public right of way of old Graham Road(the "Road Segments"), as said Road Segments are depicted on Exhibit C (Lot 16 and the Road Segments being referred to collectively as the "Easement Area"), shall be subject to the following restrictions, conditions and covenants which shall run with said property comprising the Easement Area and shall inure to the benefit of the Easement Beneficiary (defined below) and shall be binding upon the Declarant and its respective, successors and assigns.

ARTICLE I

Subject to the terms and limitations set forth in Article II below, Declarant hereby grants unto the following persons (each an "Easement Beneficiary") a non-exclusive perpetual easement over and across the Easement Area for the sole purposes of visiting, restoring or maintaining the Gravesite Area:

- 1.1 Descendants of any person whose remains are reasonably believed to be interred within the Gravesite Area;
 - 1.2 Any such descendant's designee; and
- 1.3. A person designated in writing by the Chatham County Historical Association, Inc. ("CCHA").

ARTICLE II

In order to exercise this easement, an Easement Beneficiary shall first contact the then current owner of Lot 16 by sending a written request for visitation to said Lot 16 owner by certified mail through the United States Postal Service, addressed to the Lot 16 owner at the mailing address listed for said Lot 16 owner in the Chatham County tax records at the time of mailing. Such request for visitation must include:

- 2.1 The full name, address and telephone number of the Easement Beneficiary;
- 2.2 The basis upon which the Easement Beneficiary has reason to believe that his or her descendant is interred within the Gravesite Area or, in the case of the CCHA, the nature of the historical interest in the Gravesite Area and the reason access to the Gravesite Area is needed (a "Visitation Request").

Upon receipt by the Lot 16 owner of a valid and complete Visitation Request, the Lot 16 owner shall make reasonable efforts to contact the Easement Beneficiary by telephone and, if unsuccessful, by written correspondence, in order to agree upon a reasonable time and manner of visitation of the Gravesite Area. Upon contact with the Easement Beneficiary, The Lot 16 owner shall make the Easement Area available for access to the Gravesite Area during daylight hours upon agreement with the Easement Beneficiary as to the time and date of the visitation. The Easement Beneficiary's right to such visitation shall be limited to no more than one scheduled visit per calendar year, no such visit shall have a duration of longer than sixty (60) minutes and the Easement Beneficiary shall only enter portions of Lot 16 as are specifically authorized by the Lot 16 owner for access to the Gravesite Area.

ARTICLE III

This agreement shall run with the Easement Area and shall be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of each record owner of the Easement Area or any portion thereof.

ARTICLE IV

Invalidation of any one of these covenants by judgment or court order shall in no way effect any of the other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE V

For the purpose of these restrictions, the singular shall include the plural, the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter, and vice versa, as the meaning may require.

ARTICLE VI

No amendment of this Declaration shall be effective without the written agreement of the Declarant and the owner of Lot 16, or their respective successors or assigns.

[signatures on the following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Declarant have caused this instrument to be signed on the day and year first above written.

LAUREL RIDGE DEVELOPMENT, INC., a North Carolina Corporation

By: Mg Haf Rife

President

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF Chathan

I, the undersigned Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that the following person(s) personally appeared before me this day, and acknowledged that he/she is the Vic-Presdent of Laurel Ridge Development Company, Inc., a North Carolina corporation and acknowledged the due execution the foregoing instrument as the act of said company; Mary Hadley Swan Karland

Date: 6 24 (2024

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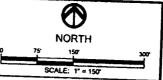
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CEMETERY EXHIBIT

PROPERTY OF LAUREL RIDGE DEVELOPMENT INC HADLEY TOWNSHIP, CHATHAM COUNTY, NC



SURVEY NOTES

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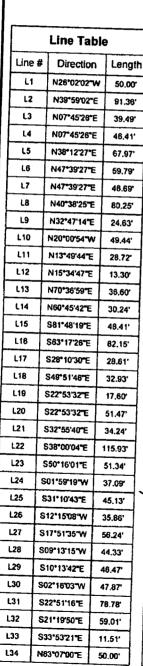
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3) ALL BEARINGS AND DISTANCES SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED UPON THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, NAD 83 (2011 ADJUSTMENT).

4) ALL MEASUREMENTS SHOWN HEREON ARE REPORTED IN U.S. SURVEY FEET (UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE).

5) ALL REFERENCES UTILIZED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS EXHIBIT HAVE BEEN SHOWN HEREON.

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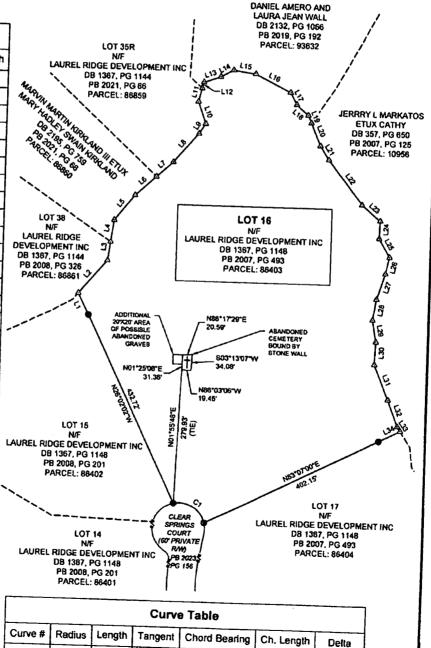
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