# RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR MENDOW ESTATES

Declaration of conditions, covenants, restrictions and easements regarding Meadow Estates Subdivision, Town of Mt. Pleasant, Racine County, Wisconsin.

This declaration is made by Newport Development Corporation, a Wisconsin corporation, hereinafter called "Developer", as owner of certain real property in Racine County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Developer holds title to certain real estate located in the Town of Mt. Pleasant, Racine County, Wisconsin, described in Exhibit A to this declaration, which lands have been platted as Meadow Estates Subdivision, said lands being hereinafter referred to as the "Subdivision"; and,

WHEREAS, the Developer has caused the Subdivision to be faid out in such a fashion as to maximize its picturesque landscape and to provide a subdivision in which only homes of high architectural standards and design shall be constructed; and,

WHEREAS, this declaration will carry out the aforesald purposes and will assure each subsequent owner of property in the Subdivision of the continuance of those high standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the murual promises of the parties to be bound by these restrictive covenants, the Developer hereby imposes upon the lands described in Exhibit A and known as Meadow Estates Subdivision, the conditions, covenants, restrictions and easements hereinafter set forth which shall inure to the benefit of and pass with all said property and each and every parcel thereof, and shall apply to and bind the successors in interest and any owner thereof.

#### GENERAL PURPOSE

The general purpose of this declaration is to help assure that the Subdivision will become and remain an attractive development, to insure the best use and most appropriate development and improvement of each building site to protect owners of building sites against use of surrounding building sites in such a manner as will detract from the residential value of the property, to guard against the erection on building sites of poorly designed or proportioned structures, to obtain harmonious use of material and color schemes, to insure the highest and best residential development of said property, to encourage and secure the erection of attractive buildings designed and built in accordance with a harmonious theme, to secure the appropriate locations thereof on building sites; and to secure and maintain proper setbacks from streets.

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# II. TERMINATION

The restrictions are to run with the land and shall be binding on all parties hereto and all persons claiming under them for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date they are recorded, at which time, said Conditions, Covenants, Restrictions and Easements shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless the record owners of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the lots in Meadow Estates Subdivision shall:

- A. Execute a written document modifying, amending or rescinding these conditions, covenants, restrictions and easements or any one or more or them in whole or in part; and
- B. Record such document in the office of the Register of Deeds of Racine County, Wisconsin.

#### III. SEVERABILITY

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invalidation of any provision of these restrictions by judgment or other court order shall not in any way affect any of the other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

#### IV. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

No structure shall be erected, placed, or altered on any lot until the building plans, specifications and plot plan showing the location thereof have been approved in writing as to quality, materials, harmony of external design and colors with the existing and planned structures, and as to location with respect to topography, neighboring homes, setbacks, finished grade elevations, driveways and planning by the Architectural Control Committee. Such plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee and approved before a building permit from the Town is applied for.

- A. The design layout and exterior appearance of each residence shall be such that, in the opinion of the Architectural Control Committee at the time of approving the building plans, the residence will be of high quality and will have no substantial adverse effect on the property values in the neighborhood.
- B. The approval or disapproval of the Architectural Control Committee as required by these covenants shall be in writing. Should the Architectural Control Committee fall to approve or disapprove such plans and specifications and the location within thirty (30) days after submission of the plans to it, then such approval till not be required, but all other conditions and restrictions herein contained shall remain in force, and the related covenants shall have been deemed to have been fully compiled with.
  - C. The Initial Architectural Control Committee is composed Raymond C. Leffler William T. Schmidt John U. Schneider

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D. The address of the Architectural Control Committee is:

2617 Stonebridge Drive Racine, Wisconsin 53404

E. The Architectural Control Committee may designate a representative to act for it. In the event of the death or resignation of a member of the Architectural Control Committee, the remaining member(s) shall have full authority to designate a successor. Neither the members of the Architectural Control Committee, nor its designated representative shall be entitled to any compensation for services performed pursuant to this covenant.

F. If, at any time, the Architectural Control Committee has ceased to exist as such and has falled to designate a representative to act for it, the owners of a majority of the lots in the Subdivision may elect a successor committee at a meeting of lot owners called by notice in writing, mailed to the last known address of all Subdivision lot owners as shown on the assessment rolls of the Town of Mt. Pleasant, and in the absence of such an Architectural Control Committee, the need for the Architectural Control Committee approval is dispensed with.

G. The Architectural Control Committee may grant a special exception to specific restrictions where a literal application would cause undue hardship and where the granting of such special exception would not be incompatible with the basic concept of Meadow Estates Subdivision.

#### V. DWELLING QUALITY

All residences shall be custom built. Bi-level and trilevel homes are specifically excluded. The face of every outside wall of any residence, including chimney chases, shall be constructed of brick, stone, cedar or other material approved by the Architectural Control Committee. All residences shall have roofs constructed of wood shingles, dimensional asphalt or fiberglass shingles, tile, slate or other material approved by the Architectural Control Committee with not less than a 6" to 12" (6/12) pitch. Every residence hereafter erected shall have minimum floor areas as follows:

1 story (Ranch Style) 2200 sq. ft. minimum

2 story (Traditional) 2700 total sq. ft. minimum

1-1/2 story (Cape Cod) 2600 total sq. ft. minimum

For purposes of this section, "floor area" shall be defined as the area within the exterior wall lines of a building and shall not include floor space below grade, basements, garages, breezeways, and unenclosed porches, attics and other areas not finished or useable as living quarters.

#### YI. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

A landscape plan showing the proposed development of the entire lot shall be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval within six (6) months after commencement of construction. Adequate surface drainage shall be installed and cyldence of substantial progress in carrying out the approved landscape plans shall be shown to said Architectural Control Committee within twelve (12) months after the landscape plan has been approved by said Architectural Control Committee.

## VII. BUILDING LOCATION

Subject to approval by the Architectural Control Committee, structures may be located anywhere on a lot, provided such location is consistent with the basic principles of good site interrelationship between the various other nearby structures and provided further that no structure or part thereof shall be erected contrary to the Town of Mt. Pleasant building code restrictions. No structure or part thereof erected upon any corner lot in the Subdivision may be erected marren than twenty (20) feet from the lot line adjacent to the street located at the side of such building.

# VIII. GARAGES, DRIVEWAYS, SERVICE WALKS AND SIDEWALKS

A two (2) or three (3) car garage shall be constructed on a building site and shall be directly attached to the residential structure or attached by a breezeway. No construction of any apron for the purpose of storing any vehicle shall be permitted. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the construction of an attached garage which is larger than the minimum required by this section.

To minimize dust and to enhance the appearance of the Subdivision, the driveway or driveways shall, within one (1) year after issuance of the occupancy permit for a building site, be surfaced with concrete, blacktop, brick or other hard surface material acceptable to the Architectural Control Committee. The plans and specifications for residences submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval shall include the specifications for the location and surfacing of the driveways and walkways.

## IX. UTILITIES AND ANTENNAS

All electric light, telephone lines, television service lines, or any other cable or conduit running from utility service lines or transformers to any residence shall be underground. No exterior antennas or other devices designed to send or receive electronic transmissions of any nature are permitted.

# X. HEDGES AND FENCES

A. Hedges shall be permitted provided that the same are located as required by these covenants and maintained by the lot owner.

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B. Firewood or other materials of a similar nature stored or kept on any lot must be screened from view by means of a fence or wall of sufficient height to conceal the same, but no higher than four (4) feet, by shrubbery of sufficient density to accomplish the same purpose, or other approved screening.

- C. No hedge may extend to a point nearer to the street on which the house fronts than the front line of such house.
- D. No fence shall be permitted to extend nearer to any street than the rear foundation line of the principal structure.
- E. Fences or walls are prohibited except for purposes of decoration, screening as required by these covenants, or as the same are required by the Town of Mt. Pleasant building codes relative to the installation of a swimming pool. Any allowed fence or wall must be low in profile, a maximum of four (4) feet in height, aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with the design and architectural style of the home. The location, design, construction and material for all fences or walls are subject to approval by the Architectural Control Committee.

#### XI. PETS

No animals may be kept or maintained upon any lot except dogs, cats, or other usual and ordinary household pets. No separate outbuildings or enclosures may be erected or kept upon any lot for the purpose of housing or restraining any animal or pet, except if such building or enclosure have a concrete paved floor and be physically attached to the residence as a part thereof.

#### XII. FILLING BUILDING SITE AND CHANGING CONTOUR

Where fill is necessary on the building site to obtain the proper topography and finished ground elevation, it shall be ground fill, free of waste material, and shall not contain nox ous materials which will give off odors of any kind, and all deposited fill materials shall be leveled immediately after completion of the building. Any excess excavation of earth shall be removed from the building site. Grade plans shall be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval before altering the contour of any lot so as to 1) change the pre-existing surface water drainage as affects any adjoining lots, and/or 2) create a slope of more than three (3) horizontal feet to one (1) vertical foot within twenty (20) feet of any lot line. The finished grade of any improved lot in the Subdivision shall not be less than eighteen (18) inches nor more than thirty-six (36) inches above the centerline grade of the public road on which said improved lot fronts.

No sod, grave!, sand, or soli may be removed from any lot except in connection with the construction of a building upon said lot and then only so much as is necessary and essential in the furtherance of such construction. Under no circumstances, shall any of such materials be removed beyond the Subdivision boundaries without the consent of the Architectural Control Committee.

# XIII. NOXIOUS ACTIVITY

No noxious, offensive, or dangerous activity of any kind may be conducted upon any lot; nor may any trade, business or profession be carried on; and generally, no activities may be conducted which would constitute a nulsance to other owners of lots within the Subdivision.

#### XIV. SIGNS

No signs of any character, kind, or description shall be maintained upon any lot in the Subdivision except signs of a size no greater than twenty-four (24) inches by twenty-four (24) inches advertising the premises as "For Sale"; signs of a size no greater than twelve (12) inches by eighteen (18) inches bearing the name, address, or both of the resident occupying such lot; and security service warning signs. The content, size and design of all signs shall be controlled by the Architectural Control Committee.

The Developer, its successors and assigns, shall be exempt from these sign restrictions during the entire development period. Larger signs may be used by the Developer or its agents or by a builder to advertise the property during the sale and/or construction period. Further, the Developer, its succesors and assigns shall be allowed to erect and maintain signs and markers identifying the Subdivision.

#### XV. SWIMMING POOLS

Above ground swimming pools are specifically excluded. In ground swimming pools may be allowed with the approval of the Architectural Control Committee and must be constructed in conformity with these restrictions and the ordinances of the Town of Mt. Pleasant. No portion of a swimming pool or the adjoining enclosed area shall be constructed or maintained nearer to the street line than the rear foundation of the principal structure. No poolhouse shall exceed 10 feet by 15 feet in size and all such poolhouses shall be built of the same material and to the same architectural design as the accompanying house.

#### XVI. TREE AND BRUSH REMOVAL

All trees, brush, stumps, roots, or other similar materials that may be cut or cleared upon any lot shall be removed from the Subdivision, or in the alternate, reduced to firewood within ninety (90) days after such cutting or clearing. When any tree is felled upon any lot, it shall be done in such a manner that no stump or protrusion above the level of the ground remains.

#### XVII. COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION

The interior and exterior construction of a residence shall be substantially completed and the residence shall be ready for occupancy within one (1) year after commencement of construction; such time of completion shall be extended to the extent of any delay due to strike,

lockouts and acts of God. In its sole discretion, the Architectural Control Committee shall determine i) when a residence is substantially completed and ready for occupancy; 2) the extent of the delay due to strike, lockouts and acts of God; and 3) may, for good cause, allow, additional time for completion of construction.

# XVIII. VEHICULAR STORAGE

No outdoor storage of semi-tractors, boats, campers, trailers, snowmobiles, recreational vehicles, motorhomes, all-terrain vehicles or motorcycles is permitted.

### XIX. TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

No structure of a temporary character, no boat, trailer, truck, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be used at anytime as a residence either temporarily or permanently. No building shall be moved on any lot in the Subdivision from another location.

#### XX. GARBAGE OR REFUSE DISPOSAL

No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. All equipment for the storage and disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. To insure the attractive appearance of the Subdivision, all equipment shall be kept in an enclosure and out of view from the street and adjacent or neighboring property owners.

## XXI. YARD LAMP POST

The owner of each lot, upon construction of a residence thereon shall, at the time of construction, also erect and shall thereafter maintain on said lot an electric photoceil yard lamp post located no closer then ten (10) feet from the front lot line and no further therefrom than twenty (20) feet. Each lamp post shall be of a design approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

# XXII. ACCESSORY OR UTILITY BUILDINGS

No detached structure of any kind shall be permitted on any lot in the Subdivision except for the poolhouse described in Section XIV of these Restrictive Covenants. For purposes of these restrictive covenants, a deck, patio, gazebo, pergola or other similar structure shall not be construed to be prohibited, provided that the location and design of such structure shall have been approved by the architectural control committee.

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# XXIII. MODIFICATION

This declaration may be amended at any time through execution by the owners of seventy-five percent (75%) of the residential lots affected by these restrictive covenants of an amendment which shall take effect on the date of recording thereof in the office of the Register of Deeds for Racine County, Wisconsin.

#### XXIV. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS

If the owner of any lot subjected to these restrictive covenants shall violate or attempt to violate any of the covenants herein, It shall be lawful for any person or persons owning or co-owning any other lot subjected to these restrictive covenants to prosecute an action at law or in equity against the person or persons violating or attempting to violate any such covenants, either to prevent him, It or them from doing so or to recover damages for such violation, or to compel him, It or them to replace any grades for drainage or enforce any of these covenants and restrictions herein contained.

#### XXV. EASEMENTS

Easements are herewith reserved for installation and maintenance of utility lines as set forth on the recorded plat of the Subdivision.

#### XXVI. STORMWATER DRAINAGE POND

The stormwater drainage pond shall be considered to be privately owned by and shall be maintained at the expense of the owners of the lots upon which the pond is located ("pond lots"). The owners of pond lots, their guests and invitees shall have the right to the use of the pond abutting such lot or located thereon. Owners of lots, other than pond lots, shall have no rights with respect to the pond other than as specifically set forth in this section. The owners of the pond lots shall share equally in the cost of maintaining the pond which is located on or abuts their pend lot. No owner of a non-pend lot shall have any responsibility with respect to the pond. The pond shall be maintained by the abutting lot owners so as not to create a nuisance or otherwiso interfere with the rights of other lot owners as established by this declaration. Every pond lot owner, by acceptance of a deed to such pond lot, grants to every other lot owner whose premises abut the pond, full and unlimited riparian and easement rights with respect to that portion of the pond lying within the boundaries of that owner's lot. The riparian and easement rights granted herein shall be construed so as to allow the free and unimpeded use of the pond by every owner of a lot abutting that pond, subject to the conditions and limitations hereinafter established. Every pond lot owner, by acceptance of a deed to such pond lot, covenants and agrees with and for the benefit of every other pond lot owner that he shall not place, erect, construct or maintain any item of personal property or structure within the boundaries of the pond without the prior written consent of every other owner of a lot which abuts that pond.

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Installation of docks and piers is specifically prohibited and no motorized vehicle of any kind shall be allowed on the pond. This paragraph determines the rights and responsibilities of individual lot owners and shall not be construed to create a partnership or joint venture between or among the various pond lot owners. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, it is specifically declared that the pond referred to in this section shall be used primarily for stormwater retention as part of the overall stormwater drainage system for the entire Subdivision. A permanent drainage easement has been established on the recorded plat of the Subdivision to allow installation of stormwater drainage pipes and ways from the Subdivision to the pond. The owners of pond lots are specifically prohibited from altering the pond so as to adversely affect stormwater drainage within the Subdivision.

# XXVI:. AGREEMENT TO TERMS

By acceptance of a conveyance of property which is subject to this declaration, the grantee, mortgages, or transferee thereof acknowledges, accepts and agrees to each and every term, right, duty and obligation herein contained and confirms in and grants to the Developer, its successors and assigns, the right of enforcement of this declaration as aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Newport Development Corporation has caused these presents to be executed this <u>5th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 1991.

By: Raymond C. Leffler President

Att: Catherine M. Leffler Secretary

Signatures of Raymond C. Leffler and Catherine M. Leffler authenticated this <u>5th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 1991.

John D. Schneider Member: State Bar of Wisconsin

Document drafted by: John U. Schneider - Attorney at Law

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That part of the Northeast 1/4 and the Southeast 1/4 of the Soction 36, Township 3 North, Range 22 East, in the Town of Racine County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commence at a point on the East line of said Section 36 located S01°16'19"E 990.01 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 36; run thence N89°19'46"W 55.03 feet to the Northeast corner of said Section 36; run thence N89°19'46"W 55.03 feet to the West line of County Trunk Highway "Y" and the point of beginning of this description; run thence N89°19'46"W 1267.89 feet; thence S01°20'18"E 825.86 feet; thence S89°17'40"E 1213.09 feet; thence, S89°27'20"E 53.86 feet to the West line of said Highway; thence N01°16'19"W 314.19 feet along said Highway; thence N39°26'19"W 164.97 feet; thence N01°16'19"W 105.00 feet; thence S89°26'19"E 164.97 feet to the West line of said Highway; thence N01'16'19"W 407.26 feet along said West line to the point of beginning.

Part of Tax Key Nos. 51-008-03-22-36-020-000 51-008-03-22-36-023-000 51-008-03-22-36-030-000 51-008-03-22-36-031-000 51-008-03-22-36-022-000 51-008-03-22-36-029-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (after recordation of plat)

Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 of Merdow Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof. Said land being a part of the Northeast 1/4 and Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 22 East and lying and being in the Town of Mt. Pleasant, Racine County, Wisconsin.

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1990 Tax Parcel Numbers: 51-008-03-22-36-020-000 51-008-03-22-36-023-000 51-008-03-22-36-031-000 51-008-03-22-36-022-000

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