

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF ANDERSON) EASEMENTS AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS
 THE MEADOWS

WHEREAS, United Service Corporation of Anderson, Inc. is the owner of a certain tract of land situate in the County of Anderson, State of South Carolina to be developed as a residential subdivision and known as The Meadows, said tract of land being more particularly described as follows:

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WHEREAS, the use of said property is intended for residential purposes only and in order to protect said property as a residential development, the undersigned desires to impose certain restrictive covenants and reserve certain easements,

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that in consideration of the foregoing and the benefits flowing to the present and future owners of the lots included in said subdivision, the undersigned, United Service Corporation of Anderson, Inc., does hereby impose the following protective and/or restrictive covenants and reserves the following easements:

1. LAND USE AND BUILDING TYPE: All lots in the aforesaid subdivision shall be designated as residential lots and shall be used exclusively for single family residential dwellings except any common area as designated by the developer for recreational purposes and streets, roadways, and buffer zones, all of which shall be shown as such on the plat above referred to. No structure shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any

residential lot other than one detached single family dwelling not to exceed three stories in height and a garage for private passenger automobiles and personal storage.

2. DWELLING QUALITY AND SIZE: No residence shall be constructed containing less than nineteen hundred (1900) square feet of heated floor space exclusive of porches, garages and breezeways. No two story residence shall be constructed containing less than thirteen hundred (1300) square feet of heated space on the first or ground floor. One story homes with finished and heated basements must contain not less than nineteen hundred (1900) square feet of heated space on the ground or first floor. All residences must have garages either attached or detached. All residences must contain a minimum of five hundred fifty (550) square feet of area for the storage of vehicles or boats. All garages must contain an additional one hundred (100) square feet of non-heated area for storage of miscellaneous personal property. No garage opening may face toward a street or public way except residences situate on corner lots. All garage openings must have doors.

3. RESIDENCE LOCATION: No residence or structure shall be erected on any lot in violation of any set back lines drawn on the above referenced plat of the subdivision. In the event a set back line is not drawn on said recorded plat, no part of any residence or structure shall be located on any lot nearer than fifty (50) feet to the front lot line, fifteen (15) feet to an interior lot line and forty (40) feet to the rear lot line. Any variance due to

unusual lot size or configuration or any other reason deemed necessary must be in writing and recorded as a variance with the deed from the developer conveying the lot. All residences and structures shall face toward the front lot line and residences and structures including garages to be erected on corner lots shall be located and face in the direction designated by the Architectural Control Committee.

4. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE: The developer shall constitute the Architectural Control Committee and may appoint such other persons from time to time to said committee as it deems necessary. No structure, including without limitation residential structures, garages, storage buildings, energy producing devices, greenhouses, pools, tennis courts, fences, out buildings, boundary and patio walls, walks, driveways, or other structures shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any lot and common areas in this subdivision unless and until the building plans drawn to one-quarter inch scale with front and rear elevations (and side elevations if required by the Architectural Control Committee), specifications, exterior finish schedule and plot plant showing the location of any such building have been approved on the form provided by the Architectural Control Committee in writing as to conformity and harmony of external design with existing structures in the subdivision and as to location of any building with respect to topography, restrictive covenants, finished ground elevation, and relationship with other buildings on the lot and common areas and any surrounding lots and

common areas. The Architectural Control Committee shall approve or disapprove any of the foregoing within fifteen (15) days after such plans and specifications or other information have been submitted to it. In addition, a landscape development plan must be submitted and approved by the Architectural Control Committee. All landscaping must be installed within nine (9) months from the date construction is commenced. The Architectural Control Committee shall have the right to refuse to approve any such plans, specifications, plot plans or landscape plans which in its opinion and discretion are not suitable or desirable and in so passing upon such plans, specifications, plat plans or landscape plans, the Architectural Control Committee shall take into consideration the suitability of the proposed building improvement, the materials of which it is to be built, whether or not it is in harmony with the surroundings and what effect it will have on the outlook from adjacent or neighboring property. Upon the approval or disapproval by the Architectural Control Committee of any proposed construction or alteration, the Architectural Control Committee shall issue to the applicant a written permit of either approval or disapproval. No construction or alteration of the lot(s) and common areas shall occur until and unless such construction application is obtained and approved.

5. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS:

(a) All work on any residence or structure placed on any lot or common area in the subdivision must be performed by a building contractor properly licensed by the State of South

Carolina and in good standing at the time of construction, and such work must be completed within one (1) year after the issuance of the original building permit.

(b) All construction must meet all county and state building codes, and in no event shall a structure be placed within the subdivision which does not meet as a minimum the requirements of the Southern Building Code. The exterior of all structures are to be of brick and/or stucco or other exterior finish as approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee.

(c) Each owner during construction is responsible for requiring the contractor or any subcontractors constructing residences or other structures within the subdivision to keep all materials, scrap materials, paper and trash properly stored and maintained and is additionally responsible for the protection of the public streets of the subdivision from erosion or from mud being carried on the public streets by construction vehicles. Any such mud or other material carried onto the public streets resulting from the construction activity on a lot is to be removed by the owner at the owner's expense within twenty-four (24) hours of its appearance on the street.

6. SEWAGE DISPOSAL: Sewage disposal for all lots shall only be by septic tank approved by the South Carolina Department of Health until such time as a public sewage disposal system shall be available in the area.

7. GARBAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL: No lot or common area shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be kept except in containers and such containers shall be screened so as not to be visible from the streets and public ways.

8. LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE OF SHRUBBERY AND LAWNS:

(a) All new residences are required to install a basic landscaping plan on all sides of the residence facing a street or public way. This plan must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee simultaneously with the submission of the building and plat plans as described in paragraph four (4) of the within covenants and restrictions.

(b) Each lot owner will be required to maintain shrubbery or hedges so that air circulation or view from the surrounding lots and adjoining property will not be adversely affected and will not impair the view of motorists on curves and intersections or otherwise create a traffic hazard. Lawns shall be kept in a neat manner and free of trash, rubbish and debris.

(c) All lot owners which homes have not been constructed shall be responsible to keep the vegetation cut to a height not to exceed twenty-four (24") inches. If the lot is not so maintained the Homeowners Association has the right to so maintain the lot and charge the lot owner for the maintenance. If the lot owner fails to pay for the maintenance service within thirty (30) days after billing, the Homeowners Association may place a lien against the lot.

9. MAILBOXES: The mailbox design shall be designated by the Architectural Control Committee. Any deviation desired therefrom must be in writing and approved by the Architectural Control Committee. No separate box or other form of receptacle for the use or delivery of newspapers and magazines shall be permitted.

10. MOBILE AND FACTORY BUILT PRECONSTRUCTED HOMES: No mobile home or factory built preconstructed home of any type whether on wheels, jacks or permanent foundation shall be placed on any lot. No dwelling, residence or other type of structure shall be moved onto any lot and remodeled or erected.

11. CAMPERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES: No trailers, recreational homes or vehicles, motor homes, campers or recreational vehicles of any description shall be parked, maintained or stored on any lot which will be visible from any street or public way.

12. BOATS AND BOAT TRAILERS: All boats and boat trailers of every type and description shall be parked, stored and garaged in such a manner that they are not visible from any street or public way in and under an enclosed area which further prohibits their visibility from any street or public way.

13. MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING AND STORAGE:

(a) No abandoned or non-used motor vehicle of any description shall be allowed to be parked or stored on any lot, driveway, street or public way in said subdivision.

20. ANIMALS, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot except that cats, dogs or other household pets may be kept, provided they are not bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. Any cat, dog or other household pet is the responsibility of its owner who covenants not to allow said pet to be a nuisance to other lot owners and residents nor to allow said pet to prevent lot owners, residents and their guests the quiet enjoyment and beneficial use of the common area and streets of the subdivision.

21. EASEMENTS: Easements for installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the above recited plat to be recorded. ?

22. ~~CHANGE OF LOT SIZE:~~ The developer hereby expressly reserves to itself, its successors and assigns, the right to replat any two or more residential lots shown on the above recited plat of the subdivision for purposes of creating a building plat or site larger in size than any one of the lots as initially shown on said plat. }

23. DRIVEWAYS: It is the intent and desire of the developer and Architectural Control Committee to have all driveways constructed of asphalt or concrete, the thickness of either of which must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. Any use of material other than asphalt or concrete for a driveway must be approved in writing prior to installation and construction by the Architectural Control Committee.

27. SIGNS: No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any lot except a sign advertising the property for sale or rent or the signs normally used by building contractors to advertise during the construction and sales period. Any such sign shall not exceed three (3) feet by three (3) feet in size or area. No one shall erect a directional sign on any right of way or entry to advertise any activity, commercial or private, other than the Developer.

28. COMMON AREA, STREETS AND HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION: The Meadows Home Owners Association, Inc. will be formed and owned by the individual lot owners of the subdivision and will be controlled by the By-Laws of the association. The developer will convey, subject to the uses and limitations as contained in the within restrictive covenants, the following property to the Home Owners Association:

(a) A common area or areas, as designated on the aforementioned plat to be recorded, for the use, benefit and enjoyment of all of the owners of the lots of the subdivision, provided, however, that the Developer, its heirs, personal representatives or assigns, reserves the right for the option of first refusal to re-acquire said common area or areas at a total cost of One Dollar if the Common area or areas so designated on said plat or plats are ever abandoned, or condemned pursuant to power granted unto a governmental agency, utility company or other cooperative, or other organization, or offered for sale by The Meadows Homeowners Association, Inc., or shall be the subject of an

devise or intestate succession or by any other method, including a person or entity acquiring title by foreclosure of a mortgage. The lot owners Title to Real Estate (Deed) shall serve as evidence of the lot owner's one (1) share in the home owners corporation.

(e) Upon the conveyance of any lot within the said subdivision, the ownership of the one share of the Home Owners Association will automatically vest in the new owner of the lot upon recordation of the deed. Each lot owner shall notify the Home Owners Association of the conveyance of said lot and a change of name will be made on the corporate books of the Home Owners Association.

(f) Each purchaser of a lot shall be entitled to one (1) vote per lot in the said Home Owners Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of the property. In the event of joint ownership of a lot or lots, said joint owners will be entitled to only one (1) vote per lot as determined between them and if an agreement cannot be reached by the said joint owners at the time of annual meetings of the Home Owners Association, then said vote will not be counted.

(g) There shall be an original membership fee of Two Hundred Fifty and no/100 (\$250.00) Dollars to be paid to the Home Owners Association at the time of the purchase of a lot in the subdivision. If any membership fees are paid prior to the formation of the home owners corporation, then the developer shall hold such funds in an escrow account until the home owners corporation is formed, at which time it shall pay such accumulated

funds over the home owners corporation. Thereafter, upon each subsequent transfer of the lot to a new owner, there shall be imposed an additional fee of Two Hundred Fifty and no/100 (\$250.00) Dollars to be paid by the new owner, which shall be paid at the transfer of title to the lot. Failure to pay the original or any subsequent membership fee shall result in a lien being placed against the property.

(h) The membership fees shall be used to establish a reserve account for the Home Owners Association which funds will be utilized for the maintenance of the common areas, payment to the appropriate utility company for the street lights, and for any other matters which the Home Owners Association should desire and deem expedient for the safety, comfort, welfare and enjoyment of the owners of the lots in the subdivision.

(i) The Home Owners Association shall have the right to determine the amount of funds necessary on an annual basis to maintain the common areas and to levy an annual assessment or dues on each lot owners as is more fully set forth in the By-Laws of the Home Owners Association. The charges, assessments or dues levied by the association as hereinabove provided shall be paid to it on or before the final date fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors. Written notice of the charge and date of payment shall be sent to each owner at the address last given by the owner to the association. If any charges levied against any lot shall not be paid when due, it shall become a lien upon said lot subject only to matters of record of such due date and shall remain a lien until

paid in full. The Board of Directors may direct that such action be instituted either at law or in equity for the collection of such assessments or charges including interest, costs of collection and attorney's fees as they deem appropriate. The sale or transfer of any lot shall not effect any lien for charges provided for herein. Upon request, the association shall furnish a statement certifying that the charges against a specified lot have been paid or that certain charges remain unpaid as the case may be. In any event, the association shall not be required to transfer memberships on its books or to allow the exercise of any rights or privileges of membership by any member unless and until all the assessments and charges due it are paid.

30. LIMITED ACCESS: Access for the purpose of ingress and egress in the subdivision shall be limited to those streets and roadways so designated on the aforementioned plat. No lot owner shall use or allow his lot to be used as an easement for purposes of ingress and egress to the subdivision from adjoining property or from previously existing or future streets or roadways abutting any lot.

31. TERM: These covenants are to run with the land and shall be binding on all parties and all persons claiming under them for a period of forty (40) years from the date these covenants are recorded, after which time said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless an instrument signed by a majority of the owners of the lots has been recorded, agreeing to change said covenants in whole or in part.

32. AMENDMENT, DEVELOPERS RIGHT TO AMEND: These Covenants may be amended by a vote of a majority of the lot owners in said subdivision. Each lot owner being entitled to one (1) vote per lot owned. Developer further reserves the right to grant variances to the within covenants on a per request basis to prevent hardship to any prospective lot owner. Any variance granted shall be in the sole discretion of Developer.

33. ENFORCEMENT: Enforcement shall be by proceedings at law or equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any covenant either to restrain violation or to recover damages.

34. SEVERABILITY: 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.

DATED at Anderson, South Carolina, this _____ day of April, 1997.

In the presence of:

United Service Corporation
of Anderson, Inc.
By:

Its:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF ANDERSON) ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that the Owner/Developer of the Meadows Subdivision, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of April, 1997.

Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____