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DECLARATION
OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS
FOR A PART OF SOMERSET, A SUBDIVISION
IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation ("Declarant").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Douglas County, Nebraska and described as follows:

Lots 1 through 114, inclusive, in Somerset, a Subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot".

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Somerset, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Somerset, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Somerset.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

ARTICLE I. RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

- 1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Facility, or as a church, school, park, or for other non-profit use.
- 2. For a period of fifteen years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna, satellite receiving station or "discs", flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, wind mill or other external

improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

- A. An owner desiring to erect an Improvement shall deliver two sets of construction plans, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein collectively referred to as the "plans"). Such plans shall include a description type, quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such Improvement. Concurrent with submission of the plans, Owner shall notify the Declarant of the Owner's mailing address.
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- C. Written Notice of any refusal to approve a proposed Improvement shall be mailed to the owner at the address specified by the owner upon submission of the plans. Such notice shall be mailed, if at all, within thirty (30) days after the date of submission of the plans. If notice of refusal is not mailed within such period, the proposed Improvement shall be deemed approved by Declarant.
- D. No Lot owner, or combination of Lot owners, or other person or persons shall have any right to any action by Declarant, or to control, direct or influence the acts of the Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Section, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.
- 3. No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling which does not exceed two and one-half stories in height. Residences on all Lots shall have a minimum front set back of twenty-five (25) feet.
- 4. The exposed front foundation wall as well as any foundation wall facing a street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with brick, decorative block, or other approved material. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block foundation walls must be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete or other approved material. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with brick, wood, or other material approved in writing by Declarant. Unless other materials are specifically approved by Declarant, the roof of all Improvements shall be covered with asphalt or other approved material shingles.
- 5. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising

a lot as "For Sale"; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.

- No exterior television or radio antenna or satellite receiving disc of any sort shall be permitted on any Lot (other than in an enclosed structure hidden from public view).
- 7. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers or similar vehicles requiring a continuous time period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours shall be permitted on any Lot at any time; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot. No unused building material, junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on the Lot except during actual building operations, and then only in as neat and inconspicuous a manner as possible.
- 8. No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained or stored on any part of a Lot (other than in an enclosed structure) for more than twenty (20) days within a calendar year. No motor vehicle may be parked or stored outside on any Lot, except vehicles driven on a regular basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot. No grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semitractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Section 8 shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their period of construction. All residential Lots shall provide at least the minimum number of off street parking areas or spaces for private passenger vehicles required by the applicable zoning ordinances of the City of Omaha, Nebraska.
- 9. No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container or fuel tank shall be permitted unless completely screened from view, except for pickup purposes. No garden lawn or maintenance equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be stored or permitted to remain outside of any dwelling or suitable storage facility, except when in actual use. No garbage, refuge, rubbage or cutting shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No clothes line shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time except one umbrella-type clothes line per Lot.
- 10. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots.
- 11. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the middle line of a main residential structure unless written approval is first obtained from Declarant. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than ten (10) feet in front of the front building line. No fences or walls shall exceed a height of six (6) feet. All produce or vegetable gardens shall be maintained only in rear yards.
 - 12. No swimming pool shall be permitted which extends more than one foot above ground level.
- 13. Construction of any Improvement shall be completed within one (I) year from the date of commencement of excavation or construction of the Improvement. No excavation dirt shall be spread across any Lot in such a fashion as to materially change the contour of any Lot.
- 14. A public sidewalk shall be constructed of concrete four (4) feet wide by four (4) inches thick in front of each built upon Lot and upon the street side of each built upon corner Lot. The sidewalk shall be placed four (4) feet back of the street curb line and shall be constructed by the owner of the Lot prior to the time of completion of the main structure and before occupancy thereof; provided, however, this provision shall vary to comply with any requirements of the City of Omaha.

- 15. Driveway approaches between the sidewalk and curb on each Lot shall be constructed of concrete or other approved material. Should repair or replacement of such approach be necessary, the repair or replacement shall also be of concrete or other approved material.
- 16. No stable or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except that a dog house constructed for one (1) dog shall be permitted; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure have been first approved by Declarant, or its assigns, if required by this Declaration. Dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view; no dog runs or kennels of any sort shall be allowed. No livestock or agricultural-type animals shall be allowed in Somerset subdivision, including pot-bellied pigs.
- 17. Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any side yards so as not to be visible from public view. No grass, weeds or other vegetation will be grown or otherwise permitted to commence or continue, and no dangerous, diseased or otherwise objectionable shrubs or trees will be maintained on any Lot so as to constitute an actual or potential public nuisance, create a hazard or undesirable proliferation, or detract from a neat and trim appearance. Vacant Lots shall not be used for dumping of earth or any waste materials, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of twelve (12) inches.
- 18. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally platted, is owned by one owner of such Lot, except if parts of two or more platted Lots have been combined into one Lot which is at least as wide as the narrowest Lot on the original plat, and is as large in area as the smallest Lot in the original plat.
- 19. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, outbuilding or shack shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside Somerset to any Lot unless the written approval of Declarant is first obtained.
- 20. Except for connection and access facilities, no electrical, plumbing, sprinkling, sewer or utility service lines shall be installed above ground on any Lot.

ARTICLE II. BOUNDARY FENCE

- 1. Declarant plans to construct boundary fences along Wenninghoff Road (the "Boundary Fence"). The Boundary Fence will be situated on the westerly most five feet (5') of the following boundary line of Lot 1, and Lots 106 through 114. Each of such lots are collectively referred to as the "Boundary Lots". All additional fencing constructed by owners must be approved in advance by Declarant and must in all respects be consistent with fences already constructed on Boundary Lots.
- 2. Declarant hereby declares that the Boundary Lots are subject to a permanent and exclusive right and easement in favor of Declarant and the Somerset Homeowners Association to maintain, repair and replace the Boundary Fence. Without limitation of the rights and easements granted by this Declaration, the Declarant or Association may come upon any of the Boundary Lots for the purpose of constructing, installing, repairing, maintaining, removing, and replacing the Boundary Fence.
- 3. The rights and easements granted in this Article shall fully and finally terminate as to any Boundary Lot if: (i) the owner of the Boundary Lot gives written notice to the Association that the Association has failed to maintain the Boundary Fence on the Owner's Lot in neat and orderly condition and in good repair; and (ii) the Association fails to place the Boundary Fence on the Owner's Lot into good order and repair within ninety (90) days after the written notice.

ARTICLE III. HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

- 1. The Association. Declarant has caused the incorporation of SOMERSET HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:
 - A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs, fencing and entrances for Somerset. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on dedicated property or property subject to easements accepted by and benefiting the Association.
 - B. The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules and regulations are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may regulate, limit and restrict use of the Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility.
 - C. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of Somerset; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Somerset.
- 2. <u>Membership and Voting.</u> Somerset is divided into one hundred fourteen (114) separate single-family lots (referred to as the "Lots"). The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.

The Owner of each Lot, whether one or more persons and entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association.

3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska, of an Amendment of Declaration, executed and acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration.

Upon the filing of any Amendment to Declaration which expands the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Amendment shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the Somerset Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the Association.

4. <u>Purposes and Responsibilities</u>. The Association shall have the powers conferred upon not for profit corporations by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and all powers and duties necessary and appropriate to

accomplish the Purposes and administer the affairs of the Association. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors, and upon authorization of the Board of Directors by the Officers, shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

- A. The development, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.
- B. The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.
- C. The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.
- D. The exercise of all of the powers and privileges, and the performance of all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- E. The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association.
- F. The deposit, investment and reinvestment of Association funds in bank accounts, securities, money market funds or accounts, mutual funds, pooled funds, certificates of deposit or the like.
- G. The employment of professionals and consultants to advise and assist the Officers and Board of Directors of the Association in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for the Association.
- H. General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing and performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.
- I. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.
- 5. Imposition of Dues and Assessments. The Association may fix, levy and charge the Owner of each Lot with dues and assessments (herein referred to respectively as "dues and assessments") under the following provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the dues and assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be payable at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Board.
- 6. Abatement of Dues and Assessments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues or assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant.
- 7. Liens and Personal Obligations for Dues and Assessments. The assessments and dues, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of each Lot at the time when the dues or assessments first become due and payable. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be a charge and continuing lien upon the Lot in respect of which the dues and assessments are charged. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall

not pass to the successor in title to the Owner at the time the dues and assessments become delinquent unless such dues and assessments are expressly assumed by the successors, but all successors shall take title subject to the lien for such dues and assessments, and shall be bound to inquire of the Association as to the amount of any unpaid assessments or dues.

- 8. <u>Purpose of Dues</u>. The dues collected by the Association may be committed and expended to accomplish the purposes of the Association described in Section 1 of this Article, and to perform the Powers and Responsibilities of the Association described in Section 3 of this Article.
- 9. <u>Maximum Annual Dues</u>. Unless excess dues have been authorized by the Members in accordance with Section 10, below, the aggregate dues which may become due and payable in any year shall not exceed the greater of:
 - A. Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per Lot.
 - B. In each calendar year beginning on January 1, 1996, one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the aggregate dues charged in the previous calendar year.
- 10. Assessments for Extraordinary Costs. In addition to the dues, the Board of Directors may levy an assessment or assessments for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the costs of any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, maintenance, improvement, or replacement of any Common Facility, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, and related facilities. The aggregate assessments in each calendar year shall be limited in amount to Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$200.00) per Lot.
- 11. Excess Dues and Assessments. With the approval of seventy-five percent of the Members of the Association, the Board of Directors may establish dues and/or assessments in excess of the maximums established in this Declaration.
- 12. <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Assessments and dues shall be fixed at a uniform rate as to all Lots, but dues may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Section 6, above.
- 13. Certificate as to Dues and Assessments. The Association shall, upon written request and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the dues and assessments on a specified Lot have been paid to the date of request, the amount of any delinquent sums, and the due date and amount of the next succeeding dues, assessment or installment thereof. The dues and assessment shall be and become a lien as of the date such amounts first become due and payable.
- 14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments-Remedies of the Association. Any installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues or assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot or Lots, and pursue any other legal or equitable remedy. The Association shall be entitled to recover as a part of the action and shall be indemnified against the interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to such action. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the charge and lien provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot. The mortgagee of any Lot shall have the right to cure any delinquency of an Owner by payment of all sums due, together with interest, cots and fees. The Association shall assign to such mortgagee all of its rights with respect to such lien and right of foreclosure and such mortgagee may thereupon be subrogated to any rights of the Association.
- 15. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgagee. The lien of dues and assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage, contract or deed of trust given as collateral for a home improvement or purchase money loan. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect or terminate the dues and assessment lien.

ARTICLE IV. EASEMENTS AND CONNECTION

- 1. A perpetual license and easement is hereby reserved in favor of and granted to the Omaha Public Power District, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, and any company which has been granted a franchise to provide a cable television system within the Lots, and the Metropolitan Utilities Company, and Sanitary and Improvement District No. 386 of Douglas County, Nebraska, their successors and assigns, to erect and operate, maintain, repair and renew buried or underground sewers, water and gas mains and cables, lines or conduits and other electric and telephone utility facilities for the carrying and transmission of electric current for light, heat and power and for all telephone and telegraph and message service and for the transmission of signals and sounds of all kinds including signals provided by a cable television system and the reception on, over, through, under and across a five (5) foot wide strip of land abutting the front and the side boundary lines of the Lots; an eight (8) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all interior Lots and all exterior lots that are adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots; and a sixteen (16) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all exterior Lots that are not adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots. The term exterior Lots is herein defined as those Lots forming the outer perimeter of the Lots. The sixteen (16) foot wide easement will be reduced to an eight (8) foot wide strip when such adjacent land is surveyed, platted and recorded.
- 2. A perpetual easement is further reserved for the Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha, their successors and assigns to erect, install, operate, maintain, repair and renew pipelines, hydrants and other related facilities, and to extend thereon pipes, hydrants and other related facilities and to extend therein pipes for the transmission of gas and water on, through, under and across a five (5) foot wide strip of land abutting all cul-de-sac streets; this license being granted for the use and benefit of all present and future owners of these Lots; provided, however, that such licenses and easements are granted upon the specific conditions that if any of such utility companies fail to construct such facilities along any of such Lot lines within thirty-six (36) months of date hereof, or if any such facilities are constructed but are thereafter removed without replacement within sixty (60) days after their removal, then such easement shall automatically terminate and become void as to such unused or abandoned easementways. No permanent buildings, trees, retaining walls or loose rock walls shall be placed in the easementways but same may be used for gardens, shrubs, landscaping and other purposes that do not then or later interfere with the aforementioned uses or rights granted herein.
- 3. A perpetual easement is further reserved in favor of the Declarant and the Association, its successors and assigns to create, install, repair, reconstruct, paint, maintain, and renew a fence, standards and related accessories located on, over and upon the rear most ten (10) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of Lot 1, and Lots 106 through 114, inclusive.
- 4. In the event that ninety percent (90%) of all Lots within the subdivision are not improved within five (5) years after the date on which Northwestern Bell Telephone Company files notice that it has completed installation of telephone lines to the Lots in the subdivision (herein the "Subdivision Improvement Date"), then Northwestern Bell Telephone Company may impose a connection charge on each unimproved Lot in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00). A Lot shall be considered as unimproved if construction of a permanent structure has not commenced on a Lot. Construction shall be considered as having commenced if a footing inspection has been requested on the Lot in question by officials of the City or other appropriate governmental authority.

Should such charge be implemented by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and remain unpaid, then such charge may draw interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum commencing after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the time all of the following events shall have occurred: (1) the Subdivision Improvement Date, and (2) Northwestern Bell Telephone Company sends each owner of record a written statement or billing for Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00) for each unimproved Lot.

5. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of Somerset which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 144), Page 1011.

ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. Failure by the Declarant or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- 2. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of three (3) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots covered by this Declaration.
- 3. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.
- 4. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant have caused these presents to be executed this 29 day of November, 1993.

ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation,

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STATE OF NEBRASKA

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COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>29</u> day of November, 1993, by Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

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- 3. No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling which does not exceed two and one-half stories in height. Residences on all Lots shall have a minimum front set back of twenty-five (25) feet.
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a lot as "For Sale"; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.

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- 8. No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained or stored on any part of a Lot (other than in an enclosed structure) for more than twenty (20) days within a calendar year. No motor vehicle may be parked or stored outside on any Lot, except vehicles driven on a regular basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot. No grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semitractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Section 8 shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their period of construction. All residential Lots shall provide at least the minimum number of off street parking areas or spaces for private passenger vehicles required by the applicable zoning ordinances of the City of Omaha, Nebraska.
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- 10. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots.
- 11. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the middle line of a main residential structure unless written approval is first obtained from Declarant. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than ten (10) feet in front of the front building line. No fences or walls shall exceed a height of six (6) feet. All produce or vegetable gardens shall be maintained only in rear yards.
 - No swimming pool shall be permitted which extends more than one foot above ground level.
- 13. Construction of any Improvement shall be completed within one (I) year from the date of commencement of excavation or construction of the Improvement. No excavation dirt shall be spread across any Lot in such a fashion as to materially change the contour of any Lot.
- 14. A public sidewalk shall be constructed of concrete four (4) feet wide by four (4) inches thick in front of each built upon Lot and upon the street side of each built upon corner Lot. The sidewalk shall be placed four (4) feet back of the street curb line and shall be constructed by the owner of the Lot prior to the time of completion of the main structure and before occupancy thereof; provided, however, this provision shall vary to comply with any requirements of the City of Omnha.

- 15. Driveway approaches between the sidewalk and curb on each Lot shall be constructed of concrete or other approved material. Should repair or replacement of such approach be necessary, the repair or replacement shall also be of concrete or other approved material.
- 16. No stable or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except that a dog house constructed for one (1) dog shall be permitted; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure have been first approved by Declarant, or its assigns, if required by this Declaration. Dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view; no dog runs or kennels of any sort shall be allowed. No livestock or agricultural-type animals shall be allowed in Somerset subdivision, including pot-bellied pigs.
- 17. Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any side yards so as not to be visible from public view. No grass, weeds or other vegetation will be grown or otherwise permitted to commence or continue, and no dangerous, diseased or otherwise objectionable shrubs or trees will be maintained on any Lot so as to constitute an actual or potential public nuisance, create a hazard or undesirable proliferation, or detract from a nest and trim appearance. Vacant Lots shall not be used for dumping of earth or any waste materials, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of twelve (12) inches.
- 18. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally platted, is owned by one owner of such Lot, except if parts of two or more platted Lots have been combined into one Lot which is at least as wide as the narrowest Lot on the original plat, and is as large in area as the smallest Lot in the original plat.
- 19. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, outbuilding or shack shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside Somerset to any Lot unless the written approval of Declarant is first obtained.
- 20. Except for connection and access facilities, no electrical, plumbing, sprinkling, sewer or utility service lines shall be installed above ground on any Lot.

ARTICLE II. BOUNDARY FENCE

- 1. Declarant plans to construct boundary fences along Wenninghoff Road (the "Boundary Fence"). The Boundary Fence will be situated on the westerly most five feet (5') of the following boundary line of Lot 1, and Lots 106 through 114. Each of such lots are collectively referred to as the "Boundary Lots". All additional fencing constructed by owners must be approved in advance by Declarant and must in all respects be consistent with fences already constructed on Boundary Lots.
- 2. Declarant hereby declares that the Boundary Lots are subject to a permanent and exclusive right and easement in favor of Declarant and the Somerset Homeowners Association to maintain, repair and replace the Boundary Fence. Without limitation of the rights and easements granted by this Declaration, the Declarant or Association may come upon any of the Boundary Lots for the purpose of constructing, installing, repairing, maintaining, removing, and replacing the Boundary Fence.
- 3. The rights and easements granted in this Article shall fully and finally terminate as to any Boundary Lot if: (i) the owner of the Boundary Lot gives written notice to the Association that the Association has failed to maintain the Boundary Fence on the Owner's Lot in neat and orderly condition and in good repair; and (ii) the Association fails to place the Boundary Fence on the Owner's Lot into good order and repair within ninety (90) days after the written notice.

ARTICLE III. HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

- 1. The Association. Declarant has caused the incorporation of SOMERSET HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:
 - A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs, fencing and entrances for Somerset. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on dedicated property or property subject to easements accepted by and benefiting the Association.
 - B. The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules and regulations are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may regulate, limit and restrict use of the Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility.
 - C. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of Somerset; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Somerset.
- 2. <u>Membership and Voting</u>. Somerset is divided into one hundred fourteen (114) separate single-family lots (referred to as the "Lots"). The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.

The Owner of each Lot, whether one or more persons and entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association.

3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska, of an Amendment of Declaration, executed and acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration.

Upon the filing of any Amendment to Declaration which expands the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Amendment shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the Somerset Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the Association.

4. <u>Purposes and Responsibilities</u>. The Association shall have the powers conferred upon not for profit corporations by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and all powers and duties necessary and appropriate to

accomplish the Purposes and administer the affairs of the Association. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors, and upon authorization of the Board of Directors by the Officers, shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

- A. The development, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.
- B. The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.
- C. The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.
- D. The exercise of all of the powers and privileges, and the performance of all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- E. The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association.
- F. The deposit, investment and reinvestment of Association funds in bank accounts, securities, money market funds or accounts, mutual funds, pooled funds, certificates of deposit or the like.
- G. The employment of professionals and consultants to advise and assist the Officers and Board of Directors of the Association in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for the Association.
- H. General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing and performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.
- I. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.
- 5. Imposition of Dues and Assessments. The Association may fix, levy and charge the Owner of each Lot with dues and assessments (herein referred to respectively as "dues and assessments") under the following provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the dues and assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be payable at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Board.
- 6. Abstement of Dues and Assessments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues or assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant.
- 7. Liens and Personal Obligations for Dues and Assessments. The assessments and dues, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of each Lot at the time when the dues or assessments first become due and payable. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be a charge and continuing lien upon the Lot in respect of which the dues and assessments are charged. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall

not pass to the successor in title to the Owner at the time the dues and assessments become delinquent unless such dues and assessments are expressly assumed by the successors, but all successors shall take title subject to the lien for such dues and assessments, and shall be bound to inquire of the Association as to the amount of any unpaid assessments or dues.

- 8. <u>Purpose of Dues</u>. The dues collected by the Association may be committed and expended to accomplish the purposes of the Association described in Section 1 of this Article, and to perform the Powers and Responsibilities of the Association described in Section 3 of this Article.
- 9. <u>Maximum Annual Dues</u>. Unless excess dues have been authorized by the Members in accordance with Section 10, below, the aggregate dues which may become due and payable in any year shall not exceed the greater of:
 - A. Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per Lot.
 - B. In each calendar year beginning on January 1, 1996, one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the aggregate dues charged in the previous calendar year.
- 10. Assessments for Extraordinary Costs. In addition to the dues, the Board of Directors may levy an assessment or assessments for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the costs of any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, maintenance, improvement, or replacement of any Common Facility, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, and related facilities. The aggregate assessments in each calendar year shall be limited in amount to Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$200.00) per Lot.
- 11. Excess Dues and Assessments. With the approval of seventy-five percent of the Members of the Association, the Board of Directors may establish dues and/or assessments in excess of the maximums established in this Declaration.
- 12. <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Assessments and dues shall be fixed at a uniform rate as to all Lots, but dues may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Section 6, above.
- 13. Certificate as to Dues and Assessments. The Association shall, upon written request and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the dues and assessments on a specified Lot have been paid to the date of request, the amount of any delinquent sums, and the due date and amount of the next succeeding dues, assessment or installment thereof. The dues and assessment shall be and become a lien as of the date such amounts first become due and payable.
- 14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments-Remedies of the Association. Any installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues or assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot or Lots, and pursue any other legal or equitable remedy. The Association shall be entitled to recover as a part of the action and shall be indemnified against the interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to such action. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the charge and lien provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot. The mortgagee of any Lot shall have the right to cure any delinquency of an Owner by payment of all sums due, together with interest, cots and fees. The Association shall assign to such mortgagee all of its rights with respect to such lien and right of foreclosure and such mortgagee may thereupon be subrogated to any rights of the Association.
- 15. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgagee. The lien of dues and assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage, contract or deed of trust given as collateral for a home improvement or purchase money loan. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect or terminate the dues and assessment lien.

ARTICLE IV. EASEMENTS AND CONNECTION

- 1. A perpetual license and essement is hereby reserved in favor of and granted to the Omaha Public Power District, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, and any company which has been granted a franchise to provide a cable television system within the Lots, and the Metropolitan Utilities Company, and Sanitary and Improvement District No. 386 of Douglas County, Nebraska, their successors and assigns, to erect and operate, maintain, repair and renew buried or underground sewers, water and gas mains and cables, lines or conduits and other electric and telephone utility facilities for the carrying and transmission of electric current for light, heat and power and for all telephone and telegraph and message service and for the transmission of signals and sounds of all kinds including signals provided by a cable television system and the reception on, over, through, under and across a five (5) foot wide strip of land abutting the frost and the side boundary lines of the Lots; an eight (8) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all interior Lots and all exterior lots that are adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots; and a sixteen (16) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all exterior Lots that are not adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots. The term exterior Lots is herein defined as those Lots forming the outer perimeter of the Lots. The sixteen (16) foot wide essement will be reduced to an eight (8) foot wide strip when such adjacent land is surveyed, platted and recorded.
- 2. A perpetual easement is further reserved for the Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha, their successors and assigns to erect, install, operate, maintain, repair and renew pipelines, hydrants and other related facilities, and to extend therein pipes for the transmission of gas and water on, through, under and across a five (5) foot wide strip of land abutting all cul-de-sac streets; this license being granted for the use and benefit of all present and future owners of these Lots; provided, however, that such licenses and easements are granted upon the specific conditions that if any of such utility companies fail to construct such facilities along any of such Lot lines within thirty-six (36) months of date hereof, or if any such facilities are constructed but are thereafter removed without replacement within sixty (60) days after their removal, then such easement shall sutomatically terminate and become void as to such unused or abandoned easementways. No permanent buildings, trees, retaining walls or loose rock walls shall be placed in the easementways but same may be used for gardens, shrubs, landscaping and other purposes that do not then or later interfere with the aforementioned uses or rights granted herein.
- 3. A perpetual easement is further reserved in favor of the Declarant and the Association, its successors and assigns to create, install, repair, reconstruct, paint, maintain, and renew a fence, standards and related accessories located on, over and upon the rear most ten (10) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of Lot 1, and Lots 106 through 114, inclusive.
- 4. In the event that ninety percent (90%) of all Lots within the subdivision are not improved within five (5) years after the date on which Northwestern Bell Telephone Company files notice that it has completed installation of telephone lines to the Lots in the subdivision (herein the "Subdivision Improvement Date"), then Northwestern Bell Telephone Company may impose a connection charge on each unimproved Lot in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00). A Lot shall be considered as unimproved if construction of a permanent structure has not commenced on a Lot. Construction shall be considered as having commenced if a footing inspection has been requested on the Lot in question by officials of the City or other appropriate governmental authority.

Should such charge be implemented by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and remain unpaid, then such charge may draw interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum commencing after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the time all of the following events shall have occurred: (1) the Subdivision Improvement Date, and (2) Northwestern Bell Telephone Company sends each owner of record a written statement or billing for Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00) for each unimproved Lot.

5. Other essements are provided for in the final plat of Somerset which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 16), Page 10).

ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. Failure by the Declarant or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- 2. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of three (3) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots covered by this Declaration.
- 3. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.
- 4. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant have caused these presents to be executed this 29 day of November, 1993.

ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation,

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>29</u> day of November, 1993, by Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

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DECLARATION
OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS
FOR A PART OF SOMERSET, A SUBDIVISION
IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation ("Declarant").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Douglas County, Nebraska and described as follows:

Lots 1 through 114, inclusive, in Somerset, a Subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot".

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Somerset, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Somerset, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Somerset.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

ARTICLE I. RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

- 1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Facility, or as a church, school, park, or for other non-profit use.
- 2. For a period of fifteen years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna, satellite receiving station or "discs", flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, wind mill or other external

improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

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- Declarant shall review such plans in light of the conditions and restrictions in Article I of this Declaration and in relation to the type and exterior of improvements which have been constructed, or approved for construction, on the Lots. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall be developed as a residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by Declarant in a reasonable manner to promote conformity and harmony of the external design of the Improvements constructed within the Somerset subdivision and to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots in a manner consistent with this Declaration. Atypical improvements and home designs such as dome houses, a-frame houses and flat houses will not be approved unless the Declarant determines that construction of these Improvements will not be materially inconsistent with the scheme of development contemplated by this Declaration. If Declarant determines that the external design and location of the proposed Improvement does not conform with the standards or requirements of this Declaration, does not conform with the surrounding Improvements and topography or will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring lots, if any, as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.
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- 15. Driveway approaches between the sidewalk and curb on each Lot shall be constructed of concrete or other approved material. Should repair or replacement of such approach be necessary, the repair or replacement shall also be of concrete or other approved material.
- 16. No stable or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except that a dog house constructed for one (1) dog shall be permitted; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure have been first approved by Declarant, or its assigns, if required by this Declaration. Dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view; no dog runs or kennels of any sort shall be allowed. No livestock or agricultural-type animals shall be allowed in Somerset subdivision, including pot-bellied pigs.
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- 18. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally platted, is owned by one owner of such Lot, except if parts of two or more platted Lots have been combined into one Lot which is at least as wide as the narrowest Lot on the original plat, and is as large in area as the smallest Lot in the original plat.
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- 2. Declarant hereby declares that the Boundary Lots are subject to a permanent and exclusive right and easement in favor of Declarant and the Somerset Homeowners Association to maintain, repair and replace the Boundary Fence. Without limitation of the rights and easements granted by this Declaration, the Declarant or Association may come upon any of the Boundary Lots for the purpose of constructing, installing, repairing, maintaining, removing, and replacing the Boundary Fence.
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ARTICLE III. HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

- 1. The Association. Declarant has caused the incorporation of SOMERSET HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:
 - A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs, fencing and entrances for Somerset. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on dedicated property or property subject to easements accepted by and benefiting the Association.
 - B. The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules and regulations are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may regulate, limit and restrict use of the Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility.
 - C. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of Somerset; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Somerset.
- 2. Membership and Voting. Somerset is divided into one hundred fourteen (114) separate single-family lots (referred to as the "Lots"). The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.

The Owner of each Lot, whether one or more persons and entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association.

3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska, of an Amendment of Declaration, executed and acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration.

Upon the filing of any Amendment to Declaration which expands the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Amendment shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the Somerset Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the Association.

4. <u>Purposes and Responsibilities</u>. The Association shall have the powers conferred upon not for profit corporations by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and all powers and duties necessary and appropriate to

accomplish the Purposes and administer the affairs of the Association. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors, and upon authorization of the Board of Directors by the Officers, shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

- A. The development, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.
- B. The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.
- C. The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.
- D. The exercise of all of the powers and privileges, and the performance of all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- E. The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association.
- F. The deposit, investment and reinvestment of Association funds in bank accounts, securities, money market funds or accounts, mutual funds, pooled funds, certificates of deposit or the like.
- G. The employment of professionals and consultants to advise and assist the Officers and Board of Directors of the Association in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for the Association.
- H. General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing and performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.
- I. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.
- 5. Imposition of Dues and Assessments. The Association may fix, levy and charge the Owner of each Lot with dues and assessments (herein referred to respectively as "dues and assessments") under the following provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the dues and assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be payable at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Board.
- 6. Abstement of Dues and Assessments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues or assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant.
- 7. Liens and Personal Obligations for Dues and Assessments. The assessments and dues, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of each Lot at the time when the dues or assessments first become due and payable. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be a charge and continuing lien upon the Lot in respect of which the dues and assessments are charged. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall

not pass to the successor in title to the Owner at the time the dues and assessments become delinquent unless such dues and assessments are expressly assumed by the successors, but all successors shall take title subject to the lien for such dues and assessments, and shall be bound to inquire of the Association as to the amount of any unpaid assessments or dues.

- 8. <u>Purpose of Dues</u>. The dues collected by the Association may be committed and expended to accomplish the purposes of the Association described in Section 1 of this Article, and to perform the Powers and Responsibilities of the Association described in Section 3 of this Article.
- 9. <u>Maximum Annual Dues</u>. Unless excess dues have been authorized by the Members in accordance with Section 10, below, the aggregate dues which may become due and payable in any year shall not exceed the greater of:
 - A. Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per Lot.
 - B. In each calendar year beginning on January 1, 1996, one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the aggregate dues charged in the previous calendar year.
- 10. Assessments for Extraordinary Costs. In addition to the dues, the Board of Directors may levy an assessment or assessments for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the costs of any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, maintenance, improvement, or replacement of any Common Facility, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, and related facilities. The aggregate assessments in each calendar year shall be limited in amount to Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$200.00) per Lot.
- 11. Excess Dues and Assessments. With the approval of seventy-five percent of the Members of the Association, the Board of Directors may establish dues and/or assessments in excess of the maximums established in this Declaration.
- 12. <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Assessments and dues shall be fixed at a uniform rate as to all Lots, but dues may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Section 6, above.
- 13. Certificate as to Dues and Assessments. The Association shall, upon written request and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the dues and assessments on a specified Lot have been paid to the date of request, the amount of any delinquent sums, and the due date and amount of the next succeeding dues, assessment or installment thereof. The dues and assessment shall be and become a lien as of the date such amounts first become due and payable.
- 14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments-Remedies of the Association. Any installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues or assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot or Lots, and pursue any other legal or equitable remedy. The Association shall be entitled to recover as a part of the action and shall be indemnified against the interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to such action. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the charge and lien provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot. The mortgagee of any Lot shall have the right to cure any delinquency of an Owner by payment of all sums due, together with interest, cots and fees. The Association shall assign to such mortgagee all of its rights with respect to such lien and right of foreclosure and such mortgagee may thereupon be subrogated to any rights of the Association.
- 15. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgagee. The lien of dues and assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage, contract or deed of trust given as collateral for a home improvement or purchase money loan. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect or terminate the dues and assessment lien.

ARTICLE IV. EASEMENTS AND CONNECTION

- 1. A perpetual license and easement is hereby reserved in favor of and granted to the Omaha Public Power District, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, and any company which has been granted a franchise to provide a cable television system within the Lots, and the Metropolitan Utilities Company, and Sanitary and Improvement District No. 386 of Douglas County, Nebraska, their successors and assigns, to erect and operate, maintain, repair and renew buried or underground sewers, water and gas mains and cables, lines or conduits and other electric and telephone utility facilities for the carrying and transmission of electric current for light, heat and power and for all telephone and telegraph and message service and for the transmission of signals and sounds of all kinds including signals provided by a cable television system and the reception on, over, through, under and across a five (5) foot wide strip of land abutting the front and the side boundary lines of the Lots; an eight (8) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of all interior Lots and all exterior lots that are adjacent to presently platted and recorded Lots. The term exterior Lots is herein defined as those Lots forming the outer perimeter of the Lots. The sixteen (16) foot wide easement will be reduced to an eight (8) foot wide strip when such adjacent land is surveyed, platted and recorded.
- 2. A perpetual easement is further reserved for the Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha, their successors and assigns to erect, install, operate, maintain, repair and renew pipelines, hydrants and other related facilities, and to extend therein pipes for the transmission of gas and water on, through, under and across a five (5) foot wide strip of land abutting all cul-de-sac streets; this license being granted for the use and benefit of all present and future owners of these Lots; provided, however, that such licenses and easements are granted upon the specific conditions that if any of such utility companies fail to construct such facilities along any of such Lot lines within thirty-six (36) months of date hereof, or if any such facilities are constructed but are thereafter removed without replacement within sixty (60) days after their removal, then such easement shall automatically terminate and become void as to such unused or abandoned easementways. No permanent buildings, trees, retaining walls or loose rock walls shall be placed in the easementways but same may be used for gardens, shrubs, landscaping and other purposes that do not then or later interfere with the aforementioned uses or rights granted herein.
- 3. A perpetual easement is further reserved in favor of the Declarant and the Association, its successors and assigns to create, install, repair, reconstruct, paint, maintain, and renew a fence, standards and related accessories located on, over and upon the rear most ten (10) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of Lot 1, and Lots 106 through 114, inclusive.
- 4. In the event that ninety percent (90%) of all Lots within the subdivision are not improved within five (5) years after the date on which Northwestern Bell Telephone Company files notice that it has completed installation of telephone lines to the Lots in the subdivision (herein the "Subdivision Improvement Date"), then Northwestern Bell Telephone Company may impose a connection charge on each unimproved Lot in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00). A Lot shall be considered as unimproved if construction of a permanent structure has not commenced on a Lot. Construction shall be considered as having commenced if a footing inspection has been requested on the Lot in question by officials of the City or other appropriate governmental authority.

Should such charge be implemented by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and remain unpaid, then such charge may draw interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum commencing after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the time all of the following events shall have occurred: (1) the Subdivision Improvement Date, and (2) Northwestern Bell Telephone Company sends each owner of record a written statement or billing for Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00) for each unimproved Lot.

5. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of Somerset which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 964, Page 614).

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- 1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. Failure by the Declarant or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- 2. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of three (3) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots covered by this Declaration.
- 3. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.
- Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant have caused these presents to be executed this 29 day of November, 1993.

ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation,

By M/7 President

STATE OF NEBRASKA

) ss.:

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>29</u> day of November, 1993, by Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

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DECLARATION

OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS
FOR A PART OF SOMERSET, A SUBDIVISION
IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation ("Declarant").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Douglas County, Nebraska and described as follows:

Lots 115 through 203, inclusive, in Somerset, a Subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot".

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Somerset, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Somerset, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Somerset.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

ARTICLE I. RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

- 1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Facility, or as a church, school, park, or for other non-profit use.
- 2. For a period of fifteen years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna, satellite receiving station or "discs", flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, wind mill or other external

improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

- A. An owner desiring to erect an Improvement shall deliver two sets of construction plans, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein collectively referred to as the "plans"). Such plans shall include a description type, quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such Improvement. Concurrent with submission of the plans, Owner shall notify the Declarant of the Owner's mailing address.
- Declarant shall review such plans in light of the conditions and restrictions in Article I of this Declaration and in relation to the type and exterior of improvements which have been constructed, or approved for construction, on the Lots. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall be developed as a residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by Declarant in a reasonable manner to promote conformity and harmony of the external design of the Improvements constructed within the Somerset subdivision and to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots in a manner consistent with this Declaration. Atypical improvements and home designs such as dome houses, a-frame houses and flat houses will not be approved unless the Declarant determines that construction of these Improvements will not be materially inconsistent with the scheme of development contemplated by this Declaration. If Declarant determines that the external design and location of the proposed Improvement does not conform with the standards or requirements of this Declaration, does not conform with the surrounding Improvements and topography or will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring lots, if any, as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.
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- D. No Lot owner, or combination of Lot owners, or other person or persons shall have any right to any action by Declarant, or to control, direct or influence the acts of the Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Section, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.
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- 4. The exposed front foundation wall as well as any foundation wall facing a street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with brick, decorative block, or other approved material. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block foundation walls must be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete or other approved material. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with brick, wood, or other material approved in writing by Declarant. Unless other materials are specifically approved by Declarant, the roof of all Improvements shall be covered with asphalt or other approved material shingles.
- 5. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising

a lot as "For Sale"; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.

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- 1. The Association. Declarant has caused the incorporation of SOMERSET HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:
 - A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs, fencing and entrances for Somerset. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on dedicated property or property subject to easements accepted by and benefiting the Association.
 - B. The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules and regulations are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may regulate, limit and restrict use of the Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility.
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- 2. Membership and Voting. Somerset is divided into one hundred fourteen (114) separate single-family lots in Phase I and eighty-nine (89) separate single-family lots in Phase II (collectively referred to as the "Lots"). The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.

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3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska, of an Amendment of Declaration, executed and acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration.

Upon the filing of any Amendment to Declaration which expands the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Amendment shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the Somerset Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the Association.

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 - A. The development, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.
 - B. The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.
 - C. The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.
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 - H. General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing and performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.
 - I. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.
- 5. <u>Imposition of Dues and Assessments</u>. The Association may fix, levy and charge the Owner of each Lot with dues and assessments (herein referred to respectively as "dues and assessments") under the following provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the dues and assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be payable at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Board.
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Should such charge be implemented by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or U S West and remain unpaid, then such charge may draw interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum commencing after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the time all of the following events shall have occurred: (1) the Subdivision Improvement Date, and (2) Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or U S West sends each owner of record a written statement or billing for Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00) for each unimproved Lot.

5. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of Somerset which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 2017, Page 727).

ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. Failure by the Declarant or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- 2. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of three (3) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots covered by this Declaration.
- 3. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.
- 4. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant have caused these presents to be executed this 4th day of December, 1995.

ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation,

By President

STATE OF NEBRASKA

)) ss.:

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4th day of December, 1995, by Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Notary Public

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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR A PART OF SOMERSET, A SUBDIVISION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation ("Declarant").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Douglas County, Nebraska and described as follows:

Lots 204 through 327, inclusive, in Somerset, a subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot".

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Somerset, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Somerset, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Somerset.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

ARTICLE I. RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

- 1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Facility, or as a church, school, park, or for other non-profit use.
- 2. For a period of fifteen years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna,

 satellite receiving station or "discs", flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, wind mill or other external improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

- A. An owner desiring to erect an Improvement shall deliver two sets of construction plans, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein collectively referred to as the "plans"). Such plans shall include a description type, quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such Improvement. Concurrent with submission of the plans, Owner shall notify the Declarant of the Owner's mailing address.
- Declarant shall review such plans in light of the conditions and restrictions in Article I of this Declaration and in relation to the type and exterior of improvements which have been constructed, or approved for construction, on the Lots. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall be developed as a residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by Declarant in a reasonable manner to promote conformity and harmony of the external design of the Improvements constructed within the Somerset subdivision and to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots in a manner consistent with this Declaration. Atypical improvements and home designs such as dome houses, A-frame houses and flat houses will not be approved unless the Declarant determines that construction of these Improvements will not be materially inconsistent with the scheme of development contemplated by this Declaration. If Declarant determines that the external design and location of the proposed Improvement does not conform with the standards or requirements of this Declaration, does not conform with the surrounding Improvements and topography or will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring lots, if any, as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.
- C. Written Notice of any refusal to approve a proposed Improvement shall be mailed to the owner at the address specified by the owner upon submission of the plans. Such notice shall be mailed, if at all, within thirty (30) days after the date of submission of the plans. If notice of refusal is not mailed within such period, the proposed Improvement shall be deemed approved by Declarant.
- D. No Lot owner, or combination of Lot owners, or other person or persons shall have any right to any action by Declarant, or to control, direct or influence the acts of the Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Section, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.
- 3. No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling which does not exceed two and one-half stories in height. Residences on all Lots shall have a minimum front set back of twenty-five (25) feet.
- 4. The exposed front foundation wall as well as any foundation wall facing a street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with brick, decorative block, or other approved material. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block foundation walls must be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete or other approved material. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with brick, wood, or other material approved in writing by Declarant. Unless other materials are specifically approved by Declarant, the roof of all Improvements shall be covered with asphalt or other approved material shingles.

5. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising a lot as "For Sale"; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.

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- 6. No exterior television or radio antenna or dish of any type shall be permitted on any Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an antenna or dish that is designed to receive over-the-air video programming signals, that does not exceed one meter in diameter, and that is attached directly to the residence, may be permitted provided that the location and size of the proposed antenna or dish is first approved by the Declarant, or its assigns. No tree houses, tool shed, dollhouses, windmills, or similar structures shall be permitted on any Lot.
- 7. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers or similar vehicles requiring a continuous time period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours shall be permitted on any Lot at any time; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot. No unused building material, junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on the Lot except during actual building operations, and then only in as neat and inconspicuous a manner as possible.
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- 4. <u>Purposes and Responsibilities</u>. The Association shall have the powers conferred upon not for profit corporations by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and all powers and duties necessary and appropriate to accomplish the Purposes and administer the affairs of the Association. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors, and upon authorization of the Board of Directors by the Officers, shall include but shall not be limited to the following:
 - A. The development, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.
 - B. The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.
 - C. The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.
 - D. The exercise of all of the powers and privileges, and the performance of all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.
 - E. The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association.

- F. The deposit, investment and reinvestment of Association funds in bank accounts, securities, money market funds or accounts, mutual funds, pooled funds, certificates of deposit or the like.
- G. The employment of professionals and consultants to advise and assist the Officers and Board of Directors of the Association in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for the Association.
- H. General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing and performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.
- I. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.
- 5. <u>Imposition of Dues and Assessments</u>. The Association may fix, levy and charge the Owner of each Lot with dues and assessments (herein referred to respectively as "dues and assessments") under the following provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the dues and assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be payable at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Board.
- 6. <u>Abatement of Dues and Assessments.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues or assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant.
- Liens and Personal Obligations for Dues and Assessments. The assessments and dues, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of each Lot at the time when the dues or assessments first become due and payable. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be a charge and continuing lien upon the Lot in respect of which the dues and assessments are charged. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to the successor in title to the Owner at the time the dues and assessments become delinquent unless such dues and assessments are expressly assumed by the successors, but all successors shall take title subject to the lien for such dues and assessments, and shall be bound to inquire of the Association as to the amount of any unpaid assessments or dues.
- 8. <u>Purpose of Dues</u>. The dues collected by the Association may be committed and expended to accomplish the purposes of the Association described in Section 1 of this Article, and to perform the Powers and Responsibilities of the Association described in Section 4 of this Article.
- 9. <u>Maximum Annual Dues</u>. Unless excess dues have been authorized by the Members in accordance with Section 10, below, the aggregate dues which may become due and payable in any year shall not exceed the greater of:
 - A. Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per Lot.
 - B. In each calendar year beginning on January 1, 1999, one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the aggregate dues charged in the previous calendar year.
- 10. <u>Assessments for Extraordinary Costs.</u> In addition to the dues, the Board of Directors may levy an assessment or assessments for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the costs of any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, maintenance, improvement, or replacement of any Common

Facility, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, and related facilities. The aggregate assessments in each calendar year shall be limited in amount to Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$200.00) per Lot.

- 11. <u>Excess Dues and Assessments.</u> With the approval of seventy-five percent of the Members of the Association, the Board of Directors may establish dues and/or assessments in excess of the maximums established in this Declaration.
- 12. <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Assessments and dues shall be fixed at a uniform rate as to all Lots, but dues may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Section 6, above.
- 13. Certificate as to Dues and Assessments. The Association shall, upon written request and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the dues and assessments on a specified Lot have been paid to the date of request, the amount of any delinquent sums, and the due date and amount of the next succeeding dues, assessment or installment thereof. The dues and assessment shall be and become a lien as of the date such amounts first become due and payable.
- 14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments-Remedies of the Association. Any installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues or assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot or Lots, and pursue any other legal or equitable remedy. The Association shall be entitled to recover as a part of the action and shall be indemnified against the interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to such action. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the charge and lien provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot. The mortgagee of any Lot shall have the right to cure any delinquency of an Owner by payment of all sums due, together with interest, cots and fees. The Association shall assign to such mortgagee all of its rights with respect to such lien and right of foreclosure and such mortgagee may thereupon be subrogated to any rights of the Association.
- 15. <u>Subordination of the Lien to Mortgagee</u>. The lien of dues and assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage, contract or deed of trust given as collateral for a home improvement or purchase money loan. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect or terminate the dues and assessment lien.

ARTICLE IV. EASEMENTS AND CONNECTION

- 1. A perpetual easement is further reserved in favor of the Declarant and the Association, its successors and assigns to create, install, repair, reconstruct, paint, maintain, and renew a fence, standards and related accessories located on, over and upon the rear most ten (10) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of Lots 230, 231, and 251 through 255, inclusive.
- 2. A temporary construction easement is hereby reserved on, over and upon a five (5) foot wide strip of land along the side boundaries of each Lot to permit the passage of equipment, machinery, and supplies for construction on adjacent Lots, such easement to be in favor of the Declarant and the builders on the Lots with common side boundaries, provided, however, that such temporary construction easement shall terminate upon completion of the home and related improvements (including, without limitation, grading, sodding, and landscaping) on the adjacent the Lot with common side boundaries and owner occupancy of such Lot.
- 3. In the event that ninety percent (90%) of all Lots within the subdivision are not improved within five (5) years after the date on which Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or U S West files notice that

it has completed installation of telephone lines to the Lots in the subdivision (herein the "Subdivision Improvement Date"), then Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or U S West may impose a connection charge on each unimproved Lot in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00). A Lot shall be considered as unimproved if construction of a permanent structure has not commenced on a Lot. Construction shall be considered as having commenced if a footing inspection has been requested on the Lot in question by officials of the City or other appropriate governmental authority.

Should such charge be implemented by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or U S West and remain unpaid, then such charge may draw interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum commencing after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the time all of the following events shall have occurred: (1) the Subdivision Improvement Date, and (2) Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or U S West sends each owner of record a written statement or billing for Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00) for each unimproved Lot.

4. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of Somerset which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 2088, Page 295).

ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. Failure by the Declarant or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- 2. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of three (3) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots covered by this Declaration.
- 3. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.
- 4. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant have caused these presents to be executed this 25 day of ANCUST, 1998.

ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation,

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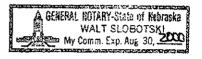
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STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25 day of AUGUST, 1998, by Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Water School,
Notary Public

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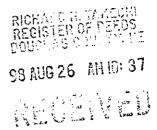
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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR A PART OF SOMERSET, A SUBDIVISION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation ("Declarant").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Douglas County, Nebraska and described as follows:

Lots 204 through 327, inclusive, in Somerset, a subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot".

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Somerset, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Somerset, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Somerset.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

ARTICLE I. RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

- 1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Facility, or as a church, school, park, or for other non-profit use.
- 2. For a period of fifteen years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna,

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satellite receiving station or "discs", flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, wind mill or other external improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

- A. An owner desiring to erect an Improvement shall deliver two sets of construction plans, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein collectively referred to as the "pians"). Such plans shall include a description type, quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such Improvement. Concurrent with submission of the plans, Owner shall notify the Declarant of the Owner's mailing address.
- Declarant shall review such plans in light of the conditions and restrictions in Article I of this Declaration and in relation to the type and exterior of improvements which have been constructed, or approved for construction, on the Lots. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall be developed as a residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by Declarant in a reasonable manner to promote conformity and harmony of the external design of the Improvements constructed within the Somerset subdivision and to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots in a manner consistent with this Declaration. Atypical improvements and home designs such as dome houses, A-frame houses and flat houses will not be approved unless the Declarant determines that construction of these Improvements will not be materially inconsistent with the scheme of development contemplated by this Declaration. If Declarant determines that the external design and location of the proposed Improvement does not conform with the standards or requirements of this Declaration, does not conform with the surrounding Improvements and topography or will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring lots, if any, as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.
- C. Written Notice of any refusal to approve a proposed Improvement shall be mailed to the owner at the address specified by the owner upon submission of the plans. Such notice shall be mailed, if at all, within thirty (30) days after the date of submission of the plans. If notice of refusal is not mailed within such period, the proposed Improvement shall be deemed approved by Declarant.
- D. No Lot owner, or combination of Lot owners, or other person or persons shall have any right to any action by Declarant, or to control, direct or influence the acts of the Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Section, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.
- 3. No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling which does not exceed two and one-half stories in height. Residences on all Lots shall have a minimum front set back of twenty-five (25) feet.
- 4. The exposed front foundation wall as well as any foundation wall facing a street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with brick, decorative block, or other approved material. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block foundation walls must be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete or other approved material. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with brick, wood, or other material approved in writing by Declarant. Unless other materials are specifically approved by Declarant, the roof of all Improvements shall be covered with asphalt or other approved material shingles.

- 5. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or muisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising a lot as "For Sale"; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.
- 6. No exterior television or radio antenna or dish of any type shall be permitted on any Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an antenna or dish that is designed to receive over-the-air video programming signals, that does not exceed one meter in diameter, and that is attached directly to the residence, may be permitted provided that the location and size of the proposed antenna or dish is first approved by the Declarant, or its assigns. No tree houses, tool shed, dollhouses, windmills, or similar structures shall be permitted on any Lot.
- 7. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers or similar vehicles requiring a continuous time period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours shall be permitted on any Lot at any time; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot. No unused building material, junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on the Lot except during actual building operations, and then only in as neat and inconspicuous a manner as possible.
- 8. No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained or stored on any part of a Lot (other than in an enclosed structure) for more than twenty (20) days within a calendar year. No motor vehicle may be parked or stored outside on any Lot, except vehicles driven on a regular basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot. No grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semitractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Section 8 shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their period of construction. All residential Lots shall provide at least the minimum number of off street parking areas or spaces for private passenger vehicles required by the applicable zoning ordinances of the City of Omaha, Nebraska.
- 9. No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container or fuel tank shall be permitted unless completely screened from view, except for pickup purposes. No garden lawn or maintenance equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be stored or permitted to remain outside of any dwelling or suitable storage facility, except when in actual use. No garbage, refuge, rubbish or cutting shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No clothesline shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time except one umbrella-type clothesline per Lot.
- 10. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots.
- 11. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the middle line of a main residential structure unless written approval is first obtained from Declarant. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than ten (10) feet in front of the front building line. No fences or walls shall exceed a height of six (6) feet. All produce or vegetable gardens shall be maintained only in rear yards.
 - 12. No swimming pool shall be permitted which extends more than one foot above ground level.

- 13. Construction of any Improvement shall be completed within one (I) year from the date of commencement of excavation or construction of the Improvement. No excavation dirt shall be spread across any Lot in such a fashion as to materially change the contour of any Lot.
- 14. A public sidewalk shall be constructed of concrete four (4) feet wide by four (4) inches thick in front of each built upon Lot and upon the street sideyard of each built upon corner Lot, except that the sidewalk along the street sideyard of corner Lots 212, 231 and 276 shall be six (6) feet wide, and the sidewalk along the front of Lots 213 through 229, inclusive, shall be six (6) feet wide. The sidewalk shall be placed four (4) feet back of the street curb line except for the sidewalk on the sideyard of corner Lots 212, 231 and 276, and the frontyard of Lots 213 through 229, inclusive, shall be placed six (6) feet back of the street curb line. All sidewalks shall be constructed by the owner of the Lot prior to the time of completion of the main structure and before occupancy thereof. The requirements of this Article I, Section 14 shall vary to comply with any requirements of the City of Omaha.
- 15. Driveway approaches between the sidewalk and curb on each Lot shall be constructed of concrete or other approved material. Should repair or replacement of such approach be necessary, the repair or replacement shall also be of concrete or other approved material.
- 16. No stable or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except that a dog house constructed for one (1) dog shall be permitted; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure have been first approved by Declarant, or its assigns, if required by this Declaration. Doghouses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view; no dog runs or kennels of any sort shall be allowed. No livestock or agricultural-type animals shall be allowed in Somerset subdivision, including potbellied pigs.
- Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any side yards so as not to be visible from public view. No grass, weeds or other vegetation will be grown or otherwise permitted to commence or continue, and no dangerous, diseased or otherwise objectionable shrubs or trees will be maintained on any Lot so as to constitute an actual or potential public nuisance, create a hazard or undesirable proliferation, or detract from a neat and trim appearance. Vacant Lots shall not be used for dumping of earth or any waste materials, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of twelve (12) inches.
- 18. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally platted, is owned by one owner of such Lot, except if parts of two or more platted Lots have been combined into one Lot which is at least as wide as the narrowest Lot on the original plat, and is as large in area as the smallest Lot in the original plat.
- 19. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, outbuilding or shack shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside Somerset to any Lot unless the written approval of Declarant is first obtained.
- 20. Except for connection and access facilities, no electrical, plumbing, sprinkling, sewer or utility service lines shall be installed above ground on any Lot.

ARTICLE II. BOUNDARY FENCE

- 1. Declarant plans to construct boundary fences along Wenninghoff Road (the "Boundary Fence"). The Boundary Fence will be situated on Lots 230, 231, and 251 through 255, inclusive, Somerset. Each of such lots are collectively referred to as the "Boundary Lots". All additional fencing constructed by owners must be approved in advance by Declarant and must in all respects be consistent with fences already constructed on Boundary Lots.
- 2. Declarant hereby declares that the Boundary Lots are subject to a permanent and exclusive right and easement in favor of Declarant and the Somerset Homeowners Association to maintain, repair and replace the Boundary Fence. Without limitation of the rights and easements granted by this Declaration, the Declarant or Association may come upon any of the Boundary Lots for the purpose of constructing, installing, repairing, maintaining, removing, and replacing the Boundary Fence.
- 3. The rights and easements granted in this Article shall fully and finally terminate as to any Boundary Lot if: (i) the owner of the Boundary Lot gives written notice to the Association that the Association has failed to maintain the Boundary Fence on the Owner's Lot in neat and orderly condition and in good repair; and (ii) the Association fails to place the Boundary Fence on the Owner's Lot into good order and repair within ninety (90) days after the written notice.

ARTICLE III. HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

- 1. The Association. Declarant has caused the incorporation of SOMERSET HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:
 - A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs, fencing and entrances for Somerset. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on dedicated property or property subject to easements accepted by and benefiting the Association.
 - B. The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules and regulations are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may regulate, limit and restrict use of the Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility.
 - C. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of Somerset; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Somerset.
- 2. <u>Membership and Voting.</u> Somerset is divided into one hundred fourteen (114) separate single-family lots in Phase I, eighty-nine (89) separate single-family lots in Phase II, and one hundred twenty-four

(124) separate single-family iots in Phase III (collectively referred to as the "Lots"). The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.

The Owner of each Lot, whether one or more persons and entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association.

3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska, of a Declaration, executed and acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration.

Upon the filing of any Declaration which expands the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Declaration shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the Somerset Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the Association.

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- 7. Liens and Personal Obligations for Dues and Assessments. The assessments and dues, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of each Lot at the time when the dues or assessments first become due and payable. The dues and assessments together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be a charge and continuing lien upon the Lot in respect of which the dues and assessments are charged. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to the successor in title to the Owner at the time the dues and assessments become delinquent unless such dues and assessments are expressly assumed by the successors, but all successors shall take title subject to the lien for such dues and assessments, and shall be bound to inquire of the Association as to the amount of any unpaid assessments or dues.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant have caused these presents to be executed this 25 day of ANCUST, 1998.

ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation,

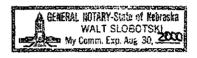
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STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>25</u> day of <u>NUGUST</u>, 1998, by Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR A PART OF SOMERSET, A SUBDIVISION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation ("Declarant").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Douglas County, Nebraska and described as follows:

Lots 204 through 327, inclusive, in Somerset, a subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot".

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Somerset, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Somerset, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Somerset.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

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- 2. For a period of fifteen years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna,

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5. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising a lot as "For Sale"; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.

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- 7. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers or similar vehicles requiring a continuous time period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours shall be permitted on any Lot at any time; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot. No unused building material, junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on the Lot except during actual building operations, and then only in as neat and inconspicuous a manner as possible.
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- 9. No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container or fuel tank shall be permitted unless completely screened from view, except for pickup purposes. No garden lawn or maintenance equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be stored or permitted to remain outside of any dwelling or suitable storage facility, except when in actual use. No garbage, refuge, rubbish or cutting shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No clothesline shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time except one umbrella-type clothesline per Lot.
- 10. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots.
- 11. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the middle line of a main residential structure unless written approval is first obtained from Declarant. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than ten (10) feet in front of the front building line. No fences or walls shall exceed a height of six (6) feet. All produce or vegetable gardens shall be maintained only in rear yards.
 - 12. No swimming pool shall be permitted which extends more than one foot above ground level.

- 13. Construction of any Improvement shall be completed within one (1) year from the date of commencement of excavation or construction of the Improvement. No excavation dirt shall be spread across any Lot in such a fashion as to materially change the contour of any Lot.
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- 15. Driveway approaches between the sidewalk and curb on each Lot shall be constructed of concrete or other approved material. Should repair or replacement of such approach be necessary, the repair or replacement shall also be of concrete or other approved material.
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ARTICLE II. BOUNDARY FENCE

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 - C. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of Somerset; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Somerset.
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Upon the filing of any Declaration which expands the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Declaration shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the Somerset Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the Association.

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- 1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. Failure by the Declarant or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- 2. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of three (3) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots covered by this Declaration.
- 3. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.
- 4. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant have caused these presents to be executed this 25 day of ANCUS, 1998.

ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation,

President

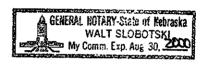
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STATE OF NEBRASKA)) ss. COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25 day of AUGUST, 1998, by Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Notary Public

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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR A PART OF SOMERSET, A SUBDIVISION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation ("Declarant").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Douglas County, Nebraska and described as follows:

Lots 204 through 327, inclusive, in Somerset, a subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot".

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Somerset, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Somerset, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Somerset.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

ARTICLE I. RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

- 1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Facility, or as a church, school, park, or for other non-profit use.
- 2. For a period of fifteen years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna,

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satellite receiving station or "discs", flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, wind mill or other external improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

- A. An owner desiring to erect an Improvement shall deliver two sets of construction plans, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein collectively referred to as the "plans"). Such plans shall include a description type, quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such Improvement. Concurrent with submission of the plans, Owner shall notify the Declarant of the Owner's mailing address.
- Declarant shall review such plans in light of the conditions and restrictions in Article I of this Declaration and in relation to the type and exterior of improvements which have been constructed, or approved for construction, on the Lots. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall be developed as a residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by Declarant in a reasonable manner to promote conformity and harmony of the external design of the Improvements constructed within the Somerset subdivision and to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots in a manner consistent with this Declaration. Atypical improvements and home designs such as dome houses, A-frame houses and flat houses will not be approved unless the Declarant determines that construction of these Improvements will not be materially inconsistent with the scheme of development contemplated by this Declaration. If Declarant determines that the external design and location of the proposed Improvement does not conform with the standards or requirements of this Declaration, does not conform with the surrounding Improvements and topography or will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring lots, if any, as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.
- C. Written Notice of any refusal to approve a proposed Improvement shall be mailed to the owner at the address specified by the owner upon submission of the plans. Such notice shall be mailed, if at all, within thirty (30) days after the date of submission of the plans. If notice of refusal is not mailed within such period, the proposed Improvement shall be deemed approved by Declarant.
- D. No Lot owner, or combination of Lot owners, or other person or persons shall have any right to any action by Declarant, or to control, direct or influence the acts of the Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Section, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.
- 3. No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling which does not exceed two and one-half stories in height. Residences on all Lots shall have a minimum front set back of twenty-five (25) feet.
- 4. The exposed front foundation wall as well as any foundation wall facing a street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with brick, decorative block, or other approved material. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block foundation walls must be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete or other approved material. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with brick, wood, or other material approved in writing by Declarant. Unless other materials are specifically approved by Declarant, the roof of all Improvements shall be covered with asphalt or other approved material shingles.

- 5. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising a lot as "For Sale"; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.
- 6. No exterior television or radio antenna or dish of any type shall be permitted on any Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an antenna or dish that is designed to receive over-the-air video programming signals, that does not exceed one meter in diameter, and that is attached directly to the residence, may be permitted provided that the location and size of the proposed antenna or dish is first approved by the Declarant, or its assigns. No tree houses, tool shed, dollhouses, windmills, or similar structures shall be permitted on any Lot.
- 7. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers or similar vehicles requiring a continuous time period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours shall be permitted on any Lot at any time; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot. No unused building material, junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on the Lot except during actual building operations, and then only in as neat and inconspicuous a manner as possible.
- 8. No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained or stored on any part of a Lot (other than in an enclosed structure) for more than twenty (20) days within a calendar year. No motor vehicle may be parked or stored outside on any Lot, except vehicles driven on a regular basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot. No grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semitractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Section 8 shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their period of construction. All residential Lots shall provide at least the minimum number of off street parking areas or spaces for private passenger vehicles required by the applicable zoning ordinances of the City of Omaha, Nebraska.
- 9. No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container or fuel tank shall be permitted unless completely screened from view, except for pickup purposes. No garden lawn or maintenance equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be stored or permitted to remain outside of any dwelling or suitable storage facility, except when in actual use. No garbage, refuge, rubbish or cutting shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No clothesline shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time except one umbrella-type clothesline per Lot.
- 10. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots.
- 11. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the middle line of a main residential structure unless written approval is first obtained from Declarant. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than ten (10) feet in front of the front building line. No fences or walls shall exceed a height of six (6) feet. All produce or vegetable gardens shall be maintained only in rear yards.
 - 12. No swimming pool shall be permitted which extends more than one foot above ground level.

- 13. Construction of any Improvement shall be completed within one (i) year from the date of commencement of excavation or construction of the Improvement. No excavation dirt shall be spread across any Lot in such a fashion as to materially change the contour of any Lot.
- 14. A public sidewalk shall be constructed of concrete four (4) feet wide by four (4) inches thick in front of each built upon Lot and upon the street sideyard of each built upon corner Lot, except that the sidewalk along the street sideyard of corner Lots 212, 231 and 276 shall be six (6) feet wide, and the sidewalk along the front of Lots 213 through 229, inclusive, shall be six (6) feet wide. The sidewalk shall be placed four (4) feet back of the street curb line except for the sidewalk on the sideyard of corner Lots 212, 231 and 276, and the frontyard of Lots 213 through 229, inclusive, shall be placed six (6) feet back of the street curb line. All sidewalks shall be constructed by the owner of the Lot prior to the time of completion of the main structure and before occupancy thereof. The requirements of this Article I, Section 14 shall vary to comply with any requirements of the City of Omaha.
- 15. Driveway approaches between the sidewalk and curb on each Lot shall be constructed of concrete or other approved material. Should repair or replacement of such approach be necessary, the repair or replacement shall also be of concrete or other approved material.
- 16. No stable or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except that a dog house constructed for one (1) dog shall be permitted; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure have been first approved by Declarant, or its assigns, if required by this Declaration. Doghouses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view; no dog runs or kennels of any sort shall be allowed. No livestock or agricultural-type animals shall be allowed in Somerset subdivision, including potbellied pigs.
- Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any side yards so as not to be visible from public view. No grass, weeds or other vegetation will be grown or otherwise permitted to commence or continue, and no dangerous, diseased or otherwise objectionable shrubs or trees will be maintained on any Lot so as to constitute an actual or potential public nuisance, create a hazard or undesirable proliferation, or detract from a neat and trim appearance. Vacant Lots shall not be used for dumping of earth or any waste materials, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of twelve (12) inches.
- 18. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally platted, is owned by one owner of such Lot, except if parts of two or more platted Lots have been combined into one Lot which is at least as wide as the narrowest Lot on the original plat, and is as large in area as the smallest Lot in the original plat.
- 19. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, outbuilding or shack shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside Somerset to any Lot unless the written approval of Declarant is first obtained.
- 20. Except for connection and access facilities, no electrical, plumbing, sprinkling, sewer or utility service lines shall be installed above ground on any Lot.

ARTICLE II. BOUNDARY FENCE

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- 1. Declarant plans to construct boundary fences along Wenninghoff Road (the "Boundary Fence"). The Boundary Fence will be situated on Lots 230, 231, and 251 through 255, inclusive, Somerset. Each of such lots are collectively referred to as the "Boundary Lots". All additional fencing constructed by owners must be approved in advance by Declarant and must in all respects be consistent with fences already constructed on Boundary Lots.
- 2. Declarant hereby declares that the Boundary Lots are subject to a permanent and exclusive right and easement in favor of Declarant and the Somerset Homeowners Association to maintain, repair and replace the Boundary Fence. Without limitation of the rights and easements granted by this Declaration, the Declarant or Association may come upon any of the Boundary Lots for the purpose of constructing, installing, repairing, maintaining, removing, and replacing the Boundary Fence.
- 3. The rights and easements granted in this Article shall fully and finally terminate as to any Boundary Lot if: (i) the owner of the Boundary Lot gives written notice to the Association that the Association has failed to maintain the Boundary Fence on the Owner's Lot in neat and orderly condition and in good repair; and (ii) the Association fails to place the Boundary Fence on the Owner's Lot into good order and repair within ninety (90) days after the written notice.

ARTICLE III. HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

- 1. The Association. Declarant has caused the incorporation of SOMERSET HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:
 - A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs, fencing and entrances for Somerset. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on dedicated property or property subject to easements accepted by and benefiting the Association.
 - B. The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules and regulations are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may regulate, limit and restrict use of the Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility.
 - C. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of Somerset; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Somerset.
- 2. <u>Membership and Voting.</u> Somerset is divided into one hundred fourteen (114) separate single-family lots in Phase I, eighty-nine (89) separate single-family lots in Phase II, and one hundred twenty-four

(124) separate single-family lots in Phase III (collectively referred to as the "Lots"). The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot.

The Owner of each Lot, whether one or more persons and entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association.

3. Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska, of a Declaration, executed and acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration.

Upon the filing of any Declaration which expands the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Declaration shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the Somerset Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the Association.

- 4. <u>Purposes and Responsibilities</u>. The Association shall have the powers conferred upon not for profit corporations by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and all powers and duties necessary and appropriate to accomplish the Purposes and administer the affairs of the Association. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors, and upon authorization of the Board of Directors by the Officers, shall include but shall not be limited to the following:
 - A. The development, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.
 - B. The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.
 - C. The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.
 - D. The exercise of all of the powers and privileges, and the performance of all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.
 - E. The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association.

- F. The deposit, investment and reinvestment of Association funds in bank accounts, securities, money market funds or accounts, mutual funds, pooled funds, certificates of deposit or the like.
- G. The employment of professionals and consultants to advise and assist the Officers and Board of Directors of the Association in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for the Association.
- H. General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing and performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.
- I. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.
- 5. <u>Imposition of Dues and Assessments</u>. The Association may fix, levy and charge the Owner of each Lot with dues and assessments (herein referred to respectively as "dues and assessments") under the following provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the dues and assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be payable at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Board.
- 6. <u>Abatement of Dues and Assessments</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues or assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant.
- 7. <u>Liens and Personal Obligations for Dues and Assessments.</u> The assessments and dues, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of each Lot at the time when the dues or assessments first become due and payable. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be a charge and continuing lien upon the Lot in respect of which the dues and assessments are charged. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to the successor in title to the Owner at the time the dues and assessments become delinquent unless such dues and assessments are expressly assumed by the successors, but all successors shall take title subject to the lien for such dues and assessments, and shall be bound to inquire of the Association as to the amount of any unpaid assessments or dues.
- 8. <u>Purpose of Dues.</u> The dues collected by the Association may be committed and expended to accomplish the purposes of the Association described in Section 1 of this Article, and to perform the Powers and Responsibilities of the Association described in Section 4 of this Article.
- 9. <u>Maximum Annual Dues</u>. Unless excess dues have been authorized by the Members in accordance with Section 10, below, the aggregate dues which may become due and payable in any year shall not exceed the greater of:
 - A. Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per Lot.
 - B. In each calendar year beginning on January 1, 1999, one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the aggregate dues charged in the previous calendar year.
- 10. <u>Assessments for Extraordinary Costs.</u> In addition to the dues, the Board of Directors may levy an assessment or assessments for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the costs of any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, maintenance, improvement, or replacement of any Common

Facility, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, and related facilities. The aggregate assessments in each calendar year shall be limited in amount to Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$200.00) per Lot.

- 11. <u>Excess Dues and Assessments</u>. With the approval of seventy-five percent of the Members of the Association, the Board of Directors may establish dues and/or assessments in excess of the maximums established in this Declaration.
- 12. <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Assessments and dues shall be fixed at a uniform rate as to all Lots, but dues may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Section 6, above.
- 13. <u>Certificate as to Dues and Assessments.</u> The Association shall, upon written request and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the dues and assessments on a specified Lot have been paid to the date of request, the amount of any delinquent sums, and the due date and amount of the next succeeding dues, assessment or installment thereof. The dues and assessment shall be and become a lien as of the date such amounts first become due and payable.
- 14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments-Remedies of the Association. Any installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues or assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot or Lots, and pursue any other legal or equitable remedy. The Association shall be entitled to recover as a part of the action and shall be indemnified against the interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to such action. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the charge and lien provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot. The mortgagee of any Lot shall have the right to cure any delinquency of an Owner by payment of all sums due, together with interest, cots and fees. The Association shall assign to such mortgagee all of its rights with respect to such lien and right of foreclosure and such mortgagee may thereupon be subrogated to any rights of the Association.
- 15. <u>Subordination of the Lien to Mortgagee</u>. The lien of dues and assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage, contract or deed of trust given as collateral for a home improvement or purchase money loan. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect or terminate the dues and assessment lien.

ARTICLE IV. EASEMENTS AND CONNECTION

- 1. A perpetual easement is further reserved in favor of the Declarant and the Association, its successors and assigns to create, install, repair, reconstruct, paint, maintain, and renew a fence, standards and related accessories located on, over and upon the rear most ten (10) foot wide strip of land abutting the rear boundary lines of Lots 230, 231, and 251 through 255, inclusive.
- 2. A temporary construction easement is hereby reserved on, over and upon a five (5) foot wide strip of land along the side boundaries of each Lot to permit the passage of equipment, machinery, and supplies for construction on adjacent Lots, such easement to be in favor of the Declarant and the builders on the Lots with common side boundaries, provided, however, that such temporary construction easement shall terminate upon completion of the home and related improvements (including, without limitation, grading, sodding, and landscaping) on the adjacent the Lot with common side boundaries and owner occupancy of such Lot.
- 3. In the event that ninety percent (90%) of all Lots within the subdivision are not improved within five (5) years after the date on which Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or U S West files notice that

it has completed installation of telephone lines to the Lots in the subdivision (herein the "Subdivision Improvement Date"), then Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or U S West may impose a connection charge on each unimproved Lot in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00). A Lot shall be considered as unimproved if construction of a permanent structure has not commenced on a Lot. Construction shall be considered as having commenced if a footing inspection has been requested on the Lot in question by officials of the City or other appropriate governmental authority.

Should such charge be implemented by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or U S West and remain unpaid, then such charge may draw interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum commencing after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the time all of the following events shall have occurred: (1) the Subdivision Improvement Date, and (2) Northwestern Bell Telephone Company or U S West sends each owner of record a written statement or billing for Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00) for each unimproved Lot.

4. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of Somerset which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 2088, Page 295).

ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. Failure by the Declarant or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- 2. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant in any manner which it may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of three (3) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots covered by this Declaration.
- 3. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.
- 4. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant have caused these presents to be executed this 25 day of ANCUST, 1998.

ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation,

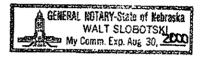
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STATE OF NEBRASKA)) ss.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25 day of AUGUST, 1998, by Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

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DECLARATION

OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR A PART OF SOMERSET, A SUBDIVISION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth, is made by ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation ("Declarant").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Declarant is the owner of certain real property located within Douglas County, Nebraska and described as follows:

Lots 328 through 427, inclusive, and Outlot 2, in Somerset, a subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Such lots, except for Outlot 2, are herein referred to collectively as the "Lots" and individually as each "Lot."

The Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities of Somerset, for the maintenance of the character and residential integrity of Somerset, and for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of Common Facilities for the use and enjoyment of the residents of Somerset.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant hereby declares that each and all of the Lots shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Lots, and the enjoyment of the residents of the Lots. These restrictions, covenants, conditions and easements shall run with such Lots and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in each Lot, or any part thereof, as is more fully described herein. The Lots, and each Lot is and shall be subject to all and each of the following conditions and other terms:

ARTICLE I. RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS

- 1. Each Lot shall be used exclusively for single-family residential purposes, except for such Lots or parts thereof as may hereafter be conveyed or dedicated by Declarant, or its successors or assigns, for use in connection with a Common Facility, or as a church, school, park, or for other non-profit use.
- 2. For a period of fifteen years after the filing of this Declaration, no residence, building, fence, wall, driveway, patio, patio enclosure, swimming pool, basketball backboards, dog house, tree house, antenna, satellite receiving station or "discs," flag pole, solar heating or cooling device, tool shed, wind mill or other external improvement, above or below the ground (herein all referred to as any "Improvement") shall be

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constructed, erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any grading or excavation for any Improvement be commenced, except for Improvements which have been approved by Declarant as follows:

- A. An owner desiring to erect an Improvement shall deliver two sets of construction plans, landscaping plans and plot plans to Declarant (herein collectively referred to as the "plans"). Such plans shall include a description type, quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such Improvement. Concurrent with submission of the plans, Owner shall notify the Declarant of the Owner's mailing address.
- Declarant shall review such plans in light of the conditions and restrictions in Article I of this Declaration and in relation to the type and exterior of improvements which have been constructed, or approved for construction, on the Lots. In this regard, Declarant intends that the Lots shall be developed as a residential community with homes constructed of high quality materials. The decision to approve or refuse approval of a proposed Improvement shall be exercised by Declarant in a reasonable manner to promote conformity and harmony of the external design of the Improvements constructed within the Somerset subdivision and to protect the values, character and residential quality of all Lots in a manner consistent with this Declaration. Atypical improvements and home designs such as dome houses, a-frame houses and flat houses will not be approved unless the Declarant determines that construction of these Improvements will not be materially inconsistent with the scheme of development contemplated by this Declaration. If Declarant determines that the external design and location of the proposed Improvement does not conform with the standards or requirements of this Declaration, does not conform with the surrounding Improvements and topography or will not protect and enhance the integrity and character of all the Lots and neighboring lots, if any, as a quality residential community, Declarant may refuse approval of the proposed Improvement.
- C. Written Notice of any refusal to approve a proposed Improvement shall be mailed to the owner at the address specified by the owner upon submission of the plans. Such notice shall be mailed, if at all, within thirty (30) days after the date of submission of the plans. If notice of refusal is not mailed within such period, the proposed Improvement shall be deemed not to be approved by Declarant.
- D. No Lot owner, or combination of Lot owners, or other person or persons shall have any right to any action by Declarant, or to control, direct or influence the acts of the Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement. No responsibility, liability or obligation shall be assumed by or imposed upon Declarant by virtue of the authority granted to Declarant in this Section, or as a result of any act or failure to act by Declarant with respect to any proposed Improvement.
- 3. No single-family residence shall be created, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one detached single-family dwelling which does not exceed two and one-half stories in height. Residences on all Lots shall have a minimum front set back of twenty-five (25) feet.
- 4. The exposed front foundation wall as well as any foundation wall facing a street of all main residential structures must be constructed of or faced with brick, decorative block, or other approved material. All exposed side and rear concrete or concrete block foundation walls must be painted. All driveways must be constructed of concrete or other approved material. All foundations shall be constructed of concrete, concrete blocks, brick or stone. Fireplace chimneys shall be covered with brick, wood, or other material approved in writing by Declarant. Unless other materials are specifically approved by Declarant, the roof of all Improvements shall be covered with asphalt or other approved material shingles.
- 5. No advertising signs, billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot except one sign per Lot consisting of not more than six (6) square feet advertising

a lot as "For Sale"; nor shall the premises be used in any way for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably disturb the owner or owners of any Lot or any resident thereof. Further, no business activities of any kind whatsoever shall be conducted on any Lot. Provided, however, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to the business activities, signs and billboards or the construction and maintenance of buildings, if any, by Declarant, their agents or assigns, during the construction and sale of the Lots.

- 6. No exterior television or radio antenna or dish of any type shall be permitted on any Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an antenna or dish that is designed to receive over-the-air programming signals, that does not exceed one meter in diameter, and that is attached directly to the residence, may be permitted, provided that the location and size of the proposed antenna or dish is first approved by the Declarant.
- 7. No repair of any boats, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, campers or similar vehicles requiring a continuous time period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours shall be permitted on any Lot at any time; nor shall vehicles offensive to the neighborhood be visibly stored, parked or abandoned on any Lot. No unused building material, junk or rubbish shall be left exposed on the Lot except during actual building operations, and then only in as neat and inconspicuous a manner as possible.
- 8. No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home, truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained or stored on any part of a Lot (other than in an enclosed structure) for more than twenty (20) days within a calendar year. No motor vehicle may be parked or stored outside on any Lot, except vehicles driven on a regular basis by the occupants of the dwelling located on such Lot. No grading or excavating equipment, tractors or semitractors/trailers shall be stored, parked, kept or maintained in any yards, driveways or streets. However, this Section 8 shall not apply to trucks, tractors or commercial vehicles which are necessary for the construction of residential dwellings during their period of construction. All residential Lots shall provide at least the minimum number of off street parking areas or spaces for private passenger vehicles required by the applicable zoning ordinances of the City of Omaha, Nebraska.
- 9. No incinerator or trash burner shall be permitted on any Lot. No garbage or trash can or container or fuel tank shall be permitted unless completely screened from view, except for pickup purposes. No garden lawn or maintenance equipment of any kind whatsoever shall be stored or permitted to remain outside of any dwelling or suitable storage facility, except when in actual use. No garbage, refuge, rubbish or cutting shall be deposited on any street, road or Lot. No clothes line shall be permitted outside of any dwelling at any time except one umbrella-type clothes line per Lot.
- 10. Exterior lighting installed on any Lot shall either be indirect or of such a controlled focus and intensity as not to disturb the residents of adjacent Lots.
- 11. No fence shall be permitted to extend beyond the middle line of a main residential structure unless written approval is first obtained from Declarant. No hedges or mass planted shrubs shall be permitted more than ten (10) feet in front of the front building line. No fences or walls shall exceed a height of six (6) feet. All produce or vegetable gardens shall be maintained only in rear yards.
 - 12. No swimming pool shall be permitted which extends more than one foot above ground level.
- 13. Construction of any Improvement shall be completed within one (1) year from the date of commencement of excavation or construction of the Improvement. No excavation dirt shall be spread across any Lot in such a fashion as to materially change the contour of any Lot.
- 14. A public sidewalk shall be constructed of concrete four (4) feet wide by four (4) inches thick in front of each built upon Lot and upon the street side of each built upon corner Lot. The sidewalk shall be placed four (4) feet back of the street curb line and shall be constructed by the owner of the Lot prior to the time of completion of the main structure and before occupancy thereof; provided, however, this provision shall vary to comply with any requirements of the City of Omaha.

- 15. Driveway approaches between the sidewalk and curb on each Lot shall be constructed of concrete or other approved material. Should repair or replacement of such approach be necessary, the repair or replacement shall also be of concrete or other approved material.
- 16. No stable or other shelter for any animal, livestock, fowl or poultry shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any Lot, except that a dog house constructed for one (1) dog shall be permitted; provided always that the construction plans, specifications and the location of the proposed structure have been first approved by Declarant, or its assigns, if required by this Declaration. Dog houses shall only be allowed at the rear of the building, concealed from public view; no dog runs or kennels of any sort shall be allowed. No livestock or agricultural-type animals shall be allowed in Somerset subdivision, including pot-bellied pigs.
- 17. Any exterior air conditioning condenser unit shall be placed in the rear yard or any side yards so as not to be visible from public view. No grass, weeds or other vegetation will be grown or otherwise permitted to commence or continue, and no dangerous, diseased or otherwise objectionable shrubs or trees will be maintained on any Lot so as to constitute an actual or potential public nuisance, create a hazard or undesirable proliferation, or detract from a neat and trim appearance. Vacant Lots shall not be used for dumping of earth or any waste materials, and no vegetation on vacant Lots shall be allowed to reach a height in excess of twelve (12) inches.
- 18. No Residence shall be constructed on a Lot unless the entire Lot, as originally platted, is owned by one owner of such Lot, except if parts of two or more platted Lots have been combined into one Lot which is at least as wide as the narrowest Lot on the original plat, and is as large in area as the smallest Lot in the original plat.
- 19. No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, outbuilding or shack shall be erected upon or used on any Lot at any time, either temporarily or permanently. No structure or dwelling shall be moved from outside Somerset to any Lot unless the written approval of Declarant is first obtained.
- 20. Except for connection and access facilities, no electrical, plumbing, sprinkling, sewer or utility service lines shall be installed above ground on any Lot.

ARTICLE II. BOUNDARY FENCE

- 1. Declarant plans to construct a boundary fence along Wenninghoff Road (the "Boundary Fence"). The Boundary Fence will be situated on the west boundary of Lots 328 and 329 and Outlot 2, Somerset. Each of such lots are collectively referred to as the "Boundary Lots." All additional fencing constructed by owners on the Boundary Lots must be approved in advance by Declarant and must in all respects be consistent with fences already constructed on Boundary Lots.
- 2. Declarant hereby declares that the Boundary Lots are subject to a permanent and exclusive right and easement in favor of Declarant and the Somerset Homeowners Association to maintain, repair and replace the Boundary Fence. Without limitation of the rights and easements granted by this Declaration, the Declarant or Association may come upon any of the Boundary Lots for the purpose of constructing, installing, repairing, maintaining, removing, and replacing the Boundary Fence.
- 3. The rights and easements granted in this Article shall fully and finally terminate as to any Boundary Lot if: (i) the owner of the Boundary Lot gives written notice to the Association that the Association has failed to maintain the Boundary Fence on the Owner's Lot in neat and orderly condition and in good repair; and (ii) the Association fails to place the Boundary Fence on the Owner's Lot into good order and repair within ninety (90) days after the written notice.

ARTICLE III. HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

- 1. The Association. Declarant has caused the incorporation of SOMERSET HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Nebraska not for profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The Association has as its purpose the promotion of the health, safety, recreation, welfare and enjoyment of the residents of the Lots, including:
 - A. The acquisition, construction, landscaping, improvement, equipment, maintenance, operation, repair, upkeep and replacement of Common Facilities for the general use, benefit and enjoyment of the Members. Common Facilities may include recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, health facilities, playgrounds and parks; dedicated and nondedicated roads, paths, ways and green areas; and signs, fencing and entrances for Somerset. Common Facilities may be situated on property owned or leased by the Association, or on dedicated property or property subject to easements accepted by and benefiting the Association.
 - B. The promulgation, enactment, amendment and enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use and enjoyment of any Common Facilities, provided always that such rules and regulations are uniformly applicable to all Members. The rules and regulations may regulate, limit and restrict use of the Common Facilities to Members, their families, their guests, and/or by other persons, who pay a fee or other charge in connection with the use or enjoyment of the Common Facility.
 - C. The exercise, promotion, enhancement and protection of the privileges and interests of the residents of Somerset; and the protection and maintenance of the residential character of Somerset.
- Membership and Voting. Somerset is divided into one hundred fourteen (114) separate single-family lots in Phase I, eighty-nine (89) separate single-family lots in Phase II, one hundred twenty-four (124) separate single-family lots in Phase III, and one hundred (100) separate single-family lots in Phase IV (collectively referred to as the "Lots"). The "Owner" of each Lot shall be a Member of this Association. For purposes of this Declaration, the term "Owner" of a Lot means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding however those parties having any interest in any of such Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation (such as a contract seller, the trustee or beneficiary of a deed of trust, or a mortgagee). The purchaser of a Lot under a land contract or similar instrument shall be considered to be the "Owner" of the Lot for purposes of this Declaration. Membership shall be appurtenant to ownership of each Lot, and may not be separated from ownership of each Lot. The Owner of each Lot, whether one or more persons and entities, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter properly coming before the Members of the Association.
- Additional Lots. Declarant reserves the right, without consent or approval of any Owner or Member, to expand the property to which this Declaration is applicable to include additional residential lots in any subdivision which is contiguous to any of the Lots. Such expansion may be affected from time to time by the Declarant by recordation with the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska, of an Amendment of Declaration, executed and acknowledged by Declarant, setting forth the identity of the additional residential lots which shall become subject to this Declaration. Upon the filing of any Amendment to Declaration which expands the property subject to this Declaration, the additional residential lots identified in the Amendment shall be considered to be and shall be included in the "Lots" for all purposes under this Declaration, and the Owners of the additional residential lots shall be Members of the Somerset Homeowners Association with all rights, privileges and obligations accorded or accruing to Members of the Association.

4. <u>Purposes and Responsibilities</u>. The Association shall have the powers conferred upon not for profit corporations by the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and all powers and duties necessary and appropriate to accomplish the Purposes and administer the affairs of the Association. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors, and upon authorization of the Board of Directors by the Officers, shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

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- A. The development, operation and administration of Common Facilities, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations relating to the Common Facilities.
- B. The fixing, levying, collecting, abatement, and enforcement of all charges, dues, or assessments made pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.
- C. The expenditure, commitment and payment of Association funds to accomplish the purposes of the Association including, but not limited to, payment for purchase of insurance covering any Common Facility against property damage and casualty, and purchase of liability insurance coverages for the Association, the Board of Directors of the Association and the Members.
- D. The exercise of all of the powers and privileges, and the performance of all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- E. The acquisition by purchase or otherwise, holding, or disposition of any right, title or interest in real or personal property, wherever located, in connection with the affairs of the Association.
- F. The deposit, investment and reinvestment of Association funds in bank accounts, securities, money market funds or accounts, mutual funds, pooled funds, certificates of deposit or the like.
- G. The employment of professionals and consultants to advise and assist the Officers and Board of Directors of the Association in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for the Association.
- H. General administration and management of the Association, and execution of such documents and doing and performance of such acts as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such administration or management.
- I. The doing and performing of such acts, and the execution of such instruments and documents, as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Association.
- 5. <u>Imposition of Dues and Assessments</u>. The Association may fix, levy and charge the Owner of each Lot with dues and assessments (herein referred to respectively as "dues and assessments") under the following provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the dues and assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Association and shall be payable at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Board.
- 6. <u>Abatement of Dues and Assessments</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may abate all or part of the dues or assessments due in respect of any Lot, and shall abate all dues and assessments due in respect of any Lot during the period such Lot is owned by the Declarant.

- 7. <u>Liens and Personal Obligations for Dues and Assessments</u>. The assessments and dues, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of each Lot at the time when the dues or assessments first become due and payable. The dues and assessments, together with interest thereon, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be a charge and continuing lien upon the Lot in respect of which the dues and assessments are charged. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to the successor in title to the Owner at the time the dues and assessments become delinquent unless such dues and assessments are expressly assumed by the successors, but all successors shall take title subject to the lien for such dues and assessments, and shall be bound to inquire of the Association as to the amount of any unpaid assessments or dues.
- 8. <u>Purpose of Dues</u>. The dues collected by the Association may be committed and expended to accomplish the purposes of the Association described in Section 1 of this Article, and to perform the Powers and Responsibilities of the Association described in Section 3 of this Article.
- 9. <u>Maximum Annual Dues</u>. Unless excess dues have been authorized by the Members in accordance with Section 10, below, the aggregate dues which may become due and payable in any year shall not exceed the greater of:
 - A. Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per Lot.
 - B. In each calendar year beginning on January 1, 2001, one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the aggregate dues charged in the previous calendar year.
- 10. Assessments for Extraordinary Costs. In addition to the dues, the Board of Directors may levy an assessment or assessments for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the costs of any acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, painting, maintenance, improvement, or replacement of any Common Facility, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, and related facilities. The aggregate assessments in each calendar year shall be limited in amount to Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$200.00) per Lot.
- 11. Excess Dues and Assessments. With the approval of seventy-five percent of the Members of the Association, the Board of Directors may establish dues and/or assessments in excess of the maximums established in this Declaration.
- 12. <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Assessments and dues shall be fixed at a uniform rate as to all Lots, but dues may be abated as to individual Lots, as provided in Section 6, above.
- 13. <u>Certificate as to Dues and Assessments</u>. The Association shall, upon written request and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the dues and assessments on a specified Lot have been paid to the date of request, the amount of any delinquent sums, and the due date and amount of the next succeeding dues, assessment or installment thereof. The dues and assessment shall be and become a lien as of the date such amounts first become due and payable.
- 14. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments-Remedies of the Association. Any installment of dues or assessment which is not paid when due shall be delinquent. Delinquent dues or assessment shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the Lot or Lots, and pursue any other legal or equitable remedy. The Association shall be entitled to recover as a part of the action and shall be indemnified against the interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Association with respect to such action. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the charge and lien provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot. The mortgagee of any Lot shall have the right to cure any delinquency of an Owner by payment of all sums due, together with interest, cots and fees. The Association shall assign to such mortgagee all of its rights with respect to such lien and right of foreclosure and such mortgagee may thereupon be subrogated to any rights of the Association.

15. <u>Subordination of the Lien to Mortgagee</u>. The lien of dues and assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage, contract or deed of trust given as collateral for a home improvement or purchase money loan. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect or terminate the dues and assessment lien.

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ARTICLE IV. EASEMENTS AND CONNECTION

- 1. A temporary construction easement is hereby reserved on, over and upon a five (5) foot wide strip of land along side the boundaries of each Lot to permit the passage of equipment, machinery, and supplies for construction on adjacent Lots, such easement to be in favor of the Declarant and the builders on the Lots with common side boundaries, provided, however, that such temporary construction easement shall terminate upon completion of the home and related improvements (including, without limitation, grading, sodding, and landscaping) on the Lot and Owner occupancy at such Lot.
- 2. A perpetual easement is further reserved in favor of the Declarant and the Association, its successors and assigns to create, install, repair, reconstruct, paint, maintain, and renew a fence, standards and related accessories located on, over and upon the westerly most ten (10) foot wide strip of land abutting the west boundary lines of Lots 328 and 329 and Outlot 2.
- 3. In the event that ninety percent (90%) of all Lots within the subdivision are not improved within five (5) years after the date on which Qwest Communications files notice that it has completed installation of telephone lines to the Lots in the subdivision (herein the "Subdivision Improvement Date"), then Qwest Communications may impose a connection charge on each unimproved Lot in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00). A Lot shall be considered as unimproved if construction of a permanent structure has not commenced on a Lot. Construction shall be considered as having commenced if a footing inspection has been requested on the Lot in question by officials of the City or other appropriate governmental authority.

Should such charge be implemented by Qwest Communications and remain unpaid, then such charge may draw interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum commencing after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the time all of the following events shall have occurred: (1) the Subdivision Improvement Date, and (2) Qwest Communications sends each owner of record a written statement or billing for Four Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$450.00) for each unimproved Lot.

4. Other easements are provided for in the final plat of Somerset which is filed in the Register of Deeds of Douglas County, Nebraska (Book 2167, Page 662).

ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Except for the authority and powers specifically granted to the Declarant, the Declarant or any owner of a Lot named herein shall have the right to enforce by a proceeding at law or in equity, all reservations, restrictions, conditions and covenants now or hereinafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration either to prevent or restrain any violation or to recover damages or other dues of such violation. Failure by the Declarant or by any owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- 2. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded. This Declaration may be amended by Declarant, or any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or entity designated in writing by Declarant in any manner which it

may determine in its full and absolute discretion for a period of five (5) years from the date hereof. Thereafter this Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots covered by this Declaration.

- 3. Declarant, or its successor or assign, may terminate its status as Declarant under this Declaration, at any time, by filing a Notice of Termination of Status as Declarant. Upon such filing, Association may appoint itself or another entity, association or individual to serve as Declarant, and such appointee shall thereafter serve as Declarant with the same authority and powers as the original Declarant.
- 4. Invalidation of any covenant by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the other provisions hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant have caused these presents to be executed this 30th day of January , 2001.

ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation,

By: Michael F. Rogers President

STATE OF NEBRASKA) ss.:

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30th day of January , 2001, by Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

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RICHARD N. TAKECHI REGISTER OF DEEDS DOUGLAS COUNTY, NE

SIDEWALK EASEMENT

This indenture made this <u>20</u> day of April, 1998, by and between ROGERS BROS., INC. (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"), and SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 386 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee").

WITNESSETH:

That Grantor, in consideration of the sum of One and no/100 Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant and convey to Grantee, its successors and assigns, a perpetual easement for the construction and maintenance of sidewalks over the north three feet (3') of Lots 212 through 229, inclusive, Lot 231, and the west three feet (3') of Lot 276, Somerset, a subdivision, as surveyed, platted and recorded in Douglas County, Nebraska, more specifically located and described on Exhibits A, B, C and D attached hereto which is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Easement by reference.

To have and to hold said Easement and right-of-way unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, in perpetuity. The approval of this term by Grantor and its successors and assigns shall be shown by recording this document with the Douglas County Register of Deeds. This Easement and the license contained herein is given without any warranty whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has caused this Easement to be signed on the day and year first above written.

ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation,

STATE OF NEBRASKA

) ss.:

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

On this 30 day of April, 1998, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified for said county, personally came Michael F. Rogers, President of ROGERS BROS., INC., a Nebraska corporation, to me personally known to be the person whose name is affixed to the foregoing instrument in that capacity and who acknowledge the same to be his voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the day and year last above written.

Notary Public

My commission expires the 30 day of

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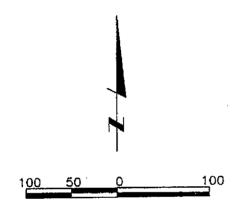
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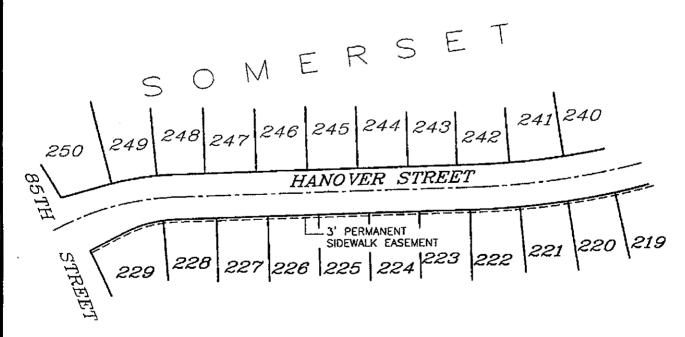
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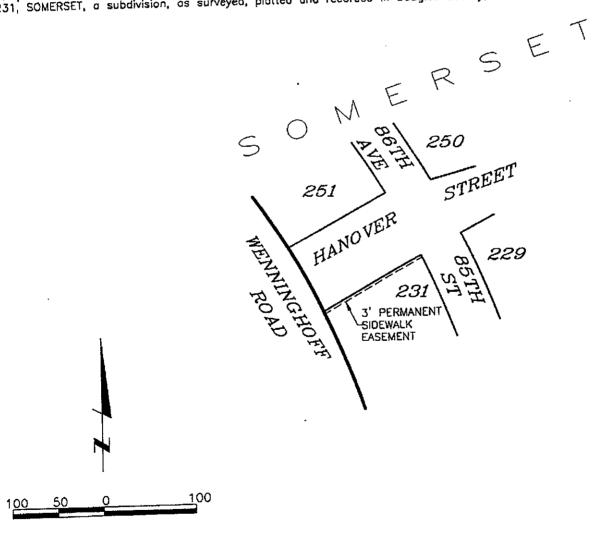
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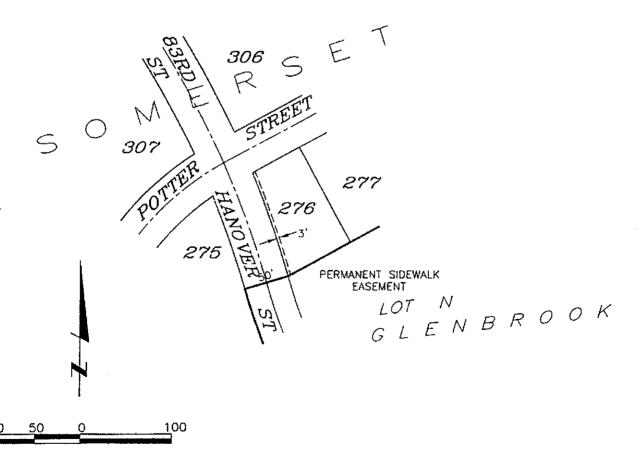
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