

THIS DECLARATION,  
By AMERICAN CENTRAL CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, hereinafter  
called Developer.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Developer is the owner of the real property described in Article II of this declaration and desires to create thereon a residential community with permanent parks, playgrounds, open spaces and other common facilities for the benefit of the said community; and

WHEREAS, Developer desires to provide for the preservation of the values and amenities in said community and for the maintenance of said parks, playgrounds, open spaces and other common facilities; and, to this end, desires to subject the real property described in Article II together with such additions as may hereafter be made thereto (as provided in Article II) to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens, hereinafter set forth, each and all of which is and are for the benefit of said property and each owner thereof; and

WHEREAS, Developer has deemed it desirable, for the efficient preservation of the values and amenities in said community, to create an agency to which should be delegated and assigned the powers of maintaining and administering the community properties and facilities and administering and enforcing the covenants and restrictions and collecting and disbursing the assessments and charges hereinafter created; and

WHEREAS, Developer will incorporate or cause to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia, as a non-profit corporation, The Sherwood Forest Shores Association, for the purpose of exercising the functions aforesaid;

NOW THEREFORE, the Developer declares that the real property described in Article II, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be made pursuant to Article II hereof, shall be transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens (sometimes referred to as "covenants and restrictions") hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. The following words when used in this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration (unless the context shall prohibit) shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Association" shall mean and refer to the Sherwood Forest Shores Association.

(b) "The Properties" shall mean and refer to all such

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American Central  
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Declaration

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existing properties, and additions thereto, as are subject to this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration under the provisions of Article II hereof.

(c) "Common Properties" shall mean and refer to those areas of land shown on any recorded subdivision plat of The Properties and intended to be devoted to the common use and enjoyment of the owners of The Properties.

(d) "Original Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any original recorded subdivision map of The Properties with the exception of Common Properties as heretofore defined.

(e) "Owner" shall mean and refer to the equitable owner whether one or more persons or entities holding any original lot, whether such ownership be in fee simple title or as land contract vendee, notwithstanding any applicable theory of the mortgage, shall not mean or refer to the mortgagee except if the mortgagee has acquired title pursuant to foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure.

(f) "Member" shall mean and refer to all those owners who are members of the Association as provided in Article III, Section 1 hereof.

## ARTICLE II

### PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION:

#### ADDITIONS THERETO

Section 1. Existing Property. The real property which is, and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to this Declaration is located in Fairfield Magisterial District, Northumberland County, Virginia, and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the northern line of the 50' road leading to Locksley Hall Dwelling where said line intersects the property adjoining Locksley Hall Property on the west, called the T. O. Covington Tract; thence from said point of beginning N. 26° 14' W., 147.67 feet; thence N. 19° 44' W., 334.32 feet; thence N. 24° 17' W., 173.51 feet; thence N. 21° 11' W., 180.77 feet; thence N. 13° 13' E., 198.53 feet; thence N. 18° 19' E., 113.69 feet; thence down a ditch N. 62° 27' E., 61.16 feet; thence N. 74° 40' E., 85.80 feet; thence N. 63° 44' E., 664.60 feet; thence N. 62° 13' E., 249.48 feet; thence N. 33° 13' E., 820 feet, more or less, to a point "X" on Cod Creek; along the edge of Cod Creek and Little Wicomico River 13,250 feet, more or less, to a point "Y"; thence with a line leaving Little Wicomico River S. 15° 00' W., 160 feet, more or less; thence S. 45° 00' W., 2,970 feet; thence S. 14° 34' 30" E., 920 feet; thence S. 75° 25' 30" W., 1,300 feet; thence N. 14° 37' 15" W., 513.28 feet; thence S. 86° 19' 15" W., 230.48 feet; thence S. 66° 37' 15" W., 296.81 feet; thence S. 21° 09' 50" E., 720.01 feet; thence S. 74°



53' 10" W., 1090.12 feet; thence S. 3° 13' W., 309.22 feet; thence S. 30° 15' W., 203.32 feet; thence S. 20° 00' 30" W., 131.05 feet; thence S. 75° 06' 30" W., 292.68 feet; thence N. 11° 33' 30" E., 865.45 feet; thence N. 0° 03' 30" E., 1362.44 feet; thence N 89° 56' 30" W., 375.92 feet; thence S. 0° 03' 30" W., 117.13 feet; thence S. 43° 02' 50" W., 1658.05 feet; thence S. 63° 44' W., 1056.22 feet; thence S. 13° 23' 30" W., 247.19 feet; thence S. 21° 53' E., 822.58 feet; thence S. 73° 18' 25" W., 50.70 feet to the point of beginning and containing 210 acres, all as shown on a map of Locksley Hall, made by LaPrade Bros., Civil Engineers, dated November 7, 1946, and revised on March 13, 1958, to show Parcel 1 and Parcel 1A.; together with the right of ingress and egress thereto over the roads and ways of the property of the parties of the first part.

BEING the same real estate conveyed to Somers M. Wilton, O. J. Pruitt and F. G. Pruitt, also known as F. G. Pruitt, Jr. from Arthur E. Wilton, and wife, by Deed dated March 14, 1958, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Northumberland County, Virginia, in Deed Book 107, page 550. The said Somers M. Wilton, and wife, conveyed his one-third undivided interest in the property to F. G. Pruitt, Jr., by Deed dated April 21, 1964, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 125, page 12.

being platted as lots number 1 thru 494, all of which real property shall hereinafter be referred to as "Existing Property".

Section 2. Additional Lands may become subject to this Declaration.

(a) The Developer, its successors and assigns, at any time prior to December 31, 1975, shall have the right to bring additional lands into the scheme of this Declaration. Such proposed additions if made shall become subject to assessment for their just share of Association expenses. The Common Properties within all such additions shall be devoted to the common use and enjoyment of all owners of properties which are subject to this Declaration. The Developer's rights to bring additional lands into the Declaration shall not be held to bind the Developer, its successors or assigns, to make the proposed additions or to adhere to the scheme in any subsequent development of the land described herein. The additions authorized under this and the succeeding sub-sections shall be made by filing of record a Supplementary Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions with respect to the additional property which shall extend the scheme of the Covenants and Restrictions of this Declaration to such property. Such Supplementary Declarations may contain such complementary additions and modifications of the Covenants and Restrictions contained in this Declaration as may be necessary to reflect the different character, if any, of the added prop-

erties and as are not inconsistent with the scheme of this Declaration. In no event, however, shall such Supplementary Declaration revoke, modify or add to the Covenants established by this Declaration within the existing property.

(b) Other Additions. Upon approval in writing of the Association pursuant to a vote of its members as provided in its Articles of Incorporation, the owner of any property who desires to add it to the scheme of this Declaration and to subject it to the jurisdiction of the Association, may file or record a Supplementary Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, as described in subsection (a) hereof.

(c) Mergers. Upon a merger or consolidation of the Association with another association as provided in its Articles of Incorporation, its properties, rights and obligations may, by operation of law, be transferred to another surviving or consolidated association or, alternatively, the properties, rights and obligations of another association may, by operation of law, be added to the properties, rights and obligations of the Association as a surviving corporation pursuant to a merger. The surviving or consolidated association may administer the covenants and restrictions established by this Declaration within the Existing Property together with the covenants and restrictions established upon any other properties as one scheme. No such merger or consolidation, however, shall effect any revocation, change or addition to the Covenants established by this Declaration within the Existing Property except as hereinafter provided.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS IN THE ASSOCIATION

##### Section 1. Membership.

(a) Every person or entity who holds an equitable interest or an undivided equitable interest in any original lot whether as land contract vendee or fee holder being subject to these covenants and to assessment by the Association shall be a member of the Association provided that any such person or entity who holds such interest merely as a security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a member.

(b) Persons not holding an interest in any lot may become non-voting members of the Association under terms and conditions prescribed by the Board of Directors.

##### Section 2. Voting Rights.

The Association shall have one class of voting membership. Voting members shall be all those members who hold the interests required for Membership in Article III in Section 1 (a) above.



When more than one person holds such interest or interests in any original lot, all such persons shall be members and the vote for such lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine. In no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any such Original Lot.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### PROPERTY RIGHTS IN THE COMMON PROPERTIES

Section 1. Members' Easements of Enjoyment. Subject to the provisions of Article IV in Section 3, every member shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Properties and such easement shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Original Lot.

Section 2. Title to Common Properties. The Developer may retain the legal title to the Common Properties until such time as, in the opinion of the Developer, the Association is able to maintain the same and to meet any existing obligations which may be a lien thereon, notwithstanding any provision herein, the Developer hereby covenants, for itself, its successors and assigns, that it shall convey the Common Properties to the Association not later than January 1, 1970.

Section 3. Extent of Members' Easements. The rights and easements of enjoyment created hereby shall be subject to the following:

(a) The right of the Developer and of the Association, in accordance with its Articles and By-Laws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Properties and in aid thereof to mortgage said properties. The members' rights and easements in the Common Properties shall be subordinate to any mortgage given by the Developer or Association as security for funds borrowed for the said improvements. Any indebtedness which shall be created for the purpose of making improvements to the Common Properties shall be an obligation of the Association. In the event of a default upon any such mortgage, the lender or mortgagee shall have all the rights afforded under the mortgage or security agreement and under the laws of the State of Virginia, including the right after taking possession of The Properties, to charge admission and other fees as a condition to continued enjoyment by the members, and if necessary to open the enjoyment of such properties to a wider public. If the mortgage indebtedness is satisfied and possession of the Properties returned to the Association, all rights of the members hereunder shall be restored; and

(b) The right of the Association to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to protect the above described properties against foreclosure; and

(c) The right of the Association, as provided in its Articles and By-Laws, to suspend the enjoyment rights of any member for any period during which any assessment remains unpaid, and for any period not to exceed thirty (30) days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations; and

(d) The right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of the Common Properties.

#### ARTICLE V

##### COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

##### Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments.

The Developer being the owner of all The Properties hereby covenants and each subsequent owner by acceptance of a conveyance therefor, whether or not it shall be expressed in any such deed or conveyance, be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges; (2) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be fixed, established and collected from time to time as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with such interest thereon and cost of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with such interest thereon and cost of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents in The Properties and in particular for the improvement and maintenance of properties, services and facilities devoted to this purpose and related to the use and enjoyment of the Common Properties and of the homes situated upon The Properties, including but not limited to, the payment of taxes and insurance thereon and repair, replacement and additions thereto, and for the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and supervision thereof.

Section 3. Basis and Amount of Annual Assessments. The annual assessment shall be \$28.50 per original lot. The Board of Directors of the Association may, after consideration of



current maintenance costs and future needs of the Association, fix the actual assessment for any year at a lesser amount.

Section 4. Special Assessment for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized by Section 3 hereof, the Association may levy in any assessment year a special assessment, applicable to that year only, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction or reconstruction, unexpected repair or replacement of a described capital improvement upon the Common Properties, including the necessary fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided any such assessment shall have the affirmative of two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) of the votes of all voting members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members at least thirty (30) days in advance and shall set forth the purpose of the meeting.

Section 5. Change in Basis and Maximum of Annual Assessments. Subject to the limitations of Section 3 hereof, and for the periods therein specified, the Association may change the maximum and basis of the assessments fixed by Section 3 hereof prospectively for any such period provided that any such change shall have the assent of two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) of the voting members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose written notice of which shall be sent to all members at least thirty (30) days in advance and shall set forth the purpose of the meeting, provided further than the limitations of Section 3 hereof shall not apply to any change in the maximum and basis of the assessments undertaken as an incident to a merger or consolidation in which the Association is authorized to participate under its Articles of Incorporation and under Article II, Section 2, hereof.

Section 6. Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Sections 4 and 5. The quorum required for any action authorized by Sections 4 and 5 hereof shall be as follows:

At the first meeting called, as provided in Sections 4 and 5 hereof, the presence at the meeting of Members or of proxies, entitled to cast sixty (60) percent of all the votes of the membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called, subject to the notice requirement set forth in Sections 4 and 5, and the required quorum at any such subsequent meeting shall be one-half ( $1/2$ ) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting, provided that no such subsequent meeting shall be held more than

sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence on the first day of March, 1966. The assessment for each succeeding year shall become due and payable on the first day of March of each year. No adjustments or prorations of assessments shall be made by the Association. For purposes of levying the assessment, assessments shall be considered as paid in advance and shall be levied against any property which is subject to this Declaration or Supplementary Declarations. The due date of any special assessment under Section 4 hereof shall be fixed in the Resolution authorizing such assessment.

Section 8. Duties of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Association shall prepare a roster of the properties and assessments applicable thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of such assessment due date. Such assessment roster shall be kept in the office of the Association and shall be open to inspection by any owner.

Written notice of the assessment shall thereupon be sent to every owner subject thereto.

The Association shall upon demand at any time furnish to any owner liable for said assessment a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association, setting forth whether said assessment has been paid. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any assessment therein stated to have been paid.

Section 9. Effect of Non-Payment of Assessment: The Personal Obligation of the Owner; The Lien; Remedies of Association. If the assessments are not paid on the date when due (being the dates specified in Section 7 hereof), then such assessment shall become delinquent and shall, together with such interest thereon and cost of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, thereupon becoming a continuing lien on the property which shall bind such property in the hands of the then owner, his heirs, devisees, personal representatives and assigns. The personal obligation of the then owner to pay such assessment, however, shall remain his personal obligation for the statutory period and shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, a penalty fee not to exceed \$2.00 shall be added thereto and from that date interest at the rate of six (6) percent per annum may be added to the delinquent balance and penalty and the Association may bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same or to foreclose



the lien against the property. There shall be added to such assessment, delinquent fee and interest, the cost of preparing and filing Complaint in such action and in the event that Judgment is obtained, such Judgment shall include interest on the total amount as above provided and reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court together with the costs of the action.

Section 10. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage or mortgages now or hereafter placed upon the properties subject to assessment; provided, however that such subordination shall apply only to the assessments which have become due and payable prior to a sale or transfer of such property pursuant to a decree of foreclosure, or any other proceeding in lieu of foreclosure. Such sale or transfer shall not relieve such property from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due, nor from the lien of any such subsequent assessment.

Section 11. Exempt Property. The following property subject to this Declaration shall be exempted from the assessments, charge and lien created herein: (a) all properties to the extent of any easement or other interest therein dedicated and accepted by the local public authority and devoted to public use; (b) all Common Properties as defined in Article I, Section 1 hereof; (c) all properties exempted from taxation by the laws of the State of Virginia, upon the terms and to the extent of such legal exemption.

Notwithstanding any provisions herein, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments, charges or liens.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Section 1. Review by Committee. No building, fence, wall or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon The Properties, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Board of Directors of the Association, or by an architectural committee composed of three (3) or more representatives appointed by the Board. In the event said board or its designated committee fail to approve or disapprove such design and location within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted

to it, or in any event, if no suit to enjoin the addition, alteration or change has been commenced prior to the completion thereof, approval will not be required and this Article will be deemed to have been fully complied with.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### BUILDING AND USE LIMITATIONS

Section 1. All lots of Sherwood Forest Shores Subdivision shall be limited to residential use.

No building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any lot other than one or two family dwelling and private garages or out-buildings incidental thereto. All dwellings must have a minimum enclosed living area of 620 square feet exclusive of open porches or attached garages. All structures shall be completed on the exterior within six (6) months from start of construction. No structure of a temporary nature, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other out-building shall be occupied or stored on any lot either temporarily or permanently. No structure shall be located nearer than 25 feet to the front property line, nor nearer to the roadway than the setback line which is indicated on the recorded plat. No structure shall be located nearer than 10 feet from any side lot line. No sign or any kind of advertising device shall be displayed to the public view on any lot except one professional sign of not more than one (1) foot square, other than signs used by a builder to advertise a new home previously unoccupied.

Section 2. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised or kept on any lot except dogs, cats or other household pets provided that they shall not be so maintained for any commercial purpose.

Trash, garbage or any other waste material shall be kept in sanitary containers or incinerators. Equipment for the storage or disposal of such materials shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

All structures must be equipped with inside plumbing facilities. All sanitary plumbing shall conform with the minimum requirements and be approved by the Health Department of Northumberland County, Virginia.

Section 3. No well shall be placed on any lot in Sherwood Forest Shores Subdivision.

Section 4. Easements. Easements are reserved along and within 10 feet of the rear line and sidelines of all original lots in the subdivision for the construction and perpetual maintenance of conduits, poles, wires and fixtures for electric lights, telephones and other public and quasipublic utilities



and drainage and to trim any trees which at any time may interfere or threaten to interfere with the maintenance of such lines with right of ingress to and egress from and across said premises to employees of said utilities. Said easement to also extend along any owner's side and rear property lines in cases of fractional lots. The person owning more than one lot may build on such lot line and the easement shall be inoperative as to said line provided that such building shall be placed thereon prior to the instigation of use of this easement for one of the foregoing purposes.

It shall not be considered a violation of the provision of easement if wires or cables carried by such pole lines pass over some portion of said properties not within the five foot wide easement as long as such lines do not hinder the construction of buildings on the property.

Section 5. Variance. The purpose of the foregoing Building and Use Limitations being to insure the use of the properties for attractive residential uses, to prevent nuisances, to prevent impairment of the attractiveness of the property, to maintain the desirability of the community and thereby secure to each owner the full benefits and enjoyments to his home with no greater restriction upon the free and undisturbed use of his property than are necessary to insure the same advantages to other owners. Any reasonable change, modification or addition to the foregoing shall be considered by the Developer and the Association and if so approved will then be submitted in writing to the abutting property owners and if so consented to in writing shall be recorded and when recorded shall be binding as the original Covenants.

The foregoing Building and Use Limitations shall not apply to the Common Properties.

#### ARTICLE VIII GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Duration. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by The Association, or the owner of any land subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns for a term of twenty years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless an instrument signed by the then owners of two-thirds of the original lots has been recorded, agreeing to change said covenants and restrictions in whole or in part. Provided, however, that no

such agreement to change shall be effective unless made and recorded three (3) years in advance of the effective date of such change, and unless written notice of the proposed agreement is sent to every owner at least ninety (90) days in advance of any action taken.

Section 2. Notices. Any notice required to be sent to any member or owner under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, postpaid, to the last known address of the person who appears as a member or owner on the records of the Association at the time of such mailing.

Section 3. Enforcement. Enforcement of these covenants and restrictions shall be by any proceeding at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any covenant or restriction, either to restrain violation or to recover damages, and against the land to enforce any lien created by these covenants; and failure by the Association or 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.

Section 4. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE AMERICAN CENTRAL CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, by resolution of its Board of Directors, has caused these presents to be executed and to be signed by its President and its Corporation seal to be affixed hereto this 1st day of November, 1965.

AMERICAN CENTRAL CORPORATION OF  
VIRGINIA

BY:

Don L. Foote, President

ATTEST:

Carl A. Hager  
Carl A. Hager, Secretary-Treasurer

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF INGHAM, to-wit:

I, Carolyn F. Esch, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that Don L. Foote and Carl A. Hager, President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively, of the American Central Corporation of Virginia, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 1st day of November, 1965.

CAROLYN F. ESCH

Notary Public Ingham County, Mich.  
My Commission Expires JULY 15, 1969

Carolyn F. Esch  
Notary Public

My commission expires 7/15/69