OAK WILT POLICY
for
STEINER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC.

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

I, RON LEVIN, Secretary of Steiner Ranch Master Association, Inc. (the "**Association**"), do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association (the "**Board**") duly called and held on the 28th day of February, 2017, with at least a quorum of the Board members being present and remaining throughout, and being duly authorized to transact business, the following Oak Wilt Policy was duly approved by a majority vote of the members of the Board:

RECITALS:

1. Article III, Section 3.04(A) of the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Steiner Ranch filed in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Travis County, Texas in Volume 13008, Page 0756, *et seq.*, as amended (the "**Declaration**") authorizes the Association's Board of Directors to promulgate or modify rules, regulations, and Bylaws, as it deems proper, covering any and all aspects of the Development (including the operation, maintenance and preservation thereof) or the Association.

2. Article VI, Section 6.1(d) of the Association's Seconded Amended and Restated Bylaws provides the Board has the power to establish policies relating to providing for the operation, care, upkeep and maintenance of all Master Common Areas, including entering into a contract to provide for such operation, care, upkeep and maintenance.

3. The Board of Directors of the Association desires to adopt an oak wilt policy to keep the Development attractive for the enjoyment of the Owners and residents and for the protection of property and property values.

4. This Oak Wilt Policy ("**Policy**") replaces and supersedes any previous oak wilt policy, if any, adopted by the Association.

5. All capitalized terms in this Policy will have the same meanings as that ascribed to them in the Declaration.

POLICY:

The Association, through its Board of Directors, has and may exercise discretionary authority concerning restrictive covenants, rules, and regulations in the Development. The Board of Directors desires to adopt a policy relating to oak wilt as follows:

Section 1. Information Relating to Oak Wilt.

1.1. Disclosure. Oak Wilt is a disease that has been recognized as causing massive tree losses in the Texas Hill County. Losses vary with location, with the greatest losses occurring in the Hill Country. A management program has been developed through Texas A&M University which involves the use of cultural and chemical controls. Live Oak, Shumard Red Oak, Southern Red Oak, Spanish Oak, Blackjack Oak, Pin Oak and Water Oak are native oak species that are susceptible to the Oak Wilt fungus. They are members of the Red Oak group and will normally die in a few weeks to months after symptoms are observed, however, the White Oak group, including Bur Oaks, White Oaks and Post Oaks, are less susceptible to the disease but also may die from oak wilt. This information was obtained from the United States Department of Agriculture and USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station, New Orleans, Louisiana, How to Identify and Manage Oak Wilt in Texas, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

1.2. Identification. Foliar symptoms can be identified from yellowing or browning of veins of the leaves. For further identification see Exhibit "A". Upon identification, either by self-diagnosis or notification by the Association, an Owner must follow the procedures set forth in this Policy to prevent the spread of Oak Wilt.

Section 2. Treatment/Prevention.

2.1. Pruning. Oak tree pruning is prohibited from February 1st to June 30th as this is the period in which trees are most at risk of infection. Pruning of trees may be performed when possible from July 1st to January 1st. Pruned trees and/or wounds must be immediately protected with tree paint (i.e., Treekote Tree Compound). Additionally, it is recommended that pruning tools and blades be sterilized prior to and in between cutting any oak trees as a precaution.

2.2. Firewood. Firewood originating from oak trees must be stored away from healthy trees to prevent the spread of the disease. It is recommended the firewood be covered and sealed by clear plastic to prevent disease-baring insects from escaping.

Section 3. Enforcement.

3.1. Interpretation. In the event of any dispute regarding the effect or application of this Policy, the interpretation of the Board of the Association will be final.

3.2. Fines. The Association may impose fines for violation of the provisions of this Policy pursuant to the procedures of the Association's Fine and Enforcement Policy.

3.3. Legal Action. The Association may initiate, defend or intervene in any action or lawsuit brought to enforce any provision of this Policy, and may seek recovery for damages for and injunctive relief against the breach of any provision hereof and may recover attorney's fees and costs associated with such action or lawsuit.

3.4. Disclaimer. This policy and the exhibits attached hereto are not a substitute for the consultation and recommendations of an arborist professional. The Association strongly encourages the consultation of an arborist professional in the event of Oak Wilt. The Association accepts no liability for any information contained in this policy and the exhibits attached hereto.

I hereby certify that I am the acting Secretary of the Association and that the foregoing Oak Wilt Policy was approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors as set forth above and now appears in the books and records of the Association, to be effective upon recording in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Travis County, Texas.

TO CERTIFY which witness my hand this the 30 day of March, 2017.

STEINER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: Ron Levin

Printed: Ron Levin

Its: Secretary

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, on this 30 day of March 2017 personally appeared Ron Levin, Secretary of Steiner Ranch Master Association, Inc., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purpose and in the capacity therein expressed.

JOANNA KAYE MORGAN
Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 12-02-2019
Notary ID 124234863

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas