

STATE OF TEXAS	)	
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COUNTY OF HARRIS	)	

WHEREAS, OAK FOREST CORPORATION, a Texas Corporation, is the owner of the following described tract of land out of the DAVID HENSON SURVEY, in Harris County, Texas, particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Being 6.537 acres of land situated in the David Henson Survey, Harris County, Texas, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the west line of Oak Forest Drive, as per plat of Section 3, Oak Forest Addition, said point being located West 2177.11 feet and 3.8° 03' 3" 1982.65 feet from the northeast corner of the David Henson Survey;

THENCE S. 6° 03' E. 300 feet along the west line of said Oak Forest Drive to the northeast corner of Block 40, Oak Forest Addition, Section 3;

THENCE, following the north line of a 14 Block 40; S. 81° 57' W. 205.18 feet; 5.72° 03' 13" W. 109.80 feet; S 57° 48' 50" W. 209.70 feet; and 5.43° 22' 10" W. 209.541 to a point for corner, said point being a corner of said Block 10;

THENCE N. 53° 51' (?) crossing the east line of Curtin Road at 120 feet and the west line of Curtin Road at 180 feet, in all 300 feet to a point for corner.

THENCE N. 43° 45' 27" E. 334.14 feet;

THENCE N. 63° 35' 04" E. 433.96 feet;

THENCE N. 81° 37' E. 307.62 feet to the place of beginning.

And said Corporation has subdivided and platted said property as shown by the map of Oak Forest, Section 7 filed in Harris County Clerk's Office, on the 21st day of June, 1949, under County Clerk's File No. 638503...

WHEREAS, by deed dated April 18, 1949, Oak Forest Corporation sold and conveyed to Oak Forest Utilities Company certain easements and rights of way over, along, under and across defined portions of the above described tract of land for water and sewer purposes, which said deed is of record in the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas, being designated by County Clerk's File No. 529685, filed for record on January 14, 1949 to which deed reference is made for full description of said easements and rights of way;

**NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That, subject to the above described easements and rights of way heretofore granted to Oak Forest Utilities Company, Oak Forest Corporation does hereby dedicate the streets, avenues, drives and parkways for use by the public as such, reserving the right to itself, its successors and assigns to at any time use the same for installation, maintenance, repairs and renewal of any and all public utilities, and agrees that the land shown to be subdivided according to said plat is hold, and shall hereafter be conveyed, subject to covenants, conditions, stipulations, easements, and restrictions as hereinafter set forth.

**DEFINITIONS**

The word "STREET" as used herein shall include any street, drive, boulevard, road, lane, avenue, or any place as shown on the recorded plat as a thoroughfare.

A "CORNER LOT" is one that abuts on more than one street. Any lot, except a corner, is deemed to front on the street upon which it abuts. A corner lot shall be deemed to front on the street designated by the Corporation as hereinafter provided.

**RESTRICTIONS**

For the purpose of creating and carrying out a uniform plan for the improvement and sale of property in said Addition as a restricted subdivision, the following restrictions upon the use of said property are hereby established and adopted subject to the provisions hereof and shall be made a part of each and every contract and deed executed by or on behalf of Oak Forest Corporation, its successors and assigns, by appropriate reference to this dedication and same shall be considered a part of each contract and deed as though incorporated fully therein. And these restrictions as hereinafter set forth shall be and are hereby imposed upon each lot or parcel of land in said addition as shown by said plat and referred to herein, and same shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of Oak Forest Corporation and its successors and all subsequent purchasers of said property, and each such purchaser by virtue of accepting a contract or deed covering said property shall be subject to and bound by such restrictions, covenants and conditions and for the term of this instrument as hereinafter set forth.

**RACIAL RESTRICTIONS**

None of the lots shown on the said plat shall be conveyed, leased, given to, or placed in the core of, and no building erected thereon shall be used, owned or occupied by any person other than of the Caucasian race. This prohibition, however, is not intended to include the occupancy or use by persons other than the Caucasian race while employed as servants on the premises.

## **USE OF LAND**

- (a) No lots shall be used for anything other than residential purposes,
- (b) No signs, billboards, posters, or advertising devices of any character shall be erected on this property without the written consent of the Architectural Control Committee, and such consent shall be revocable at any time.
- (c) No swine shall be kept on said premises.
- (d) No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.
- (e) No spirituous, vinous, or malt or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication shall ever be sold, or offered for sale, on said premises, or any part thereof, nor shall said premises or any part thereof be used for illegal or immoral purposes.

## **ARCHITECTURAL RESTRICTIONS**

No improvements of any character shall be erected, or the erection thereof begun, or changes made in the exterior design thereof after original construction, on any lot or home site in Oak Forest, Section 7 until plans and specifications have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Architectural Committee as hereinafter constituted. Such approval is to include exterior design, the type of material to be used and the colors to be applied on the exterior of the structure, and such approval is to be based on the following general requirements, stipulations and restrictions:

- (a) No residence shall be erected on any residence lot or home site of less frontage than 50 feet. No residence shall be constructed on any lot or home site having a minimum areas of less than 5500 square feet.
- (b) All lots in the tract herein shall be known and described as residential lots.
- (c) No structure shall be erected on any residential building plot other than one detached single-family dwelling not to exceed two stories in height and one, one or two-car garage.
- (d) No structure shall be moved onto any lot.
- (e) No trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding erected in the tract shall at any time be used as a residence, nor shall any residence of a temporary character be permitted.

No temporary building shall be erected or maintained on any lot except during actual construction of a home being erected thereon, and then such temporary building must be on the lot on which construction is in progress and not on adjoining lots, streets, or easements, and at completion of construction, the temporary building must be removed immediately. No such temporary building or structure shall be used for residential purposes during construction.

- (f) No garage apartment for rental purposes shall be permitted. Living quarters on property, other than in main building, may be used for bona fide servants only.

(g) All improvements shall be constructed on the lot so as to front the street upon which such lot faces.

(h) The Architectural Control Committee reserves the right to designate the direction in which such improvements on any corner lot shall face, and such decision shall be made with the thought in mind of the best general appearance to that immediate section.

(i) Dwellings on corner lots shall have a presentable frontage on all streets on which that particular corner lot fronts.

(j) No residence shall be constructed on any lot or building site in the subdivision for less actual cost than Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00). Those restrictions as to the value of improvements are to be given consideration based upon labor and material costs as of January 1, 1949, and all future value of improvements is to be given consideration based upon comparative costs of labor and material at the time of construction, using the basic value hereinabove given.

(k) No residence shall be constructed on any lot or building site in this subdivision with less than seven hundred (700) square feet of ground floor area exclusive of porches and garage.

(l) The building lines of any residence to be erected in Oak Forest, Section 6, shall be as follows: Not less than twenty-five (25) feet from the front property line and not less than five (5) feet from the side property lines except that on all corner lots no structure shall be erected nearer than fifteen (15) feet from property lines abutting a street.

(m) No fence, wall, hedge, nor any pergola or other detached structure for ornamental purposes shall be erected, grown or maintained on any part of any lot forward of the front building line of said lot without the written consent of the Architectural Committee.

(n) No radio aerial wires shall be maintained on any portion of any lot forward of the front building line of said lot.

(o) No garage, servant's house or other outbuilding of any kind shall be erected on any lot nearer than seventy (70) feet to the front property line, nor nearer than five (5) feet to either side property line, nor nearer than the easement on the rear or side property line of said lot. This does not apply to garage and servant's quarters when attached to the main residence but any servant's quarters attached to main residence must be in rear of same. No outside toilets will be permitted. No outbuildings shall exceed in height the dwelling to which they are appurtenant, without the written consent of the Architectural Committee. Every outbuilding, except a greenhouse, shall correspond in style and architecture to the dwelling to which it is appurtenant.

(p) No building of frame construction on the exterior of any kind or character shall be erected on any lot unless same at the time of construction shall receive at least two coats of paint.

(q) No building material of any kind or character shall be placed or stored upon the property until the owner is ready to commence improvements and then such material shall be placed within the property lines of the lot or parcel of land upon which the improvements are to be erected, and shall not be placed in the street or between the pavement and property lines.

(r) No stumps, trees, underbrush or any refuse of any kind nor scrap material from the improvements being erected on any lot shall be placed on any adjoining lots, streets or easements. All such material, if not disposed of immediately, must remain on the property on which construction work is in progress, and at the completion of such improvements, such material must be immediately removed from the property.

(s) No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or in any lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon or in any lot. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any lot.

The Corporation hereby designates and appoints Frank W. Sharp, F. S. Luttrell and Thurman Hewitt as the Architectural Committee, which Committee and its successors, are hereby vested with the full right and authority to act as such under the provisions of these restrictions. The majority of such committee shall have the right to designate a representative to act for it in all matters arising hereunder. In the event of the death or resignation of any member of the Committee, the remaining members or member shall have full right and authority to act hereunder and to designate a representative to so act. In the event said Committee or its designated representative fails to approve or disapprove any design or location within thirty (30) days after plans and specifications have been submitted to it or, in any event, if no suit to enjoin the erection of such building or the making of such alterations has been commenced prior to completion thereof, such approval will not be required and the covenants contained on these restrictions shall be deemed to have been fully complied with.

Neither the members of such Committee nor any designated representative shall be entitled to any compensation for services performed pursuant to these restrictions. At any time a vacancy exists on said Committee, the Corporation shall have the right to fill any vacancies; and should it fail to do so within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of such vacancy, the remaining members or member of the Committee shall have the right to fill any vacancy. All appointments and designations of persons as successors to the Committee shall be made in writing by a recordable instrument, which shall be filed for record in Harris County, Texas. The powers and duties of the Committee as from time to time constituted, shall continue in force during the effective period of the restrictions hereby erected. If, at any time, the Corporation is dissolved or otherwise ceases to exist, then thereafter the owners of fifty-one (51) percent of the lots in Oak Forest, Section 6 (one lot or home site constituting one ownership) becoming dissatisfied with the Committee as then constituted, shall have the right to remove any member or members of said Committee, and may designate and appoint a new member or members by written petition bearing the signature of the property owners so acting. The petition shall show the property owned by each petitioner. In case property is owned by man and wife as community property, the signature

of the husband alone shall be sufficient, except that in cases where the husband resides elsewhere or has abandoned his wife, her signature alone shall be sufficient.

### **DURATION OF RESTRICTIONS**

All of the restrictions and covenants herein set forth shall continue and be binding upon the Corporation and upon its successors and assigns for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date this instrument is filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas and shall automatically be extended thereafter for successive periods of fifteen (15) years; provided, however, that the then owners of the legal title to the lots shown by the records of Harris County, having more than fifty percent of the front footage of the lots shown on the recorded plat of Oak Forest, Section 7, may release all of the lots hereby restricted from any one or more of said restrictions and covenants, and may release any lot or building site shown on said plat from any restriction or covenant created by deed from the Corporation at the end of the first twenty-five (25) year period or at the end of any fifteen (15) year period thereafter, by executing and acknowledging an appropriate agreement or agreements in writing for such purpose and filing the same for record in the manner then required for the recording of land instruments, at least two (2) years prior to the expiration of the first twenty-five (25) year period, or at least two (2) years before the expiration of any fifteen (15) year period thereafter.

### **RIGHT TO ENFORCE**

The restrictions herein set forth shall be binding upon the Corporation, its successors and assigns and all parties claiming by, through or under it or them, and all subsequent property owners in said Subdivision, each of whom shall be obligated and bound to observe such restrictions, covenants and conditions, provided, however, that no such person or Corporation shall be liable except in respect to breaches committed during its, his or their ownership of said property. The violation of any such restriction, covenant or condition shall not operate to invalidate any mortgage, Deed of Trust, or other lien acquired and held in good faith against property, or any part thereof, but such liens may be enforced as against any and all property covered thereby, subject nevertheless to the restrictions, covenants and conditions herein mentioned.

Oak Forest Corporation, its successors and assigns, shall have the right to enforce observance and performance of such restrictions, covenants and conditions, and in order to prevent a breach or to enforce the observance or performance of same, shall have the right in addition to all legal remedies, to an injunction either prohibitive or mandatory. The owner of any lot or lots affected shall have the right either to prevent a breach of any such restriction, covenant or condition or to enforce the performance of same.

## **EASEMENTS**

It is agreed that all sales and conveyances of lots and dedication of streets in said Subdivision shall be subject to the easements and rights-of-way heretofore granted to Oak Forest Utilities Company, and as shown on the map of Oak Forest, Section 6, filed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1949, County Clerk's File Number 593959 and to any easements over, under, along and across such portions of each lot, as may be reserved in each deed as being appropriate or necessary for the purpose of installing, using, repairing and maintaining public utilities, water, sewer lines, electric lighting and telephone poles, pipelines and drainage ditches or structures and/or any equipment necessary for the performance of any public or quasi-public utility service and function, with the right of access thereto for the purpose of further construction, maintenance and repairs. Such right of access to include the right, without liability on the part of any one or all of the owners or operators of such utilities, to remove any or all obstructions on said easement right-of-way, caused by trees, brush, shrubs, either on or overhanging such right-of-way, as in their opinion may interfere with the installation or operation of their circuits, lines, pipes or drainage ditches or structures. Such easements shall be for the general benefit of the Subdivision and the property owners thereof and are hereby reserved and created in favor of any and all utility companies entering into and upon said property for the purpose aforesaid mentioned.

There is also reserved and dedicated herewith for the use of all public utility companies, easements for down guy anchors and push braces adjacent to and within three (3) feet of the side lines of lots in said Subdivision, said down guy anchors and push braces to extend not more than twenty-five (25) feet from the centerline of the dedicated easements as shown on the map of said Subdivision. There is also reserved and dedicated herewith for use of all public utility companies an unobstructed aerial easement five (5) feet wide from a plane twenty (20) feet above the ground upward, located and adjacent to and on both sides of all dedicated utility easements as shown on the map of said Subdivision.

This instrument of dedication relates to and affects the above described property and shall not affect other property not herein described.

**ANY PROVISIONS HEREIN WHICH RESTRICT THE SALE,  
RENTAL OR USE OF THE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY  
BECAUSE OF COLOR OR RACE IS INVALID AND  
UNENFORCEABLE UNDER THE FEDERAL LAW.**

(Notarized)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

February 2019: Deed Restrictions have been professionally transcribed from the originals that were created when Oak Forest was founded during the period between 1945-1960. Every effort was made to match the originals exactly, however, the poor quality of the original copies made transcription very difficult. Please reference the original documents filed with the Harris County Courthouse in the case of any questions about the transcription.