## DISTRIBUTION DRAFT **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS** to the **DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS,** of **LAWRENCE WOODS** The following proposed amendments involve language and covenants located in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Lawrence Woods ("Declaration") as recorded in the Marion County Recorder's Office on October 7, 2003, as Instrument #2003-0212505. According to Section 10.4 of the Declaration, these proposed amendments must be approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the current owners in Lawrence Woods and recorded with the Marion County Recorder before they would go into effect.

## PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 4.12 OF THE DECLARATION

OPTION #1

Section 4.12 Leasing. For the purpose of maintaining the congenial and residential character of Lawrence Woods, for the protection and maintenance of property values by encouraging the maintenance, improvement and updating of the Lots within the Lawrence Woods community, and in an effort to limit investment purchasers, institutional buyers, and others from buying properties within the Lawrence Woods subdivision for the purpose of leasing or renting the properties in the subdivision, all homes in the Lawrence Woods development must be OWNER-OCCUPIED for a minimum of five (5) years from the date the Owner takes title to a property within the Development. The term "Owner Occupied" means that the home must be occupied by the titled Owner (i.e. the name on the lot's deed), along with the titled Owner's spouse or significant other, the titled Owner's dependent children, the titled Owner's live-in caretaker, and any temporary visitors and guests of the titled Owner (so long as the titled Owner also lives in the home). The term "Owner Occupied" does not include the representatives, employees, agents or guests of a corporation, partnership, or other entity.

Except as provided within this Section 4.12, during this five (5) year period of required Owner Occupancy, a home may NOT be occupied by anyone renting, leasing, leasing to own, or purchasing on contract the home. Any lease, rental agreement, purchase contract, or similar document entered into during the Owner Occupancy period shall be voidable at the election of the Association's Board of Directors.

The Board may approve a hardship exception to this restriction when deemed reasonably appropriate by the Board under the particular circumstances. Examples of a hardship may include job transfer, divorce, military deployment, medical issues, estate planning issues, etc. An Owner must submit a written request for a hardship exception to the Board, and the request must contain the Owner's reason(s) for requesting the hardship exception along with supporting information, if any. A decision of whether to grant a hardship exception is strictly within the discretion of the Board, and may not be overturned by any court unless it is shown to violate federal or state law. Please note that not being aware of this leasing restriction at the time of purchase is not considered a hardship.

Once the five (5) year Owner Occupancy period has expired, the titled Owner of a lot may lease his property, but all leases must be in writing, for a period of at least one (1) year, must inform the renter that failure to comply with the terms of the Declaration is a default under the lease, and the Owner must provide the Association with a copy of the lease (amounts redacted) within thirty (30) days of signing the lease agreement or upon request from the Association.

This restriction takes effect on the date this covenant amendment is recorded with the Marion County Recorder's Office. This restriction will apply to all Owners taking deeded title to a property in Lawrence Woods after this covenant is recorded. Any Owner taking deeded title to a property within Lawrence Woods before this covenant is recorded will not be subject to the five (5) year Owner Occupancy restriction. Likewise, this provision does not apply to institutional mortgagees of any home in Lawrence Woods which comes into possession of the home by reason of foreclosure, judicial sale, or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure.

## PROPOSED NEW PARAGRAPH 7(M) TO DECLARATION

**OPTION #2** 

Section 4.12 Leasing. For the purpose of maintaining the congenial and residential character of Lawrence Woods, for the protection and maintenance of property values by encouraging the maintenance, improvement and updating of the Lots within the Lawrence Woods community, and in an effort to limit investment purchasers, institutional buyers, and others from buying properties within the Lawrence Woods subdivision for the purpose of leasing or renting the properties in the subdivision, all homes in the Lawrence Woods development must be OWNER-OCCUPIED. The term "Owner Occupied" means that the home must be occupied by the titled Owner (i.e. the name on the lot's deed), along with the titled Owner's spouse or significant other, the titled Owner's dependent children, the titled Owner's live-in caretaker, and any temporary visitors and guests of the titled Owner (so long as the titled Owner also lives in the home). The term "Owner Occupied" does not include the representatives, employees, agents or guests of a corporation, partnership, or other entity.

Except as provided within this Section 4.12, a home in Lawrence Woods may NOT be occupied by anyone renting, leasing, leasing to own, or purchasing on contract the home. Any lease, rental agreement, purchase contract, or similar document entered into after this covenant is recorded shall be voidable at the election of the Association's Board of Directors.

The Board may approve a hardship exception to this restriction when deemed reasonably appropriate by the Board under the particular circumstances. Examples of a hardship may include job transfer, divorce, military deployment, medical issues, estate planning issues, etc. An Owner must submit a written request for a hardship exception to the Board, and the request must contain the Owner's reason(s) for requesting the hardship exception along with supporting information, if any. A decision of whether to grant a hardship exception is strictly within the discretion of the Board, and may not be overturned by any court unless it is shown to violate federal or state law. Please note that not being aware of this leasing restriction at the time of purchase is not considered a hardship.

The Owner of a lot that was properly leased, rented or being purchased on contract before this covenant amendment is recorded may continue to lease, rent or sell his/her property until title to the property is transferred to a new Owner. All leases must be in writing, for a period of at least one (1) year, must inform the renter that failure to comply with the terms of the Declaration is a default under the lease, and the Owner must provide the Association with a copy of the lease (amounts redacted) within thirty (30) days of signing the lease agreement or upon request from the Association.

This restriction takes effect on the date this covenant amendment is recorded with the Marion County Recorder's Office. This provision does not apply to institutional mortgagees of any home in Lawrence Woods which comes into possession of the home by reason of foreclosure, judicial sale, or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure.