



# DEED RESTRICTIONS

PIRATES BEACH

SECTION FOUR



commercial activity shall be conducted on or from any of said residential lots, except that a lot owner may from time to time rent his home for profit.

2. Architectural Control and Construction Time.

No structure of any type shall be constructed, placed or altered on any of Said Lots unless and until plans, specifications and location of such structure shall all have been approved by the Pirates Beach and Pirates Cove Architectural Committee ("Said Committee"). The water tap fee and sewer connection fee provided for herein shall be paid in cash at the time such plans and specifications are submitted to Said Committee for approval. The standards for approval of such structures shall be in compliance with these restrictions, quality of materials and workmanship, the external design in relation to existing structures, and the location with respect to topography of said property. The term "structures" as used herein shall be held to mean and include buildings, fences, house trailers, walls, swimming pools, playground equipment and outdoor cooking or eating facilities of a permanent nature. After the plans for construction have been approved and the pilings have been set, the lot owner or builder shall have a maximum of six (6) months to complete the exterior. Said maximum period shall include the painting and staining, and clean-up of all construction materials and debris from the site.

3. Dwelling Size. Only one detached single-family type dwelling may be erected on any one of said lots, and each such dwelling constructed on any lot shall contain not less than 1100 square feet of living area, not less than 250 square feet of deck area, and not less than 60 square feet of closed-in ground storage area.

4. Type of Construction, Materials and Landscape.

(a) Every structure, building, or addition thereto shall be affixed to the ground in a permanent manner.

(b) All elevated structures shall be built on pilings or other type of elevated foundation designed so that the foundation will aesthetically conform to standards set by Said Committee.

(c) No round pilings will be permitted, unless concrete, and no elevated structure or house may be erected on any of Said Lots unless the plans and specifications therefor provide for such structure or house to have a minimum of eighteen inches (18") overhand past the pilings.

(d) No angle bracing from pilings to floor stringers will be permitted. Elevated structures may be cross-braced against the floor joists to prevent racking of structures, and floor joist stringers must be of adequate size to carry floor joists without angle bracing from the pilings to the stringers.

(e) All houses and other structures must be kept in good repair, and painted when necessary to preserve the attractiveness thereof. No exposed, untreated or unstained wood, except decking, will be permitted.

(f) The main floor of each house must be at least thirteen (13') feet above mean high tide and no house, building or structure shall be more than two (2) stories or living areas in height.

(g) Toilet facilities of all houses shall be installed inside each house, and shall be connected, before use, with a sewage disposal system approved by Galveston. A sewer connection fee of \$500.00 will be charged to each lot to tie into the sewage system serving Said Property. In the event a central sewage disposal system is installed, no other disposal system may be utilized in the subdivision. Only one connection fee will be charged to each lot. No septic tank or privy shall be installed, erected or maintained on the premises. Nothing herein contained to the contrary or seemingly to the contrary shall prevent the installation and use of sanitary sewer facilities by a water district or other governmental authority in said subdivision. Each lot owner will, at his expense, extend his residence connection line to an outside perimeter of the lot as designated by Mitchell.

(h) Mitchell recommends that all piling be sunk to a depth of at least ten (10') feet.

(i) Upon completion of a house, each lot owner must plant on his lot at least two palm trees each with a minimum height of five (5') feet at the time of planting. All houses must install concrete driveways, and such concrete driveways shall extend to the street pavement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, the Pirates Beach and Pirates Cove Architectural Committee shall have the right, acting within its discretion, to consider and approve or disapprove other types of driveway pavement upon written request of the lot owner.

(k) Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, mobile homes and other building modules may be raised in said subdivision provided however that no such mobile home or other building module may be raised without horizontal or vertical type aluminum siding, and provided further that each such mobile home or other building module to be raised in said subdivision must first be approved by Said Committee.

(l) An underground electric distribution system will be installed in Pirates Beach Subdivision, Section 4, designated Underground Residential Subdivision, which underground service area shall embrace Lots 1 thru 26 inclusive and Reserves "A" and "B" in Pirates Beach Subdivision, Section 4. An existing semi-underground electric distribution system will be extended as required to embrace Lots 27 thru 59 inclusive in Pirates Beach Subdivision, Section 4. The owner of each lot and/or reserve in Pirates Beach, Section 4, a residential Subdivision, shall at his own cost, furnish, install, own and maintain (all in accordance with the requirements of local governing authorities and the National Electrical Code) the underground service cable and appurtenances from the point of the electric company's metering on the customer's structure to the point of attachment at such company's installed transformers or energized secondary junction boxes, such point of attachment to be made available by the electric company at a point designated by such company at the property line of each lot. The electric company furnishing service shall make the necessary connections at said point of attachment and at the meter. In addition, the owner of each lot shall, at his own cost, furnish, install, own and maintain a meter loop (in accordance with the current standards and specifications of

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the electric company furnishing service) for the location and installation of the meter of such electric company for the residence constructed on such owner's lot. For so long as underground and semi-underground services are maintained, the electric service to each lot and reserve in the Residential Subdivision, shall be underground, uniform in character and exclusively of the type known as single phase, 120/240 volt, three wire, 60 cycle, alternating current.

Mitchell shall construct the transformer foundation structure at no cost to the lot owner. Foundation locations will be determined by the electric company.

5. Location of Improvements. No building shall be located nearer to the street than the front building setback line as shown on the recorded plat and no building may be located nearer than ten (10') feet to any side lot line, with decks, porches, and overhangs extending no nearer than five (5') feet to the side property line or easements. Corner lots shall be deemed to front on the street along which such lot has the least amount of frontage, except houses with a Gulf view or those houses which have been excepted by Said Committee by reason of outstanding or unusual design.

6. Easements. Easements for the installation and maintenance of utilities, drainage facilities, roads and streets heretofore granted are reserved as shown on the recorded plat. No utility company, water district or other authorized entity or political subdivision using the easements herein referred to shall be liable for any damage done by them or their successors, assigns, agents, employees, or servants, to shrubbery, trees or flowers or other property of the owner situated on the land covered by said easements. Mitchell reserves the right to grant (without the consent of any lot owner) such additional utility easements as may, in the opinion of Mitchell, be necessary to properly serve the subdivision's utility requirements.

7. Annoyances or Nuisances. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

8. Animals. Except as hereinafter provided, no animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be kept, raised or bred on any of said lots. Not more than two dogs and/or cats may be kept on the premises, provided they are kept only for the use and pleasure of the owner and are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purposes.

9. Drainage Structures. Drainage structures under private driveways shall have a net drainage opening area of sufficient size to permit the free flow of water without backwater, and shall be a minimum of 1-3/4 square feet (18-inch diameter) pipe culvert).

10. Condition of the Surface of Said Lots. The cutting of grass and weeds, and the collection of garbage, trash and rubbish shall be the responsibility of each lot owner, and may be handled by third party or parties on an individual contract basis. The owner or occupant of each of Said Lots shall at all times keep the weeds and grass thereon cut in a sanitary, healthful and attractive manner. No owner or occupant of any of Said Lots shall in any event use his lot or any part thereof for the storage of materials or equipment except such materials and equipment as may be needed for normal, immediate residential building requirements, nor shall they permit the accumulation of garbage, trash, rubbish, or refuse of any kind thereon. In the event of default on the part of the owner or

occupant of any lot in observing the above requirements or any of them, or in the event any garbage, trash, rubbish or refuse is allowed to remain on the premises for a longer period of time than one (1) week, with the exception that a maximum of thirty (30) days is granted to clear debris and repair damage due to hurricanes or other acts of God, Mitchell (and the successors and assigns of Mitchell in a like capacity), without liability to such owner or occupant, in trespass or otherwise, may enter upon such lot and cut or cause to be such such weeds and grass and remove or cause to be removed such garbage, trash, rubbish or debris so as to place such lot in a neat, attractive, healthful and sanitary condition, in which case Mitchell may bill the owner or occupant for such work. The owner or occupant, as the case may be, agrees by purchase or occupancy of any of Said Lots to pay such statement immediately upon receipt thereof.

11. Temporary Structures. No structure of a temporary character, including, but not limited to, trailers, tents, shacks, mobile homes, boats and motor vehicles of all types, shall ever be maintained or used on any lot at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently. All boat trailers, boats and boat riggings must be parked under the main building. Parking of automotive vehicles on road shoulders is prohibited.

12. Filling and Digging or Removal of Dirt. The digging of dirt or the removal of any dirt from any lot is especially prohibited except where necessary in conjunction with landscaping or in conjunction with construction being done on such lot. No filling material which will have the effect of changing the grade level of any lot shall be placed on such lot without the prior approval in writing of Said Committee.

13. Signs and Billboards. No signs, advertisements, billboards or advertising structures of any kind may be erected or maintained on any lot without the prior consent in writing of Said Committee. Mitchell or Said Committee shall have the right to remove any such signs, advertisements, billboards or structures placed on any of Said Lots without such consent, and in so doing shall not be liable for trespass or other tort in connection therewith or arising from such removal.

14. Hunting. No hunting will be permitted within said subdivision.

15. Treasures and Artifacts. Mitchell reserves a one-half (1/2) interest in all treasures and artifacts found on any property within the above named subdivision.

16. Water Service.

(a) A water tap fee of \$150.00 will be charged to any lot requesting water service.

(b) Water meters will be installed and all water charges will be metered and billed to the respective lot owners.

17. Docking and Mooring Facilities, and Riparian Rights. In the event Said Property or any part thereof abuts or borders any canal or other body of water, the land

conveyed shall not include any of the land which is normally flowed or covered by said waters, and it is not intended that the deed evidencing such conveyance shall include any riparian rights in and to said waters, or to the shore line below the normal high water mark. No piers, docks or mooring facilities shall be installed, erected or maintained unless and until the plans and specifications for the same have been approved in writing by Mitchell (or the successors or assigns of Mitchell in a like capacity). Furthermore, all boats operated, anchored or docked in any manner in any of said canals must be approved by Said Committee as to appearance, size and the extent of motor noise in order that no unsightly, oversized or unusually loud boats will be allowed in any of said canals.

MAINTENANCE CHARGE

18. Each of Said Lots, except as hereinafter provided, is hereby subject to an annual maintenance charge of \$84.00 per year for the purpose of creating a fund to be known as a "Maintenance Fund". Said maintenance charge may be increased, or decreased, from time to time, by Said Committee, if, in the sole discretion of Said Committee, such action is required to satisfy funding requirements for those expenses enumerated in Paragraph 19 below. Said maintenance charge shall be due and payable annually in advance on or before the first day of July of each year to Said Committee at its office in Houston, Texas. The maintenance charge on any lot purchased after July 1st of any year (covering the period of time from the purchase thereof to June 30th of the ensuing year) shall be prorated in the proportion that the number of months remaining prior to July 1st of such ensuing year bears to a whole year. All maintenance charges referred to herein, together with any and all liens securing payment of the same, are hereby transferred, assigned and conveyed to Said Committee. It is expressly agreed that all unsold lots owned by Mitchell (and successors and assigns of Mitchell in a like capacity) shall be excluded from such maintenance charge, and further that the sole and only obligation of Mitchell in connection with the purposes for which said Maintenance Fund has been created is to keep the grass and weeds mowed on all such unsold lots. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, Mitchell may, at its sole option, assume and agree to pay other expenditures for the benefit of owners or occupants of lots in the above named subdivision.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, in the event either the public and/or private roads and/or streets of this subdivision, (including, but not limited to, access roads) are damaged by hurricane, flood, storm or other act of nature, and the County of Galveston does not satisfactorily repair such roads, the annual maintenance charge may be increased annually during the next ensuing collection period or periods by an amount not to exceed one-half of the then current annual maintenance charge in order to raise sufficient funds to pay the cost of restoring such roads or streets to their former condition and the funds collected by reason of such increase may be used to repair such damage and/or to reimburse Mitchell, its successors or assigns, for any expense, including interest, if any, which it may have incurred in connection with the repair of such damage. After the total cost of such repairs,

including interest, if any, has been paid, the annual maintenance charge shall revert to such amount as may have been collected annually prior to such increase, subject to the right of said Committee, its successors or assigns, charges as herein provided.

19. All sums accruing to such Maintenance Fund shall be applied, so far as sufficient, towards the payment of maintenance expenses incurred in connection with any or all of the following: lighting, sidewalks (if any), paths, public and/or private roads and/or streets (including, but not limited to, access roads), public canals, parks, playgrounds, Gulf and Bay lot owner facilities, esplanades, collecting and disposing of garbage, trash, and rubbish, and doing other things necessary or desirable in the opinion of Said Committee to keep said property neat and in good order or which Said Committee considers of a general benefit to the owners or occupants of lots in said subdivision. In this connection, it is understood that the judgment of Said Committee in the expenditure of said funds shall be final so long as such judgment is exercised in good faith.

20. To secure the payment of the aforesaid maintenance charge, there is reserved in each deed by which each lot is conveyed the vendor's lien for the benefit of Said Committee, such reservation to be effective by reference to this instrument contained in each such deed, said lien to be enforceable by such beneficiary through the appropriate means at law, provided, however, that any lien securing the maintenance charge as to each lot is hereby specifically made secondary, subordinate and inferior to all liens, presently or in the future, given, granted and created at the instance or request of the owner of any such lot to secure the payment of monies advanced or to be advanced on account of the purchase price and/or the improvement of any such lot, and it is hereby further provided that as a condition precedent to any proceeding to enforce such lien upon any lot against which there is an outstanding valid and subsisting first mortgage lien, such beneficiary shall give the holder of such first mortgage lien sixty (60) days' written notice of such proposed action, such notice to be sent to the nearest office of such mortgage holder by prepaid United States registered or certified mail, such notice to contain a statement of the delinquent maintenance charges upon which the proposed action is based. Upon the request of the owner of any such mortgage, said beneficiary shall acknowledge in writing its obligation to give the foregoing notice with respect to the particular property covered by such first mortgage lien to the owner and holder thereof. The purchaser of any lot in said subdivision shall, at the request of Mitchell, its successors or assigns, execute and deliver (at the time lot is conveyed to such purchaser) such instruments as Mitchell, its successors or assigns, may require as additional security for payment of the maintenance charge.

21. The above maintenance charge and assessment will remain in effect for the full term (and extended term or terms, if applicable) of the within covenants.

22. Lot owners in all sections of Pirates Beach and Pirates Cove Subdivisions shall have the use of the combined recreational facilities within said subdivisions.

23. Reserves. Those areas designated on the above referenced plat of Pirates' Beach, Section 4, as "Reserve," being Reserves "A" through "I", are expressly excluded from these Restrictions, Covenants and Conditions. No dedication, restriction or easement of any type or nature affecting said Reserves shall be implied from the recordation of these restrictions or of said plat, or from the conveyance of lots by reference to said plat.

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24. Term. These covenants shall run with the title to the land and shall be binding upon all of said owners and all of the persons claiming under them until December 31, 1997, at which time these covenants shall be extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each unless an instrument signed by a majority of the then owners of Said Lots has been recorded changing said covenants in whole or in part. Enforcement of these covenants and restrictions may be by proceedings at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any of such covenants or restrictions either to restrain such violation or proposed violation, or to recover damages. Such enforcement may be by the owner of any of Said Lots, by any association of owners of lots in Pirates Beach and Pirates Cove Subdivision, provided by law.

25. Responsibility of Mitchell. It is expressly understood and agreed that Mitchell assumes no obligation, responsibility or liability in the execution of these reservations, restrictions, covenants and conditions, and further that any or all duties, responsibilities, maintenance charges, and/or rights contained, established or reserved herein may be assigned, transferred and conveyed to a civic club or similar organization at any time Mitchell is reasonably assured that said civic club or similar organization is able to function for the benefit of all owners of lots in said subdivision.

26. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants by judgment or other court order shall in nowise effect any of the other provisions, such other provisions to remain in full force and effect.

27. Amendments of These Restrictions. Any part or all of these covenants, conditions and/or restrictions may be amended at any time and from time to time by the approval of a majority of the lot owners in said subdivision, each lot entitling its owner to one vote. Such approval shall be evidenced by written instrument duly executed and acknowledged and filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas.

28. Headings. All sections and paragraph headings used herein are for convenience only and shall have no efficacy in construing any of the restrictions, covenants and/or conditions herein contained.

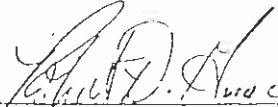
WITNESS the execution hereof this the 6th day of March, 1974.

OWNER

ATTEST:

  
Assistant Secretary

MITCHELL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
OF THE SOUTHWEST

BY:   
Senior Vice President



THE STATE OF TEXAS X  
COUNTY OF HARRIS X

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Robert R. Grass, ~~Dr. Tom Priddy~~ President of MITCHELL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE SOUTHWEST, a corporation, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 6th day of March, A. D. 1974.

Livia C. Dillon  
Notary Public in and for  
Harris County, Texas

