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HARMONY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES RESTRICTIONS, GUIDELINES AND GOALS CONCERNING COMPANION ANIMALS, HABITAT AND WILDLIFE***I. STATEMENT OF GENERAL INTENT******INTRODUCTION***

This document provides a framework for governing the interactions among humans, companion animals and wildlife in Harmony as well providing for the use and preservation of Harmony's natural and wildlife habitat areas. The overall goal of Harmony is to promote the peaceful coexistence of these human and animal residents within the community while striking a balance between the preservation, use and enjoyment of Harmony's natural areas. Underlying these objectives are the values of fostering a respect for the land, the protection of wildlife and the sensible use and enjoyment of Harmony's abundant natural and manmade amenities by its residents.

Animals are treasured members of the Harmony community. Promoting the bonds between people and all animals, safeguarding the welfare of animals within the community now and in the future, and serving as a model to other communities for the humane treatment of all animals are guiding principles of Harmony.

II. HARMONY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT

Harmony incorporates natural and human-built environments that blend in ways designed to enhance the relationships between humans and animals and maximize the benefits of their peaceful coexistence. While retaining natural areas, Harmony is part of a human-dominated landscape where human actions profoundly affect the welfare of wild animals. This document seeks to articulate a philosophy that allows natural elements to persist unimpeded by humans and minimizes the circumstances that lead to conflict between humans and wildlife. Harmony's stewardship concept involves balancing hands-off and hands-on approaches.

These Rules do not anticipate all aspects of current and future relationships between humans and animals at Harmony that may need to be addressed. Therefore, these guiding principles and recommended approaches are intended to be dynamic and open-ended to allow the community to explore and adopt new and better conflict resolution strategies, landscape management schemes, environmental management techniques and practical approaches to maintaining biotic integrity. Harmony begins with a humane concept for its relationship with

wild animals and continues to redefine that concept within the context of our larger society as well as in Harmony. An unchanging belief that wild animals deserve respect and should be free of human interference and allowed to interact with humans on their own terms will guide this evolving process.

In relation to wildlife and to the environment in which they live, the goals of the Harmony community are:

- To promote an understanding of how connected humans are to wildlife and to the surrounding environment.
- To foster tolerance, respect, and understanding of all living things.
- To provide opportunities for Harmony residents to view, hear, and interact with local flora and fauna in an ecologically and environmentally friendly way.
- To create and provide educational activities which will foster a community-wide land ethic and promote future land stewardship.

To meet these goals, the following sections detail activities that are regulated, prohibited, or encouraged on a community-wide basis.

III. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS, GUIDELINES AND GOALS

This document sets forth Restrictions, Guidelines and Goals (collectively, the "Rules"), as well as Policy Recommendations (defined below), and a framework for the application and enforcement of the Rules and Policy Recommendations. Authorization for these enforcement procedures, Rules and Policy Recommendations is established by the Harmony Residential Properties Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (the "Declaration"). The entity primarily responsible for the administration and implementation of the Rules is the Companion Animal, Habitat and Wildlife Committee (the "Committee") established pursuant to the Declaration. All capitalized terms not defined herein are assigned such meanings as they may have under the Declaration. In the event of any conflict between these Rules and the Declaration, the provisions of the Declaration shall in all instances prevail. The Board of Directors of the Harmony Residential Owners Association, Inc. (the "Board") may amend the composition of the Committee, the content of the Rules and Policy Recommendations and the enforcement provisions from time to time in the Board's sole and absolute discretion.

The application and enforcement of the Rules by the Committee shall be performed in the following manner:

Restrictions:

Upon a determination by the Committee that there has been a violation of a Restriction (each of which are set forth herein), the Committee shall be entitled to enforce application of the Restriction against the violator. The Committee shall initially provide written notice of the violation to the violator. The notice shall contain (i) a statement of the Restriction, (ii) a description of the particular facts and circumstances which constitute a violation of the Restriction and (iii) the required corrective steps and a timeframe for their accomplishment. In the event that the violator fails to substantially comply with the corrective steps in the given timeframe, the Committee shall conduct an informal hearing procedure at which the violator shall have an opportunity to be heard. In the event that after diligent efforts by the Committee the violation has not been satisfactorily corrected by the violator, the Committee shall be entitled to (i) petition the Board to enforce the Restriction against the violator, and the Board shall treat the violation as it would any other violation of the Use Restrictions and Rules that are set forth in the Declaration and (ii) unless the Board specifically elects to withhold such power from the Committee in a particular instance, deny the violator of any and all approvals or permissions that the Committee has the right to grant hereunder, including any additional permissions or approval rights that the Committee may be delegated by the Board, whether such delegation occurs before or after the subject violation, until the violation has been cured to the Committee's satisfaction.

Guidelines:

Upon a determination by the Committee that there has been a violation of a Guideline (each of which are set forth herein), the Committee may enforce application of the Guideline against the violator. The Committee shall initially provide written notice of the violation to the violator. The notice shall contain (i) a statement of the Guideline, (ii) a description of the particular facts and circumstances which constitute a violation of the Guideline and (iii) the required corrective steps and a timeframe for their accomplishment. In the event that the violator fails to substantially comply with the corrective steps in the given timeframe, the Committee shall conduct an informal hearing procedure at which the violator shall have an opportunity to be heard. In the event that after diligent efforts by the Committee the violation has not be satisfactorily corrected by the violator, the Committee shall be entitled to petition the Board to enforce the Guideline against the violator, in which event the Board may, but shall have no obligation to, treat the violation as it would any other violation of the Use Restrictions and Rules that are set forth in the Declaration. In the event that the Board does not elect to enforce a violation of a Guideline, the Committee shall be entitled, unless the Board specifically elects to withhold such power from the Committee in a particular instance, to deny the violator of any and all approvals or permissions that the Committee has the right to grant hereunder, including any additional permissions or approval rights that the Committee may be delegated by the Board, whether such delegation occurs before or after the subject violation, until the violation has been cured to the Committee's satisfaction.

Goals:

The Committee shall encourage implementation of the Goals (each of which are set forth herein) by a variety of methods, as the Committee may determine are best suited for their accomplishment. It is contemplated that the Committee will implement a variety of educational activities, awareness programs, training sessions and community involvement projects toward this end to the extent funded by the Harmony Residential Owners Association, Inc. (the "Association").

IV. POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to the Rules to be applied and enforced by the Committee and Board as set forth above, the Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board on certain policy matters from time to time as requested by the Board, including those matters identified below (the "Policy Recommendations"). The Board shall give full consideration to the Committee's Policy Recommendations as the Board implements and enforces rules, regulations and procedures governing human activities, companion animals and wildlife within Harmony and manages Harmony's natural and manmade amenities.

V. TREATMENT OF WILD ANIMALS

This section applies to human interaction with and treatment of wild animals anywhere within Harmony, whether on private property or on common areas.

Compliance with Laws.**Restriction:**

Residents, tenants, guests and invitees shall comply with these rules and all Laws (as defined in the Declaration) regarding wild animals including, but not limited to the laws of the State of Florida, the Osceola County Code and any applicable zoning ordinances.

Hunting .**Restriction:**

Hunting of any animal is expressly prohibited. Fishing, conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including license requirements, shall not be considered a form of hunting, but shall be subject to such other restrictions, guidelines and goals as may be applicable hereunder from time to time.

Trapping**Restriction:**

Recreational trapping is expressly prohibited.

Restriction:

Live trapping of wild animals is permitted for purposes of conflict resolution upon the issuance of a permit by the Committee. Snares and foothold traps are prohibited.

Guideline:

Live trapping is permitted only after all other viable options for wildlife conflict resolution (as stipulated under "Wildlife Conflict" in this document and in the "Wildlife Conflict Plan") have been attempted.

Attracting and Taming Wildlife.**Restriction:**

Keeping a wild animal in confinement as a captive is prohibited.

Restriction:

Taming or domesticating wild animals is prohibited. Young wild animals found or acquired shall not be kept or reared, but shall be surrendered to professional wildlife rehabilitative care which shall be facilitated by the Committee. Free-roaming wild animals that become acclimated and partly habituated through a loss of fear of humans and that come and go at will are permitted.

Killing Wildlife.**Restriction:**

The use of glueboard traps under any circumstances is expressly prohibited.

Restriction:

The burial and disposal of wild animals shall be conducted in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and shall in no event be conducted in a manner that poses a threat to the health, safety or welfare of humans, wildlife or companion animals.

Guideline:

When necessary, wild animals may be humanely killed to relieve their suffering due to injury or illness. This shall be accomplished by euthanasia administered according to veterinary medical standards as established by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) in their most current guidelines, or other guidelines that have been sanctioned by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Wild animals shall be contained until professionally trained personnel can respond, which the Committee shall facilitate the availability of. Situations of extreme emergency in which human health, safety or welfare or the immediate relief of animal suffering is necessary would warrant exceptions to this requirement.

Guideline:

An exception to the foregoing Guideline includes the control of commensal rodents (Norway and black rats and House mice) where federal, state, or local regulation and standards permit, where human health, safety or welfare are threatened, and where necessary to limit the growth and spread of a commensal rodent population due to human causes. Lethal control of commensal rodents may be conducted by homeowners or registered pesticide applicators, but must be done in strict accordance to applicable guidelines which the Committee shall make available. Such controls must be followed by practices that address and remediate the cause of rodent infestation, to include proper sanitation and trash management, excluding access to structures, and, if necessary, habitat management.

Harming Wildlife.**Restriction:**

Other than as provided for herein, wild animals shall not be purposely, intentionally or recklessly injured or harmed. Causing injury or harm to an animal includes, but is not limited to, the purposeful destruction of active nesting sites or other habitat critical to the survival of an individual.

Guideline:

Under some conditions, aversive conditioning (training animals to avoid a conflict situation through the use of unpleasant stimuli) may be used as part of a control program, but never in such a way as to cause or sustain unnecessary suffering of the animal.

Feeding Wildlife.**Restriction:**

Feeding wild mammals, except squirrels and chipmunks, is prohibited except on an emergency basis as determined by the Committee.

Restriction:

Feeding any wildlife when this activity places wildlife at risk is prohibited. Wildlife may be placed at risk by feeding that habituates animals to humans; resulting in diminution of animals' fear or normal caution around humans; by abnormally concentrating animals; by increasing risk of contact between wild animals, humans or pets; and other similar situations.

Restriction:

Feeding that encourages and maintains aggregations of feral pigeons, English sparrows, starlings or any waterfowl is prohibited.

Guideline:

The Committee may suspend all bird feeding during any period of increased human-wildlife conflict. Bird and squirrel feeders should be limited in type and number. Wildlife may not be indirectly fed by leaving food out for companion animals.

Goal:

Feeding native and migratory songbird species is allowed in moderation. Feeding must not lead to conflicts between animals and humans.

Wildlife Conflicts.**Restriction:**

All conflicts between humans and wildlife shall be resolved using nonlethal means, unless extraordinary and immediate circumstances pose a risk to the health, safety or welfare of humans or companion animals.

Guideline:

The approach to wildlife conflict resolution to be employed by the Committee in cooperation with residents shall proceed under a series of steps as follows:

- (1) The conflict is described,
- (2) The species involved are determined and, if possible, the individual animal is identified,

- (3) Methods to resolve the conflict ranging from least to most invasive and injurious are identified,
- (4) An action plan that ensures the least injurious and invasive effective approach is evaluated and undertaken before other measures are considered, and
- (5) Following final and conclusive actions, steps are taken to prevent the problem from recurring.

Guideline:

Preferably, human-wildlife conflicts should be resolved by changing human practices (such as improving trash management and securing stored food), modifying habitats (changing plantings or managing landscapes), and/or modifying structural elements (fencing or other methods to exclude animals).

Guideline:

Removal of wildlife shall not be conducted simply because a homeowner considers the mere presence of a wild animal to be a "pest" or "nuisance" or because a homeowner wishes to favor a species or group (such as songbirds) over another that competes with it (such as squirrels).

Controlling Wildlife Populations.**Guideline:**

Circumstances may arise where the Committee or Board has evaluated a conflict situation and agreed to the need to intervene in and control a local population of wild animals (not merely an individual wild animal or small number of wild animals). Substantial and significant need must be demonstrated for human intervention to be considered. Alternatives to control including altering human practices (such as waste handling and landscaping) and excluding or repelling animals should be undertaken before population control measures are considered. Control measures must be undertaken through a wildlife management plan that carefully evaluates the best methods for controlling the specific species of concern and seeks the most humane long-term solution. Plans that require multiple control measures should also include long-term strategies to prevent the recurrence of the need for control measures. Control measures may include humane animal capture and relocation to other natural habitats on the property or as allowed by state permitting authorities; reproductive intervention (such as immunocontraception for mammals or egg adding for birds such as waterfowl); and other measures reviewed and agreed to be humane by the Committee or Board. Such control actions must be undertaken under permit by trained and qualified personnel.

Nest and Dens.**Restriction:**

No nests or eggs of wild birds including, but not limited to, species not protected by federal law shall be taken, moved or interfered with in any manner prohibited under applicable Laws (as defined in the Declaration).

Restriction:

No wild animal den or nest of any bird species may be disturbed, moved, or altered except as part of a planned program to abate a human-wildlife conflict (described under Wildlife Conflict or Controlling Wildlife Populations), or under compelling circumstances of human health, safety, welfare, or security needs.

Guideline:

Young shall not be taken or moved from dens or nests but allowed to mature to a point where they naturally disperse, except where the conditions listed above merit a more urgent response. In these circumstances, the family integrity should be maintained by methods to prevent orphaning, in accordance with procedures the Committee shall make available. Young that cannot be reunited with a parent and cared for naturally shall be placed under professional rehabilitative care.

Providing Habitat for Wildlife.**Guideline:**

Nesting and sheltering boxes (such as bat houses, snake boxes, and toad abodes) are allowed and encouraged on privately held parcels, but should not conflict with community-wide habitat management objectives and are subject to limitations in type and number at the discretion of the Committee who makes recommendations available for such activities.

Guideline:

Artificial shelters and nesting boxes shall be maintained in good repair and not placed or distributed so as to create conflicts by harboring unintended species or attracting wildlife in such numbers as to be in conflict with humans.

Guideline:

Feeders and human-supplied water sources (including birdbaths) shall be kept clean so that disease is not transmitted. Nest boxes shall be constructed so that they can be cleaned and disinfected at least annually. Feeders should be protected from "raiding" by mammals such as raccoons.

Guideline:

Garden ponds and birdbaths are allowed and encouraged but must be maintained in good condition to prevent the proliferation of noxious insects (such as mosquitoes), toxigenic blue-green algae, bacterial pathogens, or wildlife that could present a problem for people if present in such numbers or places where conflict would occur and in a safe manner so as not to pose a danger to young children.

Goal:

The provision of habitat appropriate for dooryard applications that offer cover, water and food for wildlife is encouraged and should compliment community-wide habitat management plans. The use of native vegetation is the first step that residents should take to attract wildlife.

VI. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**Use of Chemicals.****Restriction:**

The use of avicides (chemicals registered to kill birds) and predacides (chemicals registered to kill predatory animals) is prohibited.

Restriction:

Chemical pesticides to control plants (herbicides, fungicides, etc.), insects (insecticides), commensal rodents (rodenticides), and any other chemical control methods must be used according to applicable laws and regulations.

Restriction:

Chemical pesticides shall be used and disposed of according to label and in a manner to protect wildlife. Disposal or spillage of hazardous materials, chemicals and residue-producing antibacterial agents is prohibited

Guideline:

An emphasis shall be placed on the use of products that are classified as "best management" or "least toxic" by responsible oversight organizations. Relevant informational materials are available from acceptable oversight organizations such as the Bio-Integral Resource Center (BIRC), P.O. Box 7414, Berkeley, CA 94707; the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP), P.O. Box 1393, Eugene, OR 97440-1395; Pesticide Action Network North America (PANNA), 49 Powell St. #500, San Francisco, CA 94102; or their successor organizations that have the same goal of promoting least harmful pest control methods, that have

an established record of promoting alternatives to chemical pesticides, and that are not funded by the chemical or agriculture industries. Minimal chemical spraying or application should be employed, if at all, to kill or eradicate invasive plants and where the spraying or application will not adversely impact water quality including that of an aquifer, watershed, creek, spring, or septic system.

Guideline:

Chemical pesticides, along with other chemical control methods, must be used only within the context of an Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") approach. The Committee shall make materials available concerning IPM methods. This does not apply to materials generally available for non-commercial household use.

Goal:

Insect control through the use of biological controls (e.g., lady beetles and aphid control) and alternative control methods, such as soap and water should be attempted before resorting to chemical controls.

Goal:

Antibacterial substances shall only be disposed of in accordance with applicable laws and regulations concerning their disposal. Under no circumstances shall any such antibacterial substances be disposed upon or within the land or waters within Harmony.

Goal:

Bacteria are microorganisms found on skin, in digestive tracts, in the air, soil and on almost all things touched every day. Most are harmless and in many cases helpful because they are able to keep harmful microorganisms in check. The widespread use of antibiotics to treat infections and antibacterial agents (in products such as household cleaners) to disinfect surfaces can have harmful effects on the environment. These agents are often not discriminating and can wage an all-out attack on bacteria in general. Residue-producing antibacterial agents may encourage growth of resistant bacteria on disinfected surfaces.

Residents are urged to use restraint in their use of antibacterial agents. Proper washing with a non-bactericidal soap and water will remove 99.9% of bacteria and is adequate for most purposes. Use of residue-producing agents that leave long-acting residues (check labels for triclosan, triclocarban and benzalkonium chloride) on the surface to be disinfected is discouraged. Residents are encouraged to be knowledgeable regarding their use of antibiotics and follow their physician's prescription carefully.

For detailed information on the use of antibiotics and antibacterial agents and antibiotic resistance visit the Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics website at <http://www.apua.org>.

Non-native plants.**Restriction:**

The intentional planting or cultivation of known invasive, non-native plants is prohibited. Reference to standards set forth by Osceola County, Florida may be referred to as a source of information to aid in the identification of such plants, but shall not be the sole source of such information. Examples of invasive, non-native plants include, but are not limited to, air potato, camphor tree, Old World climbing fern, Chinaberry, giant sensitive plant, Chinese tallow, Brazilian pepper-tree, Melaleuca and Australian Pine. The Florida Exotic Pest Council provides a complete list of such species at <http://www.fleppc.org/> and identification aides are available from the University of Florida's Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants at <http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

Restriction:

Non-native plants shall not be planted or maintained by a homeowner in any area outside of such homeowner's property unless expressly permitted within a neighborhood or community garden.

Goal:

Native plants that are not invasive and which do not require long term irrigation to flourish are encouraged in residential areas.

Landscaping/Tree Removal.**Restriction:**

Homeowners may plant and maintain non-native ornamental and garden plant species only if they are not banned by federal, state, or local laws and ordinances.

Restriction:

No tree or shrub that contains a bird nest with eggs or dependent young or mammal's den with dependent young may be removed before those young have fledged or matured to self-sufficiency except when compelling safety issues mandate so.

Guideline:

Introduced plants shall not have an invasive life strategy that could potentially lead to their spread outside of the homeowner's property. Disposal of non-native plants shall be performed in

a manner to prevent the unintentional propagation of such plants, either vegetatively or by seed in any common or protected area.

Goal:

Use of native plants is encouraged. Plants and landscaping needing minimal human maintenance such as irrigation and chemical applications are encouraged.

Goal:

Removing or thinning trees, branches, and/or dead wood is allowed as property maintenance and to eliminate or alleviate a safety hazard to humans or property. Whenever and wherever possible, dead and dying trees (snags) should be left standing as wildlife habitat and maintained to avoid any hazard that would pose a risk to people or property. Whenever possible on larger lots, any cut trees or branches (other than non-native, invasive, infected, or diseased trees) should be left on the ground at or near the area from which they were removed to decompose naturally or be moved to designated common areas to enhance wildlife habitat.

Fences and Plant Barriers.

Restriction:

No barbed wire or hog wire fences shall be used. Fences shall comply with any applicable design standards.

Guideline:

No fences and barriers should be utilized which present a threat of injury to wildlife due to design, construction, or lack of proper maintenance.

Policy Recommendation:

Fences, plant barriers and other barriers placed to exclude animals from gardens or other places where they are or reasonably may be expected to be in conflict with humans (for example, deer fencing to protect ornamental plants or vegetables from browsing) are acceptable.

Mowing (lawns).**Guideline:**

The timing of and equipment selection for mowing shall be undertaken to pose a minimal threat to wildlife. As conditions permit, mowing should be performed in the middle of the day rather than early morning or late afternoon.

Goal:

Mowers should be set to mow lawn area at a height of no less than two (2) inches.

Goal:

Residential mowers should preferably be manual or electric-powered and of the type that recycles cut material (mulching).

Goal:

Since lawns are managed landscapes which may be little used by local wildlife species or when used may lead to human-wildlife conflicts, homeowners are encouraged to reduce the total amount of turf and to plant native vegetation.

Waste and Trash Management.**Restriction:**

Waste motor oil, anti-freeze and other hazardous materials shall be collected for proper disposal and shall under no circumstances be drained onto the ground or any paved area or allowed to enter either the stormwater or wastewater collection systems.

Guideline:

Except for the activities during the construction or development of Harmony or as necessary for reasonable and necessary repairs or property maintenance, no burning of trash or other materials and no accumulation or storage of litter, lumber, scrap metals, refuse, bulk materials, waste, new or used building materials, or trash of any other kind shall be permitted. This guideline does not

apply to brush piles, snags, coarse woody debris, and similar material placed and/or allowed to remain as wildlife habitat.

Guideline:

All trash stored or placed outside for collection shall be in containers of design and construction for the purpose of minimizing animal and wildlife access. Trash containers shall be maintained and used in a manner that does not allow access to their contents or attract wild or domestic animals. Lids shall be secured and containers shall be maintained without holes. Unsecured trash in bags or open containers is prohibited.

Guideline:

Composting of household and kitchen refuse shall be limited to organic matter that does not attract or entice wild animals. Specifically, no animal products or refuse, including but not limited to cat litter and animal waste, shall be composted outdoors. All cat litter to be disposed of shall be securely contained within trash containers.

Guideline:

No yard or garden refuse may be placed in common or natural areas without express written permission of the Committee.

Goal:

All food containers should be rinsed to remove food remnants and odors before being placed for disposal or recycling outdoors or at other animal accessible locations. Used food wrapping material (such as plastic wrap and aluminum foil) should also be rinsed before disposal, if possible. Plastic food containers such as those for yogurt, peanut butter, and others should be cut up and/or crushed, if possible, and each ring in plastic six-pack carriers (and similar packaging) should be cut apart before disposal or recycling.

Goal:

Garden and yard refuse should be recycled by composting or similar activities on site whenever possible. This refuse may also be taken to an approved community collection area or designated common area.

Policy Recommendation:

The Committee may propose to the Board additional trash management policies to minimize the attraction of wild animals.

Lighting and Windows.**Restriction:**

All residential outdoor home and yard lighting shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be of low intensity and conform to “dark sky” standards of downward projected “full-cut off” illumination and to shield light from emitting upwards toward the open sky or surrounding natural areas. Mercury vapor and metal halide lights are prohibited. Motion and timer controlled light switches are encouraged.

Guideline:

The illuminated elements of lighting fixtures shall not be visible from adjacent properties or open space.

Goal:

The use of yellow lights is to be encouraged to reduce the attraction of insects. The use of motion detectors for security lighting is preferable to constant illumination.

Goal:

During certain times of the year, bird-friendly alterations to windows may be encouraged. For example, during bird migration tape or other material can be placed on windows to prevent birds from striking the windows.

Policy Recommendation:

The Committee shall advise the Board and, if present, the Harmony Design Committee, on available desirable standards for home and yard lighting in order, to the maximum extent practicable, conform to a “dark sky” lighting standard.

Policy Recommendation:

The Committee shall similarly advise the Board and, if present, the Harmony Design Committee, on window standards in order to reduce the threat of bird strikes as influenced by window positioning and design during construction, modification, or maintenance of all structures.

VII. PRESERVED AREA MANAGEMENT

Management of Use and Access.

Restriction:

All users will abide by official Committee determined limitations concerning preserved areas as management and use plans may require.

Goal:

Preserved areas shall be configured and managed to promote sustainable populations of native plants and wildlife, pursuant to sound habitat management plans.

Policy Recommendation:

To promote the implementation of sound environmental management practices, specific natural and preserved areas and trails may be closed or have their access limited on a temporary basis or longer. Such areas will have access restrictions posted or have their access trails blocked with tree limbs or other natural obstructions.

Fires and Controlled Burning.

Restriction:

To prevent dangerous wildfires and the unnecessary generation of smoke, the open burning of leaves, yard wastes or materials of any kind is prohibited, unless authorized in advance by the Committee. Planned area burns shall only occur pursuant to prior authorization by the Board and as part of a habitat management plan.

Policy Recommendation:

Controlled burning of preserved areas is an important management tool intended to mimic naturally occurring fires. Certain native habitat systems are dependent upon occasional burning for optimal wildlife values. The Committee may therefore conduct controlled burns from time to time, but only if permitted under state law, if they are consistent with a carefully prepared management plan and if performed by professionals in a limited manner that minimizes risk to residents and developed portions of the community.

Corridor Maintenance.**Restriction:**

Residential activity on lots adjoining natural corridors and preserve areas shall not encroach into such features as a result of vegetation removal, mowing or other landscaping practices.

Guideline:

Where corridors are crossed by pedestrian ways, cartways or roads, users shall be especially attentive in operating their vehicles or otherwise crossing such areas so as to avoid conflicts with wildlife or disturbing vegetation.

Policy Recommendation:

The Committee shall prepare and propose to the Board a plan providing for natural corridors connecting natural areas to be maintained in a manner to allow wildlife movement and to preserve the integrity of the whole natural system. The plan should provide for existing corridors to not be altered beyond routine and accepted maintenance and not to be destroyed or altered without a valid and justifiable purpose.

Watershed Maintenance.**Restriction:**

The draining of motor oil, antifreeze or other pollutants onto the ground or any paved area is prohibited. Disposal or spillage of hazardous materials, chemicals and antibacterial agents is similarly prohibited. Accidental spills should be immediately reported to the Committee for assistance in containment and cleanup.

Goal:

All portions of Harmony have the potential to drain into Buck Lake, Cat Lake or the subsurface aquifer. Therefore, every effort will be made to avoid introducing pollutants to the surface drainage system.

Policy Recommendation:

The Committee shall advise the Board on carrying out construction activities and land alteration in manners that do not affect the biotic integrity of the lakes and waterways.

Policy Recommendation:

The Committee shall prepare and propose to the Board a plan concerning vegetation management around streams and lakes. Such plans shall include provisions to minimize the impacts on wildlife including the timing of management activities.



VIII. COMPANION ANIMALS

Companion Animals:**Goal:**

People live better when they live in contact with domestic animals and natural systems. Therefore, access to companion animals is encouraged, provided that neither the animals nor the community suffers as a result of this contact.

Compliance with Laws.**Restriction:**

Residents, tenants, guests, invitees and visitors shall comply with these rules and all Laws (as defined in the Declaration) regarding companion animals or pets and all other animals.

Restriction:

Owners shall be held liable for all damage to public property and common areas caused by their domestic animals and those of their tenants, guests and invitees.

Vaccinations.**Restriction:**

For the protection of human and animal health, all cats and dogs must receive an annual rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian and comply with Osceola County animal licensing regulations. Additionally, all animals must be vaccinated against other communicable diseases as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian.

Care.**Restriction:**

Residents are responsible and liable for the control, management and humane care of their animals so as not to cause a nuisance or disturbance to the community or risks to the health, safety or welfare of people, animals, wildlife and natural habitat.

Restriction:

Unwanted domestic animals, including fish and birds, shall not be released into the Harmony environment, but shall be offered for adoption or otherwise transferred in a manner consistent with these Restrictions, Guidelines and Goals.

Restriction:

The burial and disposal of companion animals shall be conducted in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and shall in no event be conducted in a manner that poses a threat to the health, safety or welfare of people, animals, wildlife and natural habitat.

Guideline:

Domestic animals shall not be confined to restrictive crates or cages for any unreasonable length of time such as may deprive animal from necessary opportunity for elimination or exercise.

Guideline:

Domestic animals shall not be left unattended within private property for any unreasonable length of time such as may cause a disturbance including persistent vocalization by barking or debarked dogs, or that may be construed as neglect as evidenced by a prolonged absence of adequate shelter from rain, intense heat or cold, absence of fresh drinking water or absence of regular and substantial human interaction.

Guideline:

Outdoor shelters must protect pets from inclement weather conditions including rain, intense heat or cold, and must be kept free of waste, well ventilated and allow for drainage of any accumulation of moisture. Outdoor shelters must be one and one-half the length of the dog for which it is provided and be of sufficient height that the dog is able to stand with its head erect, ears up and not touching the roof of the shelter.

Guideline:

Dogs shall not be left unattended in owner's yard at any time while confined to a chain or tether.

Goal:

Residents shall not abandon their domestic animals during disaster evacuations, but shall be responsible for providing domestic animals in their ownership or care with safe shelter and all necessary sustenance. Residents without means to provide such relief for their domestic animals during such times are responsible for making alternative arrangements prior to any watch or warning of impending disaster.

Goal:

Residents are encouraged to support community efforts to reduce the population of homeless companion animals including offering assistance and care to their neighbors when needed, promoting good behavior, educating about the benefits of spay or neuter, and the adoption of homeless animals from within the community so that all domestic animals in the community of Harmony are assured a secure and permanent home.

Handling and Identification.**Restriction:**

No domestic animal shall be allowed to roam free off the owner's property or be allowed off the owner's property unless properly restrained. Cats must be on a harness with attached leash or be crated. Dogs must wear a collar or harness with attached leash not to exceed six (6) feet or be crated.

Restriction:

For purposes of emergency management and safety, all owned animals of all residents shall be registered with the Committee within seven (7) days of their being brought into Harmony. Registration information shall not be released by the Committee without the consent of the owner.

Guideline:

All domestic animals must wear visible identification including owner contact information and vaccine licensing at all times while off their owner's property.

Guideline:

Upon being removed from a crate within an outdoor public area not designated as "off-leash," any domestic animal must have a leash attached to its collar or wear a harness. Dogs being carried must have a leash attached to their collar or harness. Dogs may be off-leash in designated areas only.

Guideline:

Domestic animals shall not be allowed in any area specifically designated as excluding domestic animals.

Guideline:

Other than within veterinary or other professional animal care commercial facilities, all domestic animals in heat shall not be off-leash at any time in any public area and are excluded from any public dog areas until one week following the end of the heat cycle. Domestic animals in heat shall be contained in such a way as to be inaccessible to all other domestic animals of the same species and shall not be left outdoors and unattended at any time until one week following the end of the heat cycle.

Animal Waste.**Restriction:**

Domestic animals shall not eliminate outside of the owner's property unless in designated areas and owner shall immediately dispose of solid waste either by depositing in a public container designated for that purpose or by disposing within the owner's private property.

Guideline:

Waste on owner's property shall be properly disposed of within a reasonable amount of time so as not to cause a visible or odorous offense or to contribute to an unhealthy environment.

Companion Animals and Wildlife.**Guideline:**

All animal feed provided to any domestic animal on an owner's outdoors property shall be disposed of within a reasonable period so as not to encourage wildlife other than those species such as birds or squirrels normally present within the residential areas of the community.

Prohibited Animals.**Restriction:**

Any animal deemed dangerous under law, or any hybrid animal, defined as the offspring of different species such as wolf and dog, whether canine or feline, are prohibited for any reason or purpose other than to visit a professional animal facility qualified to handle such animal. Dangerous exotic wildlife categorized as either Class I or Class II under F.A.C. Rule 68A-6.002 shall not be permitted in Harmony except for short term presentations as approved in advance by the Committee.

Unowned Animals.**Guideline:**

Residents shall not encourage the presence of unowned animals by feeding unowned animals or feral or domestic species, but shall immediately notify the Committee of the presence of any unowned animal or feral or domestic species within the community. Residents may temporarily confine an unowned animal or feral or domestic species until such time as the animal is either delivered to or retrieved by a proper authority.

Commercial Operations.**Restriction:**

Residential operations providing the services of an overnight or daycare boarding kennel or grooming are prohibited.

Restriction:

Owning, breeding, training, transporting, selling or any other form of activity involving or transferring ownership or possession of any animal or avian for any purpose related to or involving animal fighting including public display of any paraphernalia related to animal or avian fighting is prohibited under all circumstances.

Restriction:

No litters will be displayed for sale or for free or give-away in any public or common area of the community.

Guideline:

Any resident planning on breeding their domestic animal must register such intent with the Committee. Unless specifically approved by the Committee in writing, which approval may be conditioned or revoked by the Committee at any time, no more than one litter may be born every two years to any resident's cat or dog within the community.

Guideline:

No signs advertising litters of puppies or kittens for sale, whether for compensation or for free, are allowed on any indoor or outdoor public areas within the community or along any public roadways of the community, except in such locations as may be designated from time to time by the Committee for such purpose. Such areas may, for example, include community bulletin boards for such purposes.