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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

February 23, 1999

CT CORPORATION SYSTEM 660 E JEFFERSON ST TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

SUBJECT: COLONIAL PROPERTIES TRUST Ref. Number: W99000004540

We have received your document for COLONIAL PROPERTIES TRUST and your check(s) totaling \$350.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity. Simply adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable. Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

The affidavit submitted must be notarized before your document can be processed.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6923.

Doris McDuffie
Corporate Specialist Supervisor

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### AFFIDAVIT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF FLORIDA TO FILE OR QUALIFY

| (State) abama Colonial Properties Thisf   | labama  | (Name of Trust)  Trust hereby affirms in a   | order to file or quali  |
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| (Name of Trust)  Two or more persons are named in the Trust.  The principal address is 2101 6th Avenue North, Suite 750  Birmingham, AL 35203  The registered agent and office in the State of Florida is:  CT Corporation System  1200 S. Pine Island Road, Plantation, FL 33324  Acceptance by the registered agent: Having been named as registered agent accept service of process for the above named Declaration of Trust at the clace designated in this affidavit, I hereby accept the appointment registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.  CONNEE BRYAN  SPECIAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY  (Signature of Registered Agent)  Certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of Trust and which the association proposes to conduct its business in Florida. |   |  | _   |
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## STATE OF ALABAMA

I, Jim Bennett, Secretary of State of the State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that as appears on file and of record in this office, the pages hereto attached, contain a true, accurate and literal copy of declaration of trust of Colonial Properties Trust as received and filed in the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama on July 14, 1998, showing the date of declaration of trust as August 21, 1995, the date said instrument was filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this day.

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Jim Bennett

Secretary of State

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## COLONIAL PROPERTIES TRUST

### DECLARATION OF TRUST

Dated August 21, 1995

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This DECLARATION OF TRUST (this "Declaration of Trust") is made as of the date set forth above by the undersigned trustee.

WHEREAS, the Trustees (as defined herein) desire that this trust qualify as a "real estate investment trust" under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code"), and under the Alabama Real Estate Investment Trust Act (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interests in the real estate investment trust shall be divided into transferable shares of one or more classes evidenced by certificates.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Trustees hereby declare that they will hold all property which they have or may hereafter acquire-as such Trustees; together with the proceeds thereof, in trust, and manage the Trust Property (as defined herein) for the benefit of the Shareholders (as hereinafter defined) as provided by this Declaration of Trust.

#### ARTICLE I

## THE TRUST; DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 Name. The name of the trust (the "Trust") is:

### Colonial Properties Trust

So far as may be practicable, the business of the Trust shall be conducted and transacted under that name, which name (and the word "Trust" wherever used in this Declaration of Trust, except where the context otherwise requires) shall refer to the Trustees collectively but not individually or personally and shall not refer to the Shareholders or to any officers, employees or agents of the Trust or of such Trustees.

Under circumstances in which the Trustees determine that the use of the name "Colonial Properties Trust" is not practicable, they may use any other designation or name for the Trust.

Where the context so requires, references to the "Trust" shall include the Trust's predecessor entity, Colonial Properties Trust, a Maryland real estate investment trust.

SECTION 1.2 Resident Agent. The name and address of the resident agent for service of process of the Trust in the State of Alabama is Thomas H. Lowder, Energen

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Plaza, 2101 Sixth Avenue North, Suite 750, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. The Trust may have such offices or places of business within or without the State of Alabama as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

SECTION 1.3 <u>Nature of Trust</u>. The Trust is a real estate investment trust within the meaning of the Act. The Trust shall not be deemed to be a general partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, joint stock company or a corporation (but nothing herein shall preclude the Trust from being treated for tax purposes as an association under the Code).

SECTION 1.4 <u>Powers</u>. The Trust shall have all of the powers granted to real estate investment trusts pursuant to the Act or any successor statute and shall have any other and further powers as are not inconsistent with and are appropriate to promote and attain the purposes set forth in this Declaration of Trust.

SECTION 1.5 <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Declaration of Trust, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires (certain other terms used in Section 6.4 and/or Section 6.7 hereof are defined in Sections 6.2, 6.3 and 6.7(a) hereof):

"Adviser" means the Person, if any, appointed, employed or contracted with by the Trust pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof.

"Affiliate" or "Affiliated" means, as to any individual, corporation, partnership, trust or other association (other than the Trust), any Person (i) that holds beneficially, directly or indirectly, 5% or more of the outstanding stock or equity interests thereof or (ii) who is an officer, director, partner or trustee thereof or of any Person which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such corporation, partnership, trust or other association or (iii) which controls, is controlled by or under common control with, such corporation, partnership, trust or other association.

"Excess Shares" shall mean the Shares described in Section 6.4.

"Mortgages" means mortgages, deeds of trust or other security interests on or applicable to Real Property.

"Person" shall mean an individual, trust, partnership, estate, trust (including a trust qualified under Section 401(a) or 501(c)(17) of the Code), a portion of a trust permanently set aside for or to be used exclusively for the purposes described in Section 642(c) of the Code, association, private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Code, joint stock company or other entity and also includes a group as that term is used for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; but does not include an underwriter which participates in a public offering of Shares for a period of 90 days following the purchase by such underwriter of the Shares, provided that the ownership of Shares by such underwriter would not result in the Trust being "closely held" within the meaning of Section 856(h) of the Code, or would otherwise result in the Trust failing to qualify as a REIT.

"Real Property" or "Real Estate" means land, rights in land (including leasehold interests), and any buildings, structures, improvements, furnishings, fixtures and equipment located on or used in connection with land and rights or interests in land.

"REIT" shall mean a "real estate investment trust" under Section 856 of the Code.

"RFIT Provisions of the Code" means Sections 856 through 860 of the Code and any successor or other provisions of the Code relating to real estate investment trusts (including provisions as to the attribution of ownership of beneficial interests therein) and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Securities" means Shares, any stock, shares or other evidence of equity or beneficial or other interests, voting trust certificates, bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, secured or unsecured, convertible, subordinated or otherwise, or in general any instruments commonly known as "securities" or any certificates of interest, shares or participations in, temporary or interim certificates for, receipts for, guarantees of, or warrants, options or rights to subscribe to, purchase or acquire, any of the foregoing.

"Securities of the Trust" means any Securities issued by the Trust.

"Shareholders" means holders of record of outstanding Shares.

"Shares" means transferable shares of beneficial interest of the Trust of any class or series.

"Trustees" or "Board of Trustees" means, collectively, the individuals named in Section 2.2 of this Declaration of Trust so long as they continue in office and all other individuals who have been duly elected and qualify as trustees of the Trust hereunder.

"Trust Property" means any and all property, real, personal or otherwise, tangible or intangible, which is transferred or conveyed to the Trust or the Trustees (including all rents, income, profits and gains therefrom), which is owned or held by, or for the account of, the Trust or the Trustees.

#### ARTICLE II

#### TRUSTEES

SECTION 2.1 Number. The number of Trustees initially shall be one (1) and may thereafter be increased or decreased from time to time by a two-thirds vote of the Trustees then in office or by a majority vote of the Shareholders; provided, however, that the total number of Trustees shall be not fewer than three (3) and not more than fifteen (15). No reduction in the number of Trustees shall cause the removal of any Trustee from office prior to the expiration of his term.

SECTION 2.2 Initial Board; Term. The initial Trustee (the "Initial Trustee")

is Thomas H. Lowder, only for so long as he shall continue to serve as a Trustee of the Trust hereunder. The term of the Initial Trustee shall continue until the annual meeting of Shareholders in 1997 and until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. The Trustees shall be divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible with the term of office of one class expiring each year.

Beginning with the annual meeting of Shareholders in 1996 and at each succeeding annual meeting of Shareholders, the Trustees of the class of Trustees whose term expires at such meeting will be elected to hold office for a term expiring at the third succeeding annual meeting. Each Trustee will hold office for the term for which he is elected and unfil his successor is duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 2.3 Resignation. Removal or Death. Any Trustee may resign by written notice to the Board of Trustees, effective upon execution and delivery to the Trust of such written notice or upon any future date specified in the notice. A Trustee may be removed from office with or without cause only at a meeting of the Shareholders called for that purpose, by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than two-thirds of the Shares then outstanding and entitled to vote in the election of Trustees. Upon the resignation or removal of any Trustee, or his otherwise ceasing to be a Trustee, he shall automatically cease to have any right, title or interest in and to the Trust Property and shall execute and deliver such documents as the remaining Trustees require for the conveyance of any Trust Property held in his name, and shall account to the remaining Trustees as they require for all property which he holds as Trustee. Upon the incapacity or death of any Trustee, his legal representative shall perform the acts described in the foregoing sentence.

SECTION 2.4 Legal Title. Legal title to all Trust Property shall be vested in the Trustees, but they may cause legal title to any Trust Property to be held by or in the name of any Trustee, or the Trust, or any other Person as nominee. The right, title and interest of the Trustees in and to the Trust Property shall automatically vest in successor and additional Trustees upon their qualification and acceptance of election or appointment as Trustees, and they shall thereupon have all the rights and obligations of Trustees, whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to Section 2.3 hereof or otherwise. Written evidence of the qualification and acceptance of election or appointment of successor and additional Trustees may be filed with the records of the Trust and in such other offices, agencies or places as the Trustees may deem necessary or desirable.

#### ARTICLE III

#### POWERS OF TRUSTEES

SECTION 3.1 General. Subject to the express limitations herein, (1) the business and affairs of the Trust shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Trustees and (2) the Trustees shall have full, exclusive and absolute power, control and authority over the Trust Property and over the business of the Trust as if they, in their own right, were the sole owners thereof. The Trustees may take any actions that, in their sole judgment and discretion, are necessary or desirable to conduct the business of the Trust. This Declaration of Trust shall be construed with a presumption in favor of the grant of power and authority to the Trustees. Any construction of this Declaration of Trust or determination made in good faith by the Trustees concerning their powers and authority hereunder shall be conclusive. The enumeration and definition of particular powers of the Trustees included in this Article III shall in no way be limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of this or any other provision of this Declaration of Trust or construed or deemed by inference or otherwise in any manner to exclude or limit the powers conferred upon the Trustees under the general laws of the State of Alabama as now or hereafter in force.

SECTION 3.2 Specific Powers and Authority. Subject only to the express limitations herein, and in addition to all other powers and authority conferred by this Declaration of Trust or by law, the Trustees, without any vote, action or consent by the Shareholders, shall have and may exercise, at any time or times, in the name of the Trust or on its behalf the following powers and authorities:

- (a) <u>Investments</u>. Subject to Section 8.5 hereof, to invest in, purchase or otherwise acquire and to hold real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, property of any kind wherever located, or rights or interests therein or in connection therewith, all without regard to whether such property, interests or rights are authorized by law for the investment of funds held by trustees or other fiduciaries, or whether obligations the Trust acquires have a term greater or lesser than the term of office of the Trustees or the possible termination of the Trust, for such consideration as the Trustees may deem proper (including cash, property of any kind or Securities of the Trust); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Trustees shall take such actions as they deem necessary and desirable to comply with any requirements of the Act relating to the types of assets held by the Trust.
- (b) Sale, Disposition and Use of Property. Subject to Article V and Sections 8.5 and 9.3 hereof, to sell, rent, lease, hire, exchange, release, partition, assign, mortgage, grant security interests in, encumber, negotiate, dedicate, grant easements in and options with respect to, convey, transfer (including transfers to entities wholly or partially owned by the Trust or the Trustees) or otherwise dispose of any or all of the Trust Property by deeds (including deeds in lieu of foreclosure with or without consideration), trust deeds, assignments, bills of sale, transfers, leases, mortgages, financing statements, security agreements and other instruments for any of such purposes executed and delivered for and on behalf of the Trust or the Trustees by one or more of the Trustees or by a duly authorized officer, employee, agent or nominee of the Trust, on such terms as they deem appropriate; to

give consents and make contracts relating to the Trust Property and its use or other property or matters; to develop, improve, manage, use, alter or otherwise deal with the Trust Property; and to rent, lease or hire from others property of any kind; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Trust may not use or apply land for any purposes not permitted by applicable law.

- (c) Financings. To borrow or in any other manner raise money for the purposes and on the terms they determine, and to evidence the same by issuance of Securities of the Trust, which may have such provisions as the Trustees determine; to reacquire such Securities of the Trust; to enter into other contracts or obligations on behalf of the Trust; to guarantee, indemnify or act as surety with respect to payment or performance of obligations of any Person; to mortgage, pledge, assign, grant security interests in or otherwise encumber the Trust Property to secure any such Securities of the Trust, contracts or obligations (including guarantees, indemnifications and suretyships); and to renew, modify, release, compromise, extend, consolidate or cancel, in whole or in part, any obligation to or of the Trust or participate in any reorganization of obligors to the Trust.
- (d) <u>Loans</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 8.5 hereof, to lend money or other Trust Property on such terms, for such purposes and to such Persons as they may determine.
- (e) <u>Issuance of Securities</u>. Subject to the provisions of Article VI hereof, to create and authorize and direct the issuance (on either a pro rata or a non-pro rata basis) by the Trust, in shares, units or amounts of one or more types, series or classes, of Securities of the Trust, which may have such voting rights, dividend or interest rates, preferences, subordinations, conversion or redemption prices or rights, maturity dates, distribution, exchange, or liquidation rights or other rights as the Trustees may determine, without vote of or other action by the Shareholders, to such Persons for such consideration, at such time or times and in such manner and on such terms as the Trustees determine; to list any of the Securities of the Trust on any securities exchange; and to purchase or otherwise acquire, bold, cancel, reissue, sell and transfer any Securities of the Trust.
- (f) Expenses and Taxes. To pay any charges, expenses or liabilities necessary or desirable, in the sole discretion of the Trustees, for carrying out the purposes of this Declaration of Trust and conducting the business of the Trust, including compensation or fees to Trustees, officers, employees and agents of the Trust, and to Persons contracting with the Trust, and any taxes, levies, charges and assessments of any kind imposed upon or chargeable against the Trust, the Trust Property or the Trustees in connection therewith; and to prepare and file any tax returns, reports or other documents and take any other appropriate action relating to the payment of any such charges, expenses or liabilities.
- (g) Collection and Enforcement. To collect, sue for and receive money or other property due to the Trust; to consent to extensions of the time for payment, or to the renewal, of any Securities or obligations; to engage or to intervene in, prosecute, defend, compound, enforce, compromise, release, abandon or adjust any actions, suits, proceedings, disputes, claims, demands, security interests or things relating to the Trust, the Trust Property or the Trust's affairs; to exercise any rights and enter into any agreements and take any other action necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing.

- (b) <u>Deposits</u>. To deposit funds or Securities constituting part of the Trust Property in banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, financial institutions and other depositories, whether or not such deposits will draw interest, subject to withdrawal on such terms and in such manner as the Trustees determine.
- (i) Allocation; Accounts. To determine whether moneys, profits or other assets of the Trust shall be charged or credited to, or allocated between, income and capital, including whether or not to amortize any premium or discount and to determine in what manner any expenses or disbursements are to be borne as between income and capital (regardless of how such items would normally or otherwise be charged to or allocated between income and capital without such determination); to treat any dividend or other distribution on any investment as, or apportion it between, income and capital; in their discretion to provide reserves for depreciation, amortization, obsolescence or other purposes in respect of any Trust Property in such amounts and by such methods as they determine; to determine what constitutes net earnings, profits or surplus; to determine the method or form in which the accounts and records of the Trust shall be maintained; and to allocate to the Shareholders equity account less than all of the consideration paid for Shares and to allocate the balance to paid-in capital or capital surplus.
- (j) <u>Valuation of Property</u>. To determine the value of all or any part of the Trust Property and of any services, Securities, property or other consideration to be furnished to or acquired by the Trust, and to revalue all or any part of the Trust Property, all in accordance with such appraisals or other information as are reasonable, in their sole judgment.
- (k) Ownership and Voting Powers. To exercise all of the rights, powers, options and privileges pertaining to the ownership of any Mortgages, Securities, Real Estate and other Trust Property to the same extent that an individual owner might, including without limitation to vote or give any consent, request or notice or waive any notice, either in person or by proxy or power of attorney, which proxies and powers of attorney may be for any general or special meetings or action, and may include the exercise of discretionary powers.
- (I) Officers, Etc.: Delegation of Powers. To elect, appoint or employ such officers for the Trust and such committees of the Board of Trustees with such powers and duties as the Trustees may determine or the bylaws of the Trust (the "Bylaws") provide; to engage, employ or contract with and pay compensation to any Person (including subject to Section 8.5 hereof, any Trustee and any Person who is an Affiliate of any Trustee) as agent, representative, Adviser, member of an advisory board, employee or independent contractor (including advisers, consultants, transfer agents, registrars, underwriters, accountants, attorneys-at-law, real estate agents, property and other managers, appraisers, brokers, architects, engineers, construction managers, general contractors or otherwise) in one or more capacities, to perform such services on such terms as the Trustees may determine; to delegate to one or more Trustees, officers or other Persons engaged or employed as aforesaid or to committees of Trustees or to the Adviser, the performance of acts or other things (including granting of consents), the making of decisions and the execution of such deeds,

contracts or other instruments, either in the names of the Trust, the Trustees or as their attorneys or otherwise, as the Trustees may determine; and to establish such committees as they deem appropriate.

- (m) Associations. Subject to Section 8.5 hereof, to cause the Trust to enter into joint ventures, general or limited partnerships, participation or agency arrangements or any other lawful combinations, relationships, or associations of any kind.
- (n) Reorganizations, Etc. Subject to Sections 9.2 and 9.3 hereof, to cause to be organized or assist in organizing any Person under the laws of any jurisdiction to acquire all or any part of the Trust Property, carry on any business in which the Trust shall have an interest or otherwise exercise the powers the Trustees deem necessary, useful or desirable to carry on the business of the Trust or to carry out the previsions of this Declaration of Trust; to merge or consolidate the Trust with any Person; to sell, rent, lease, hire, convey, negotiate, assign, exchange or transfer all or any part of the Trust Property to or with any Person in exchange for Securities of such Person or otherwise; and to lend money to, subscribe for and purchase the Securities of, and enter into any contracts with, any Person in which the Trust holds, or is about to acquire, Securities or any other interests.
- (o) Insurance. To purchase and pay for out of Trust Property insurance policies insuring the Trust and the Trust Property against any and all risks, and insuring the Shareholders, Trustees, officers, employees and agents of the Trust individually against all claims and liabilities of every nature arising by reason of holding or having held any such status, office or position or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken or omitted (including those alleged to constitute misconduct, gross negligence, reckless disregard of duty or bad faith) by any such Person in such capacity, whether or not the Trust would have the power to indemnify such Person against such claim or liability.
- (p) Executive Compensation, Pension and Other Plans. To adopt and implement executive compensation, pension, profit sharing, share option, share bonus, share purchase, share appreciation rights, restricted share, savings, thrift, retirement, incentive or benefit plans, trusts or provisions, applicable to any or all Trustees, officers, employees or agents of the Trust, or to other Persons who have benefited the Trust, all on such terms and for such purposes as the Trustees may determine.
- (q) <u>Distributions</u>. To declare and pay dividends or other distributions to Shareholders, subject to the provisions of Section 6.5 hereof.
- (r) <u>Indemnification</u>. In addition to the indemnification provided for in Section 8.4 hereof, to indemnify any Person, including any Adviser or independent contractor, with whom the Trust has dealings.
- (s) <u>Charitable Contributions</u>. To make donations for the public welfare or for community, charitable, religious, educational, scientific, civic or similar purposes, regardless of any direct benefit to the Trust.
  - (t) <u>Discontinue Operations: Bankruptcy</u>. To discontinue the operations of

the Trust (subject to Section 10.2 hereof); to petition or apply for relief under any provision of federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization laws or similar laws for the relief of debtors; to permit any Trust Property to be foreclosed upon without raising any legal or equitable defenses that may be available to the Trust or the Trustees or otherwise defending or responding to such foreclosure; to confess judgment against the Trust; or to take such other action with respect to indebtedness or other obligations of the Trustees, in such capacity, the Trust Property or the Trust as the Trustees in their discretion may determine.

- (u) Termination of Status. To terminate the status of the Trust as a real estate investment trust under the REIT Provisions of the Code; provided, however, that the Board of Trustees shall take no action to terminate the Trust's status as a real estate investment trust under the REIT Provisions of the Code until such time as (i) the Board of Trustees adopts a resolution recommending that the Trust terminate its status as a real estate investment trust under the REIT Provisions of the Code, (ii) the Board of Trustees presents the resolution at an annual or special meeting of the Shareholders and (iii) such resolution is approved by the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding Common Shares (as defined in Section 6.2 hereof).
- (v) Fiscal Year. Subject to the Code, to adopt, and from time to time change, a fiscal year for the Trust.
- (w) <u>Seal</u>. To adopt and use a seal, but the use of a seal shall not be required for the execution of instruments or obligations of the Trust.
- (x) <u>Bylaws</u>. To adopt, implement and from time to time alter, amend or repeal Bylaws of the Trust relating to the business and organization of the Trust which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Declaration of Trust.
- (y) <u>Voting Trust</u>. To participate in, and accept Securities issued under or subject to, any voting trust.
- Trust. (z) <u>Proxies.</u> To solicit proxies of the Shareholders at the expense of the
- (aa) <u>Further Powers</u>. To do all other acts and things and execute and deliver all instruments incident to the foregoing powers, and to exercise all powers which they deem necessary, useful or desirable to carry on the business of the Trust or to carry out the provisions of this Declaration of Trust, even if such powers are not specifically provided hereby.
- SECTION 3.3 <u>Determination of Best Interest of Trust</u>. In determining what is in the best interest of the Trust, a Trustee shall consider the interests of the Shareholders of the Trust and applicable legal requirements (including contractual obligations to parties other than shareholders) and, in his or her sole and absolute discretion, may consider (a) the interests of the Trust's employees, suppliers, creditors and customers, (b) the economy of the nation, (c) community and societal interests and (d) the long-term as well as short-term interests of the Trust and its Shareholders, including the possibility that these interests may

be best served by the continued independence of the Trust.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### ADVISER

SECTION 4.1 <u>Appointment</u>. The Trustees are responsible for setting the general policies of the Trust and for the general supervision of its business conducted by officers, agents, employees, advisers or independent contractors of the Trust. However, the Trustees are not required personally to conduct the business of the Trust, and they may (but need not) appoint, employ or contract with any Person (including a Person Affiliated with any Trustee) as an Adviser and may grant or delegate such authority to the Adviser as the Trustees may, in their sole discretion, deem necessary or desirable. The Trustees may determine the terms of retention and the compensation of the Adviser and may exercise broad discretion in allowing the Adviser to administer and regulate the operations of the Trust, to act as agent for the Trust, to execute documents on behalf of the Trust and to make executive decisions which conform to general policies and principles established by the Trustees.

SECTION 4.2 <u>Affiliation and Functions</u>. The Trustees, by resolution or in the Bylaws, may provide guidelines, provisions, or requirements concerning the affiliation and functions of the Adviser.

#### ARTICLE V

#### INVESTMENT POLICY

The fundamental investment policy of the Trust is to make investments in such a manner as to comply with the REIT Provisions of the Code and with the requirements of the Act, with respect to the composition of the Trust's investments and the derivation of its income. Subject to Section 3.2(u) hereof, the Trustees will use their best efforts to carry out this fundamental investment policy and to conduct the affairs of the Trust in such a manner as to continue to qualify the Trust for the tax treatment provided in the REIT Provisions of the Code; provided, however, no Trustee, officer, employee or agent of the Trust shall be liable for any act or omission resulting in the loss of tax benefits under the Code, except to the extent provided in Section 8.2 hereof. The Trustees may change from time to time by resolution or in the Bylaws of the Trust, such investment policies as they determine to be in the best interests of the Trust, including prohibitions or restrictions upon certain types of investments.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### SHARES

SECTION 6.1 <u>Authorized Shares</u>. The beneficial interest in the Trust shall be divided into Shares. The total number of Shares which the Trust is authorized to issue is fifty million (50,000,000) shares, and shall consist of common shares and such other types or classes of Securities of the Trust as the Trustees may create and authorize from time to time and designate as representing a beneficial interest in the Trust. Shares may be issued for such consideration as the Trustees determine or, if issued as a result of a Share dividend or Share split, without any consideration, in which case all Shares so issued shall be fully paid and nonassessable.

SECTION 6.2 Common Shares. Common Shares ("Common Shares") shall have a par value of \$.01 per share and shall entitle the holders to one vote per share on all matters upon which Shareholders are entitled to vote pursuant to Section 7.2 hereof, and shares of a particular class of issued Common Shares shall have equal dividend, distribution, liquidation and other rights, and shall have no preference, cumulative, preemptive, appraisal, conversion or exchange rights. The Trustees may classify or reclassify any unissued Common Shares by setting or changing the number, designation, preferences, conversion or other rights voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends qualifications or terms or conditions of redemption of any such Common Shares and in such event, the Trust shall file for record with the judge of probate in the county in which its principal place of business is located articles supplementary in substance and form as prescribed by the Act, including Section 7(b) thereof.

SECTION 6.3 <u>Preferred Shares</u>. The Trustees are hereby expressly granted the authority to authorize from time to time the issuance of one or more series of preferred Shares ("Preferred Shares") and with respect to any such series to fix the numbers, designations, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption of such series. The Trustees may classify or reclassify any unissued Preferred Shares by setting or changing the number, designation, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications or terms or conditions of redemption of any such Preferred Shares and in such event, the Trust shall file for record with the judge of probate in the county in which its principal place of business is located articles supplementary in substance and form as prescribed by the Act, including Section 7(b) thereof.

SECTION 6.4 Excess Shares. The following is a description of the voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption of the Excess Shares ("Excess Shares") of the Trust (certain capitalized terms used in this Section 6.4 and not previously defined are defined in Section 6.7(a)):

(a) Ownership in Trust. Without limiting subparagraph (b) and (c) of Section 6.7, upon any purported Transfer or other event that results in the issuance of Excess Shares pursuant to subparagraph (d) of Section 6.7, such Excess Shares shall be deemed to have been Transferred to the Trust, as trustee of an Excess Shares Trust for the exclusive

benefit of the Beneficiary or Beneficiaries to whom an interest in such Excess Shares Trust may later be transferred pursuant to subparagraph (e) of Section 6.4. Excess Shares so held in trust shall be issued and outstanding shares of the Trust but shall not be considered issued and outstanding for purposes of any shareholder vote. The Purported Record Transferee or, in the case of Excess Shares resulting from an event other than a Transfer, the Purported Record Holder, shall have no rights in such Excess Shares. The Purported Beneficial Transferee or, in the case of Excess Shares resulting from an event other than a Transfer, the Purported Beneficial Holder, shall have no rights in such Excess Shares except as provided in subparagraph (e) of Section 6.4.

- (b) No Dividend Rights. Excess Shares shall not be entitled to any dividend or other periodic distributions. Any dividend or distribution paid with respect to Common Shares or Preferred Shares prior to the discovery by the Trust that such Shares previously were converted into and exchanged for Excess Shares pursuant to subparagraph (d) of Section 6.7 shall be repaid to the Trust upon demand, and any dividend or distribution declared but unpaid shall be void ab initio with respect to such Excess Shares.
- (c) <u>Liquidation Rights</u>. In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of, or any distribution of the assets of, the Trust, each Excess Share in trust shall be entitled to (i) if such Excess Share results from an exchange of a Common Share, that portion of the assets of the Trust which a Common Share that was exchanged for such Excess Share would have been entitled had the Common Share remained outstanding, or (ii) if such Excess Share results from an exchange of a Preferred Share, that portion of the assets of the Trust which a Preferred Share that was exchanged for such Excess Share would have been entitled had the Preferred Share remained outstanding. The Trust, as holder of the Excess Shares in trust, or if the Trust has been dissolved, any trustee appointed by the Trust prior to its dissolution, shall ratably distribute to the Beneficiaries of the Excess Shares Trust, when and if determined in accordance with subparagraph (e) of Section 6.4, any such assets received in respect of the Excess Shares in any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of, or any distribution of the assets, of the Trust.
- (d) <u>Voting Rights</u>. The Excess Shares shall not have voting rights on any matters.
- shall not be transferable. The Trust shall have the sole right to designate one or more Beneficiaries of an interest in the Excess Shares Trust (representing the number of Excess Shares held by the Excess Shares Trust attributable to the purported Transfer or other event that resulted in the issuance of such Excess Shares), subject to the condition that the Excess Shares held in the Excess Shares Trust would not be Excess Shares in the hands of any such Beneficiary. Any consideration payable by such Beneficiary or Beneficiaries in connection with such designation up to the "Excess Share Limitation Price," shall be paid to the Purported Beneficial Transferee or, in the case of Excess Shares resulting from an event other than a Transfer, the Purported Beneficial Holder. The Excess Share Limitation Price is the lesser of (1) (x) in the case of Excess Shares resulting from a Transfer for value, the price per Share that the Purported Beneficial Transferee paid for the Shares in the purported

Transfer that resulted in the issuance of the Excess Shares, or, (y) in the case of Excess Shares resulting from (I) a Transfer other than for value (such as a gift, devise or similar Transfer) or (II) an event other than a Transfer, a price per share equal to the Market Price of the Shares that were exchanged for such Excess Shares on the date of the purported Transfer or other event that resulted in the issuance of the Excess Shares or (2) a price per share equal to the Market Price of the Shares on the date of the designation of the Beneficiary of the interest in the Excess Shares Trust. If the consideration payable by the designated Beneficiary of an interest in the Excess Shares Trust exceeds the Excess Share Limitation Price, the amount by which such consideration exceeds the Excess Share Limitation Price shall be paid to the Trust. The Trust must designate a Beneficiary of the interest in the Excess Shares Trust within 30 days from the later of (i) the date of the -Transfer that resulted in the issuance of the Excess Shares, or in the case of Excess Shares resulting from an event other than a Transfer, the date of such other event, and (ii) if the Trust does not receive actual notice of a Transfer or other event pursuant to subparagraph (e) of Section 6.7, the date the Board of Trustees determines in good faith that such a Transfer or other event resulting in the issuance of Excess Shares has occurred. Upon the designation of a Beneficiary of an interest in the Trust, the corresponding Excess Shares in the Excess Shares Trust shall be automatically exchanged (i) for an equal number of Common Shares if such Excess Shares resulted from an exchange of Common Shares or (ii) for an equal number of Preferred Shares if such Excess Shares resulted from an exchange of Preferred Shares, and such Common Shares or Preferred Shares, as the case may be, shall be transferred of record to the Beneficiary of the interest in the Excess Shares Trust designated by the Trust as described above so long as such Common Shares or Preferred Shares, as the case may be, would not be Excess Shares in the hands of such Beneficiary.

Section 6.4, Excess Shares shall be deemed to have been offered for sale to the Trust, or its designee, at a price per share equal to the Excess Share Limitation Price (determined by substituting "the date on which the Trust, or its designee, accepts the offer to sell" for "the date of the designation of the Beneficiary of the interest in the Excess Shares Trust" in clause (2) of the definition of Excess Share Limitation Price in subparagraph (e) of Section 6.4). The Trust shall have the right to accept such offer for a period of thirty days after the later of (i) the date of the Transfer or other event which resulted in the issuance of such Excess Shares and (ii) if the Trust does not receive actual notice of a Transfer or other event pursuant to subparagraph (e) of Section 6.7, the date the Board of Trustees determines in good faith that such a Transfer or other event resulting in the Issuance of Excess Shares has occurred.

SECTION 6.5 <u>Dividends or Distributions</u>. The Trustees may from time to time declare and pay to Shareholders such dividends or distributions in cash, property or other assets of the Trust or in Securities of the Trust or from any other source as the Trustees in their discretion shall determine. The Trustees shall endeavor to declare and pay such dividends and distributions as shall be necessary for the Trust to qualify as a real estate investment trust under the REIT Provisions of the Code; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, Shareholders shall have no right to any dividend or distribution unless and until declared by the Trustees. The exercise of the powers and rights of the Trustees pursuant to this section shall be subject

to the provisions of any class or series of Shares at the time outstanding. The receipt by any Person in whose name any Shares are registered on the records of the Trust or by his duly authorized agent shall be a sufficient discharge for all dividends or distributions payable or deliverable in respect of such Shares and from all liability to see to the application thereof.

SECTION 6.6 General Nature of Shares. All Shares shall be personal property entitling the Shareholders only to those rights provided in this Declaration of Trust, the Act or in the resolution creating any class or series of Shares. The legal ownership of the Trust Property and the right to conduct the business of the Trust are vested exclusively in the Trustees; the Shareholders shall have no interest therein other than the beneficial interest in the Trust conferred by their Shares and shall have no right to compel any partition, division, dividend or distribution of the Trust or any of the Trust Property. The death of a Shareholder shall not terminate the Trust or give his legal representative any rights against other Shareholders, the Trustees or the Trust Property, except the right, exercised in accordance with applicable provisions of the Bylaws, to receive a new certificate for Shares in exchange for the certificate held by the deceased Shareholder. Holders of Shares shall not have any preemptive or other right to purchase or subscribe for any class of securities of the Trust which the Trust may at any time issue or sell.

### SECTION 6.7 Restrictions On Ownership and Transfer.

- (a) <u>Certain Definitions</u>. The following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (1) "Acquire" shall mean the acquisition of Beneficial or Constructive Ownership of Shares by any means including, without limitation, (i) the acquisition of direct ownership of shares by any Person, including through the exercise of Acquisition Rights or any other option, warrant, pledge, other security interest or similar right to acquire shares, and (ii) the acquisition of indirect ownership of shares (taking into account the constructive ownership rules of Section 544 of the Code, as modified by Section 856(h)(1)(B) of the Code) by a Person who is an individual within the meaning of Section 542(a)(2) of the Code, including, without limitation, through the acquisition by any Person of Acquisition Rights or any option, warrant, pledge, security interest, or similar right to acquire shares. The term "Acquisition" shall have the correlative meaning.
- (2) "Acquisition Rights" shall mean rights to Acquire Shares pursuant to: (i) exercise of any option to acquire Shares or (ii) any pledge of Shares.
- (3) "Aggregate Ownership Limit" shall mean 9.8% either in number of Shares or value (whichever is more restrictive) of the outstanding Shares of the Trust.
- (4) "Beneficial Ownership" shall mean, with respect to any Person, ownership of Shares by that Person equal to the sum of (i) the Shares directly owned by such Person and (ii) the Shares indirectly owned by such Person (if such Person is an "individual" as defined in Section 542(a)(2) of the Code) taking into account constructive ownership determined under Section 544 of the Code, as modified by Section 856(h)(1)(B) of the Code

(except where expressly provided otherwise). The terms "Beneficial Owner," "Beneficially Owns" and "Beneficially Owned" shall have the correlative meanings.

- (5) "Beneficiary" shall mean a beneficiary of the Excess Shares Trust as determined pursuant to subparagraph (e) of Section 6.4.
- (6) "Common Shares Ownership Limit" shall mean not more than 5.0% in value or in number (whichever is more restrictive) of the aggregate of the outstanding Common Shares of the Trust and the outstanding Excess Shares of the Trust.
- (7) "Constructive Ownership" shall mean ownership of Shares either directly by a Person or constructively by a Person through the application of Section 318(a) of the Code, as modified by Section 856(d)(5) of the Code. The terms "Constructive Owner," "Constructively Owns," and "Constructively Owned" shall have the correlative meanings.
- (8) "Constructive Ownership Prohibitions" shall mean as follows: no Person (other than an Excluded Holder) shall be permitted to Acquire Shares (whether by reason of exercise of the Redemption Right or otherwise) if, after giving effect to and as a result of such acquisition, such Person would Constructively Own more than 9.8% of the outstanding Shares.
- (9) "Excess Share Limitation Price" shall have the meaning set forth in subparagraph (e) of Section 6.4.
- (10) "Excess Shares Trustee" shall mean the Trust, acting as trustee for any of the Excess Shares Trusts or any successor trustee appointed by the Trust.
  - (11) "Excluded Holder" shall mean Catherine K. Lowder, Thomas H. Lowder, Robert E. Lowder, James K. Lowder, Colonial Properties, Inc., The Colonial Company, Equity Partners II Joint Venture, Colonial Commercial Investments, Inc., CBC Realty, Inc., and Colonial Properties Management Association (and any Person who is or would be a Beneficial Owner of Shares as a result of the Beneficial Ownership of Shares by any such Person) (collectively, the "Excluded Holders").
  - (12) "Excluded Holder Limit" shall mean as follows: (i) no Excluded Holder, nor any Person whose ownership of Shares would cause an Excluded Holder to be considered to Constructively Own such Shares, nor any Person who would be considered to Constructively Own Shares Constructively Owned by an Excluded Holder, shall be permitted to Acquire Shares (whether by reason of the exercise the Redemption Right or otherwise) if, after giving effect to such acquisition (A) The Colonial Company or any direct or indirect subsidiary of The Colonial Company would be regarded as a "related party tenant" of the Trust for purposes of Section 856(d)(2)(B) of the Code and (B) the total rental income considered derived by the Trust for the calendar year of such acquisition or any calendar year thereafter from all "related party tenants" could reasonably be expected to exceed one percent (1%) of the gross income of the Trust (as determined for purposes of Section

856(c)(2) of the Code) for such calendar year; and (ii) no Excluded Holder, nor any Person whose ownership of Shares would cause an Excluded Holder to be considered to Beneficially Own such Shares, nor any Person who would be considered to Beneficially Own Shares Beneficially Owned by an Excluded Holder shall be permitted to Acquire Shares (whether by reason of the exercise the Redemption Right or otherwise) if, after giving effect to such acquisition (A) any single Person described in this clause (ii) who is considered an "individual" for purposes of Section 542(a)(2) of the Code would be considered to Beneficially Own more than twenty-nine percent (29%)of the outstanding Shares (as determined for purposes of Sections 542(a)(2) and 856(a)(6) of the Code), (B) any two Persons described in this clause (ii) who are considered "individuals" for purposes of Section 542(a)(2) of the Code would be considered to Beneficially Own more than 34 percent of the outstanding Shares (as determined for purposes of Sections 542(a)(2) and 856(a)(6) of the Code), (C) any three Persons described in this clause (ii) who are considered "individuals" for purposes of Section 542(a)(2) of the Code would be considered to Beneficially Own more than 39 percent of the outstanding Shares (as determined for purposes of Sections 542(a)(2) and 856(a)(6) of the Code), or (D) any four Persons described in this clause (ii) who are considered "individuals" for purposes of Section 542(a)(2) of the Code would be considered to Beneficially Own more than 44 percent of the outstanding Shares (as determined for purposes of Sections 542(a)(2) and 856(a)(6) of the Code).

"Market Price" on any date shall mean, with respect to any class or series of outstanding Shares, the average of the Closing Price for such Shares for the five consecutive Trading Days ending on such date. The "Closing Price" on any date shall mean the last sale price for such Shares, regular way, or, in case no such sale takes place on such date, the average of the closing bid and asked prices, regular way, for such Shares, regular way, or, in case no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the closing bid and asked prices, regular way, for such Shares in either case as reported in the principal consolidated transaction reporting system with respect to securities listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") or, if such Shares are not listed or admitted to trading on the NYSE, as reported in the principal consolidated transaction reporting system with respect to securities listed on the principal national securities exchange on which such Shares are listed or admitted to trading or, if such Shares are not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, the last quoted price, or, if not so quoted, the average of the high bid and low asked prices in the over-the-counter market, as reported by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Automated Quotation System or, if such system is no longer in use, the principal other automated quotation systems that may then be in use or, if such Shares are not quoted by any such organization, the average of the closing bid and asked prices as furnished by a professional market maker making a market in such Shares selected by the Board of Trustees of the Trust. The term "Trading Day" shall mean a day on which the principal national securities exchange on which the applicable Shares are listed or admitted to trading is open for the transaction of business, or, if such Shares are not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, shall mean any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

(14) "Preferred Shares Ownership Limit" shall mean with respect to each

series or class of Preferred Shares, not more than 9.8% in value or in number of Shares (whichever is more restrictive) of the aggregate of the outstanding Preferred Shares of the Trust of such class or series.

- (15) "Purported Beneficial Holder" shall mean, with respect to any event other than a purported Transfer which results in Excess Shares, the person for whom the applicable Purported Record Holder held the Shares that were, pursuant to subparagraph (d) of Section 6.7, automatically exchanged for Excess Shares upon the occurrence of such event. The Purported Beneficial Holder and the Purported Record Holder may be the same Person.
- (16) "Purported Beneficial Transferee" shall mean, with respect to any purported Transfer which results in Excess Shares, the purported beneficial transferee for whom the Purported Record Transferee would have acquired Shares if such Transfer had not violated the provisions of subparagraph (b) of Section 6.7. The Purported Beneficial Transferee and the Purported Record Transferee may be the same Person.
- (17) "Purported Record Holder" shall mean, with respect to any event other than a purported Transfer which results in Excess Shares, the record holder of the Shares that were, pursuant to subparagraph (d) of Section 6.7, automatically exchanged for Excess Shares upon the occurrence of such event. The Purported Record Holder and the Purported Beneficial Holder may be the same Person.
- (18) "Purported Record Transferee" shall mean, with respect to any purported Transfer which results in Excess Shares, the Person who would have been the record holder of the Shares if such Transfer had not violated the provisions of subparagraph (b) of Section 6.7. The Purported Beneficial Transferee and the Purported Record Transferee may be the same Person.
- (19) "Redemption Right" shall mean the right set forth in Section 8.6 of the Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Colonial Realty Limited Partnership, as effective from time to time, including any modification of such right by contract or otherwise.
- (20) "Restriction Termination Date" shall mean the first day after the effective date hereof on which the Trust determines pursuant to subparagraph (u) of Section 3.2 hereof that it is no longer in the best interests of the Trust to attempt to, or continue to, qualify as a REIT.
- (21) "Transfer" shall mean any sale, transfer, gift, assignment, devise or other disposition of Shares that results in a change in the record, Beneficial or Constructive Ownership of Shares or the right to vote or receive dividends on Shares (including without limitation (i) the granting of any option or entering into any agreement for the sale, transfer or other disposition of Shares or the right to vote or receive dividends on Shares or (ii) the sale, transfer, assignment or other disposition or grant of any Acquisition Rights or other securities or rights convertible into or exchangeable for Shares, or the right to vote or

receive dividends on Shares), whether voluntary or involuntary, whether of record, Beneficially or Constructively and whether by operation of law or otherwise.

- (22) "Units" shall mean Partnership Units as that term is defined in the Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Colonial Realty Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, as effective on the effective date hereof.
  - (b) Restrictions.
- (1) Except as provided in subparagraph (k) of Section 6.7 hereof, during the period prior to the Restriction Termination Date:
  - (i) No Person (other than in the case of Common Shares, an Excluded Holder) shall Acquire or Beneficially Own any Shares if, as the result of such Acquisition or Beneficial Ownership, such Person would Beneficially Own Shares in excess of either the Common Shares Ownership Limit or the Aggregate Ownership Limit;
  - (ii) No Person shall Acquire or Beneficially Own any series or class of Preferred Shares if, as the result of such Acquisition or Beneficial Ownership, such Person would Beneficially Own Shares of such series or class of Preferred Shares in excess of the Preferred Shares Ownership Limit;
  - (iii) No Person (other than, in the case of Common Shares, an Excluded Holder) shall Acquire or Constructively Own any Shares if, as the result of such Acquisition or Constructive Ownership any Person would Constructively Own Shares in violation of the Constructive Ownership Prohibitions.
  - (iv) No Person shall Acquire any Shares if, as a result of such Acquisition, the Shares would be Beneficially Owned by less than 100 Persons (determined without reference to any rules of attribution);
  - (v) No Person shall Acquire or Beneficially Own any Shares if, as a result of such Acquisition or Beneficial Ownership, the Trust would be "closely held" within the meaning of Section 856(h) of the Code or otherwise fail to qualify as a REIT; and
  - (vi) No Excluded Holder shall Acquire or Beneficially Own any Shares if, as the result of such Acquisition or

Beneficial Ownership, such Excluded Holder would Beneficially Own Shares in excess of the Excluded Holder Limit.

- (2) Any Transfer (whether or not such Transfer is the result of a transaction entered into through the facilities of the NYSE) that, if effective, would result in a violation of the restrictions in subparagraph (b) (1) of Section 6.7, shall be void ab initio as to the Transfer of such Shares that would cause the violation of the applicable restriction in subparagraph (b) (1) of Section 6.7, and the intended transferee shall acquire no rights in such Shares.
- (c) Remedies for Breach. If the Board of Trustees or a committee thereof shall at any time determine in good faith that a purported Transfer or other event has taken place in violation of subparagraph (b) (1) of Section 6.7 or that a Person intends to Acquire or has attempted to Acquire Beneficial Ownership or Constructive Ownership of any Shares of the Trust that will result in violation of subparagraph (b) (1) of Section 6.7 (whether or not such violation is intended); the Board of Trustees or a committee thereof shall take such action as it or they deem advisable to refuse to give effect to or to prevent such Transfer or other event, including, but not limited to, refusing to give effect to such Transfer on the books of the Trust or instituting proceedings to enjoin such Transfer; provided, however, that any Acquisition in violation of subparagraph (b) (l) of Section 6.7 shall automatically result in the exchange described in subparagraph (d) of Section 6.7, irrespective of any action (or non-action) by the Board of Trustees or a committee thereof.
- (d) Exchange for Excess Shares. If, at any time prior to the Restriction Termination Date, there is a purported Transfer (whether or not such Transfer is the result of a transaction entered into through the facilities of the NYSE) or other event such that one or more of the restrictions on Beneficial Ownership, Constructive Ownership and Transfer of the Shares described in subparagraph (b) of Section 6.7 would have been violated, then, except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (k) of Section 6.7, the Shares being Transferred (or, in the case of an event other than a Transfer, the Shares Beneficially Owned or Constructively Owned, which would cause one or more of such restrictions to be violated (rounded up to the nearest whole share)) shall be automatically converted into and exchanged for an equal number of Excess Shares. Such conversion and exchange shall be effective as of the close of business on the business day prior to the date of such purported Transfer or other event.
- (e) Notice of Restricted Transfer. Any Person who Acquires or attempts or intends to Acquire Shares in violation of subparagraph (b) of Section 6.7 or any Person who is a transferee in a Transfer or is otherwise affected by an event other than a Transfer that results in the issuance of Excess Shares pursuant to subparagraph (d) of Section 6.7, shall immediately give written notice to the Trust of such Transfer or other event and shall provide to the Trust such other information as the Trust may request in order to determine the effect, if any, of such Transfer or attempted, intended or purported Transfer or other event on the Trust's status as a REIT.

- (f) Owners Required To Provide Information. Prior to the Restriction Termination Date:
- (1) every shareholder of record of more than 5% (or such lower percentage as required by the Code or regulations promulgated thereunder) of the number or value of the outstanding Shares of the Trust shall, within 30 days after December 31 of each year, give written notice to the Trust stating the name and address of such record shareholder, the number of Shares Beneficially Owned by it, and a description of how such Shares are held; provided that a shareholder of record who holds outstanding Shares of the Trust as nominee for another person, which other person is required to include in gross income, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the dividends received on such Shares (an "Actual Owner"), shall give written notice to the Trust stating the name and address of such Actual Owner and the number of shares of such Actual Owner with respect to which the shareholder of record is nominee.
- (2) every Actual Owner of more than 5% (or such lower percentage as required by the Code or regulations promulgated thereunder) of the number or value of the outstanding Shares of the Trust who is not a shareholder of record of the Trust, shall within 30 days after December 31 of each year give written notice to the Trust stating the name and address of such Actual Owner, the number of Shares Beneficially Owned, and a description of how such Shares are held.
- (3) each person who is a Beneficial Owner or Constructive Owner of Shares and each Person (including the shareholder of record) who is holding Shares for a Beneficial Owner or Constructive Owner shall provide to the Trust such information as the Trust may request, in good faith, in order to determine the Trust's compliance with the REIT Provisions of the Code.
- (g) Remedies Not Limited. Subject to Section (m), nothing contained in this Section 6.7 shall limit the authority of the Board of Trustees to take such other action as it deems necessary or advisable to protect the Trust and the interests of its shareholders in preserving the Trust's status as a REIT.
- claim, cause of action, or any other recourse whatsoever against a transferor of Shares acquired by such purported transferee in violation of subparagraph (b) of Section 6.7. The purported transferee's or holder's sole right with respect to such shares shall be to receive, at the Trust's sole and absolute discretion, either (i) consideration for such shares upon the resale of the shares as directed by the Trust pursuant to subparagraph (e) of Section 6.4 or (ii) the Excess Share Limitation Price pursuant to subparagraph (e) of Section 6.4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Trustee or officer of the Trust shall be liable to the Trust for any damages, costs or expenses arising from any dividend or other distribution paid by the Trust to such purported holder prior to the discovery by such director or officer that such purported holder was not entitled to receive such dividend or distribution by virtue of the provisions of subparagraph (b) of Section 6.4, and no corporate action authorized by the shareholders of the Trust prior to the discovery that a purported holder is not entitled to vote

- Shares shall be void or voidable as a result of the inclusion of the vote of such purported holder in approving a Trust action or on determining the presence of a quorum prior to the discovery that such purported holder was not entitled to vote by virtue of the provisions of subparagraph (d) of Section 6.4.
- (i) Ambiguity. In the case of an ambiguity in the application of any of the provisions of this Section 6.7, including any definition contained in subparagraph (a) of Section 6.7 (or Section 6.4, relating to Excess Shares), the Board of Trustees shall have the power to determine the application of the provisions of this Section 6.6 and Section 6.4 with respect to any situation based on the facts known to it.
- (j) <u>Waiver</u>. The Trust shall have authority at any time to waive the requirements that Excess Shares be issued or be deemed outstanding in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.7 if the Trust determines, based on an opinion of nationally recognized tax counsel, that the issuance of such Excess Shares or the fact that such Excess Shares are deemed to be outstanding would jeopardize the status of the Trust as a REIT for federal income tax purposes.
- Exception. The Board of Trustees, in its sole and absolute discretion, may exempt a Person from the Aggregate Ownership Limit, the Common Shares Ownership Limit, the Preferred Shares Ownership Limit, the Constructive Ownership Prohibitions or the Excluded Holder Limits, as the case may be, with respect to Shares to be Acquired, Beneficially Owned, or Constructively Owned by such Person (A) if such Person is not an individual for purposes of Section 542(a)(2) of the Code and the Board of Trustees obtains such representations and undertakings from such Person as it determines are reasonably necessary to ascertain that no individual's Beneficial or Constructive Ownership of such Shares will violate the Aggregate Ownership Limit, the Common Shares Ownership Limit, the Preferred Shares Ownership Limit, the Constructive Ownership Prohibitions or the Excluded Holder Limits, as the case may be, or otherwise violate subparagraph (b) of Section 6.7, (B) if such Person does not own, actually or Constructively, an interest in a tenant of the Trust (or a tenant of an entity owned or controlled by the Trust) that would cause the Trust to own, actually or Constructively, more than a 9.8% interest (as set forth in Section 856(d)(2)(B) of the Code) in such tenant and the Board of Trustees obtains such representations and undertakings from such Person as it determines are reasonably necessary to ascertain this fact, and (C) if such Person agrees that any violation of such representations or undertaking (or other action which is contrary to the restrictions contained in this Section 6.7) or attempted violation will result in such Shares being exchanged for Excess Shares in accordance with subparagraph (d) of Section 6.7. Prior to granting any exception pursuant to this subparagraph (k) of Section 6.7, the Board of Trustees may require a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service, or an opinion of counsel, in either case in form and substance satisfactory to the Board of Trustees in its sole and absolute discretion, as it may deem necessary or advisable in order to determine or ensure the Trust's status as a REIT. Notwithstanding the receipt of any ruling or opinion, the Board of Trustees may impose such conditions or restrictions as it deems appropriate in connection with granting such exception.
  - (I) Legend. Each certificate for Shares shall bear substantially the

#### following legend:

"The shares represented by this certificate are subject to restrictions on transfer and ownership for the purpose of assisting the Trust in maintaining its status as a Real Estate Investment Trust under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Subject to certain further restrictions and except as expressly provided in the Trust's Declaration of Trust, no Person may Beneficially Own Shares of the Trust in excess of 9.8 percent in number or value of the outstanding Shares of the Trust, no Person (other than an Excluded Holder) may own Common Shares in excess of 5.0 percent in number or value of the outstanding Common Shares of the Trust and no Person may Beneficially Own Shares of any class or series of Preferred Shares of the Trust in excess of 9.8 percent of the aggregate of the outstanding Preferred Shares of such class or series. Separate restrictions set forth in Section 6.7 of the Declaration of Trust apply to restrict the permissible Constructive Ownership of Shares. Any Person who Beneficially Owns or attempts to Beneficially Own Shares in excess of the above limitations must immediately notify the Trust, any Shares so held may be subject to mandatory redemption or sale in certain events, certain purported acquisitions of Shares in excess of such limitations shall be void ab initio, and any Shares purported to be Acquired or Beneficially Owned in excess of such limitation will be automatically converted into and exchanged for shares of Excess Shares. Excess Shares have limited economic rights, no dividend rights and no voting rights. A Person who attempts to Beneficially Own Shares in violation of the ownership limitations set forth in subparagraph (b) of Section 6.7 of the Declaration of Trust of the Trust shall have no claim, cause of action, or any other recourse whatsoever against a transferor of such shares. All capitalized terms in this legend have the meanings defined in the Trust's Declaration of Trust, a copy of which, including the restrictions on transfer, will be sent without charge to each shareholder who so requests."

(m) <u>NYSE Settlement</u>. Nothing in this Section 6.7 shall preclude the settlement of any transaction with respect to the Shares entered into through the facilities of the NYSE, provided that any transferee in such a transaction shall be subject to all of the provisions and limitations set forth in this Section 6.7.

SECTION 6.8 Severability. If any provision of this Article VI or any application of any such provision is determined to be invalid by any federal or state court having jurisdiction over the issues, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be

affected and other applications of such provision shall be affected only to the extent necessary to comply with the determination of such court.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### SHAREHOLDERS

SECTION 7.1 Meetings of Shareholders. There shall be an annual meeting of the Shareholders, to be held at such time and place as shall be determined by or in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws, at which the Trustees shall be elected and any other proper business may be conducted. Prior to or at such annual meetings, the Trust shall provide each Shareholder a copy of its most recent annual report of operations. Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration of Trust, special meetings of Shareholders may be called in the manner provided in the Bylaws. If there are no Trustees, the officers of the Trust shall promptly call a special meeting of the Shareholders entitled to vote for the election of successor Trustees. Any meeting may be adjourned and reconvened as the Trustees determine or as provided in the Bylaws.

SECTION 7.2 Voting Rights of Shareholders. Subject to the provisions of any class or series of Shares then outstanding and the mandatory provisions of any applicable laws or regulations, the Shareholders shall be entitled to vote only on the following matters: (a) an increase or decrease in the number of Trustees as provided in Section 2.1 hereof; (b) election or removal of Trustees as provided in Sections 7.1 and 2.3 hereof; (c) amendment of this Declaration of Trust as provided in Section 9.1 hereof; (d) termination of the Trust as provided in Section 10.2 hereof; (e) reorganization of the Trust as provided in Section 9.2 hereof; (f) merger, consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Trust Property, as provided in Section 9.3 hereof; and (g) termination of the Trust's status as a real estate investment trust under the REIT Provisions of the Code, as provided in Section 3.2(u) hereof. Except with respect to the foregoing matters, no action taken by the Shareholders at any meeting shall in any way bind the Trustees.

SECTION 7.3 <u>Shareholder Action to be Taken by Meeting</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Shareholders of the Trust must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of Shareholders of the Trust and may not be effected by any consent in writing of such Shareholders.

SECTION 7.4 <u>Right of Inspection</u>. Each Shareholder shall have such rights to inspect the Trust's accounts, books and records as are required in Article 16 of Chapter 2B of Title 10 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, which rights shall not be abolished or limited by the Trust's By-laws or this Declaration.

#### ARTICLE VIII

## LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS, TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS; TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN AFFILIATES AND THE TRUST

SECTION 8.1 <u>Limitation of Shareholder Liability</u>. No Shareholder or beneficial owner of Shares shall be liable for any debt, claim, demand, judgment or obligation of any kind of, against or with respect to the Trust by reason of his being a Shareholder or beneficial owner of Shares, nor shall any Shareholder or beneficial owner of Shares be subject to any personal liability whatsoever, in tort, contract or otherwise, to any Person in connection with the Trust Property or the affairs of the Trust by reason of his being a Shareholder or beneficial owner of Shares.

SECTION 8.2 Limitation of Trustee and Officer Liability. To the maximum extent that Alabama law in effect from time to time permits limitation of the liability of trustees and officers of a real estate investment trust, no Trustee or officer of the Trust shall be liable to the Trust or to any Shareholder for money damages. Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Section 8.2, nor the adoption or amendment of any other provision of this Declaration of Trust inconsistent with this Section 8.2, shall apply to or affect in any respect the applicability of the preceding sentence with respect to any act or failure to act which occurred prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption. In the absence of any Alabama statute limiting the liability of trustees and officers of an Alabama real estate investment trust for money damages in a suit by or on behalf of the Trust or by any Shareholder, no Trustee or officer of the Trust shall be liable to the Trust or to any Shareholder for money damages except to the extent that (i) the Trustee or officer actually received an improper benefit or profit in money, property, or services, for the amount of the benefit or profit in money, property, or services actually received, or (ii) a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the Trustee or officer is entered in a proceeding based on a finding in the proceeding that the Trustee's or officer's action or failure to act was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and was material to the cause of action adjudicated in the proceeding.

SECTION 8.3 Express Exculpatory Clauses in Instruments. Neither the Shareholders nor the Trustees, officers, employees or agents of the Trust shall be liable under any written instrument creating an obligation of the Trust by reason of their being Shareholders, Trustees, officers, employees or agents of the Trust, and all Persons shall look solely to the Trust Property for the payment of any claim under or for the performance of that instrument. The omission of the foregoing exculpatory language from any instrument shall not affect the validity or enforceability of such instrument and shall not render any Shareholder, Trustee, officer, employee or agent liable thereunder to any third party, nor shall the Trustees or any officer, employee or agent of the Trust be liable to anyone as a result of such omission.

SECTION 8.4 <u>Indemnification</u>. The Trust shall indemnify (i) its Trustees and officers, whether serving the Trust or at its request any other entity, to the full extent required or permitted by the laws of the State of Alabama applicable to business corporations now or hereafter in force, including the advance of expenses under the procedures and to the

full extent permitted by such laws, and (ii) the Shareholders and other employees and agents of the Trust to such extent as shall be authorized by the Trustees or the Bylaws and as permitted by law. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to protect any Person against any liability to the extent such protection would violate Alabama statutory or decisional law applicable to real estate investment trusts organized under the Act or any successor provision. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled. The Trustees may take such action as is necessary to carry out these indemnification provisions and are expressly empowered to adopt, approve and amend from time to time such bylaws, resolutions or contracts implementing such provisions or such further indemnification arrangements as may be permitted by law. No amendment of this Declaration of Trust or repeal of any of its provisions shall limit or eliminate the right of indemnification provided hereunder with respect to acts or omissions occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.

SECTION 8.5. Transactions Between the Trust and its Trustees. Officers, Employees and Agents. Subject to any express restrictions in this Declaration of Trust or adopted by the Trustees in the Bylaws or by resolution, the Trust (which, for purposes of this Section 8.5, shall include the Trust and any of its subsidiaries) may enter into any contract or transaction of any kind (including without limitation for the purchase or sale of property or for any type of services, including those in connection with underwriting or the offer or sale of Securities of the Trust) with any Person, including any Trustee, officer, employee or agent of the Trust or any Person Affiliated with the Trust or a Trustee, officer, employee or agent of the Trust, whether or not any of them has a financial interest in such transaction.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### AMENDMENT; REORGANIZATION; MERGER, ETC.

#### SECTION 9.1 Amendment.

- (a) Subject to Section 6.3 hereof, this Declaration of Trust may be amended by (i) the adoption of a proposed amendment by the Trustees and submission of such proposed amendment to the Shareholders for their consideration, and (ii) the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than a majority of the Shares then outstanding and entitled to vote thereon, except that Sections 2.3 and 10.2 hereof and this Section 9.1 shall not be amended (or any other provision of this Declaration of Trust be amended or any provision of this Declaration of Trust be added that would have the effect of amending such sections) without the affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds of the Shares then outstanding and entitled to vote thereon.
- (b) The Trustees, by a two-thirds vote, may amend provisions of this Declaration of Trust from time to time as necessary to enable the Trust to qualify as a real estate investment trust under the REIT Provisions of the Code or under the Act.
  - (c) The Trustees, by a two-thirds vote, may amend this Declaration

of Trust from time to time as necessary to increase or decrease the aggregate number of Shares or the number of Shares of any class that the Trust has authority to issue.

- (d) An amendment to this Declaration of Trust shall become effective as provided in Section 11.5.
- (e) This Declaration of Trust may not be amended except as provided in this Section 9.1.

SECTION 9.2 Reorganization. Subject to the provisions of any class or series of Shares at the time outstanding, the Trustees shall have the power (i) to cause the organization of a corporation, association, trust or other organization to take over the Trust Property and carry on the affairs of the Trust, or (ii) merge the Trust into, or sell, convey and transfer the Trust Property to, any such corporation, association, trust or organization in exchange for Securities thereof or beneficial interests therein, and the assumption by the transferee of the liabilities of the Trust, and upon the occurrence of (i) or (ii) above terminate the Trust and deliver such Securities or beneficial interests ratably among the Shareholders according to the respective rights of the class or series of Shares held by them; provided, however, that any such action shall have been approved, at a meeting of the Shareholders called for that purpose, by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than a majority of the Shares then outstanding and entitled to vote thereon.

SECTION 9.3 Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Trust Property. Subject to the provisions of any class or series of Shares at the time outstanding, the Trustees shall have the power to (i) merge the Trust into another entity, (ii) consolidate the Trust with one or more other entities into a new entity or (iii) sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Trust Property; provided, however, that such action shall have been approved, at a meeting of the Shareholders called for that purpose, by the affirmative-vote of the holders of not less than a majority of the Shares then outstanding and entitled to vote thereon.

#### ARTICLE X

#### **DURATION AND TERMINATION OF TRUST**

SECTION 10.1 <u>Duration of Trust</u>. The Trust shall continue perpetually unless terminated pursuant to Section 10.2 or pursuant to any applicable provision of the Act.

#### SECTION 10.2 Termination of Trust.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of any class or series of Shares at the time outstanding, the Trust may be terminated at any meeting of Shareholders called for that purpose, by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than two-thirds of the Shares outstanding and entitled to vote thereon. Upon the termination of the Trust:
  - (i) The Trust shall carry on no business except for the purpose of winding up its affairs;

- (ii) The Trustees shall proceed to wind up the affairs of the Trust and all of the powers of the Trustees under this Declaration of Trust shall continue, including the powers to fulfill or discharge the Trust's contracts, collect its assets, sell, convey, assign, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the remaining Trust Property to one or more Persons at public or private sale for consideration which may consist in whole or in part of cash, Securities or other property of any kind, discharge or pay its liabilities and do all other acts appropriate to liquidate its business; and
- (iii) After paying or adequately providing for the payment of all liabilities, and upon receipt of such releases, indemnities and agreements as they deem necessary for their protection, the Trustees may distribute the remaining Trust Property, in cash or in kind or partly each, among the Shareholders according to their respective rights, so that after payment in full or the setting apart for payment of such preferential amounts, if any, to which the holders of any Shares (other than Common Shares) at the time outstanding shall be entitled, the remaining Trust Property available for payment and distribution to Shareholders shall, subject to any participating or similar rights of Shares (other than Common Shares) at the time outstanding, be distributed ratably among the holders of Common Shares at the time outstanding.
- (b) After termination of the Trust, the liquidation of its business, and the distribution to the Shareholders as herein provided, a majority of the Trustees shall execute and file with the Trust's records a document certifying that the Trust has been duly terminated, and the Trustees shall be discharged from all liabilities and duties hereunder, and the rights and interests of all Shareholders shall cease.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 11.1 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Declaration of Trust is executed by the undersigned Trustees and delivered in the State of Alabama with reference to the laws thereof, and the rights of all parties and the validity, construction and effect of every provision hereof shall be subject to and construed according to the laws of the State of Alabama without regard to conflicts of laws provisions thereof.

SECTION 11.2 Reliance by Third Parties. Any certificate shall be final and conclusive as to any persons dealing with the Trust if executed by an individual who, according to the records of the Trust or of any recording office in which this Declaration of Trust may be recorded, appears to be the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Trust or a Trustee, and if certifying to: (i) the number or identity of Trustees, officers of the Trust or shareholders; (ii) the due authorization of the execution of any document; (iii) the action or vote taken, and the existence of a quorum, at a meeting of Trustees or Shareholders; (iv) a copy of this Declaration or of the Bylaws as a true and complete copy as then in force; (v) an amendment to this Declaration of Trust; (vi) the termination of the Trust; or (vii) the

existence of any fact or facts which relate to the affairs of the Trust. No purchaser. lender, transfer agent or other person shall be bound to make any inquiry concerning the validity of any transaction purporting to be made on behalf of the Trust by the Trustees or by any duly authorized officer, employee or agent of the Trust.

## SECTION 11.3 Provisions in Conflict with Law or Regulations.

- (a) The provisions of this Declaration of Trust are severable, and if the Trustees shall determine that any one or more of such provisions are in conflict with the REIT Provisions of the Code, the Act or other applicable federal or state laws, the conflicting provisions shall be deemed never to have constituted a part of this Declaration of Trust, even without any amendment of this Declaration pursuant to Section 9.1 hereof; provided, however, that such determination by the Trustees shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this Declaration of Trust or render invalid or improper any action taken or omitted prior to such determination. No Trustee shall be liable for making or failing to make such a determination.
- (b) If any provision of this Declaration of Trust shall be held invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such holding shall not in any manner affect or render invalid or unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction or any other provision of this Declaration of Trust in any jurisdiction.

SECTION 11.4 Construction. In this Declaration of Trust, unless the context otherwise requires, words used in the singular or in the plural include both the plural and singular and words denoting any gender include all genders. The title and headings of different parts are inserted for convenience and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect of this Declaration. In defining or interpreting the powers and duties of the Trust and its Trustees and officers, reference may be made, to the extent appropriate and not inconsistent with the Code or the Act, to Chapter 2B, Title 10, of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended.

SECTION 11.5 Recordation. This Declaration of Trust and any amendment hereto shall be filed for record with the judge of probate in the county in which the Trust's place of business is located in accordance with the requirements of the Act and may also be filed or recorded in such other places as the Trustees deem appropriate, but failure to file for record this Declaration or Trust or any amendment hereto in any office other than the judge of probate in the county in which the Trust's place of business is located shall not affect or impair the validity or effectiveness of this Declaration of Trust or any amendment hereto. A restated Declaration of Trust shall, upon filing, be conclusive evidence of all amendments contained therein and may thereafter be referred to in lieu of the original Declaration of Trust and the various amendments thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Declaration of Trust has been signed on this 21st day of August, 1995 by the undersigned Trustee, who acknowledges, under penalty of ..... perjury, that this document is his free act and deed, and that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the matters and facts set forth herein are true in all material respects.

Thomas H. Lowder

STATE OF ALABAMA

SS:

COUNTY OF

On the August, 1995, before me personally came Thomas H. Lowder, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Board of Trustees, President and Chief Executive Officer of Colonial Properties Trust, and that he as such officer, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Notarial Scal)

Notary Public 10 /25/98

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# State of Alabama

I, Jim Bennett, Secretary of State of the State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that as appears on file and of record in this office, the pages hereto attached, contain a true, accurate and literal copy of articles of amendment to the declaration of trust of Colonial Properties Trust as received and filed in the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama on October 31, 1997, showing the date of amendment as October 24, 1997, the date said instrument was filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this day.

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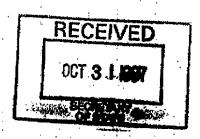


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# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF TRUST OF COLONIAL PROPERTIES TRUST



Pursuant to Section 10-13-14 of the Code of Alabama 1975, Colonial Properties Trust, a real estate investment trust organized and existing under the laws of Alabama (the "Company"), hereby submits the following:

- 1. The name of the real estate investment trust is Colonial Properties Trust.
- The Declaration of Trust shall be amended as follows:

The Declaration of Trust is hereby amended by deleting Sections 6.1 and 6.3 of Article VI thereof in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following new Sections 6.1 and 6.3:

SECTION 6.1 Authorized Shares. The beneficial interest in the Trust shall be divided into Shares. The total number of Shares which the Trust is authorized to issue is seventy-five million (75,000,000), consisting of sixty-five million (65,000,000) common Shares and ten million (10,000,000) preferred Shares. The Trust also is authorized to issue Excess Shares, which shall constitute a separate class of shares of the Trust, in such number as is necessary to permit the conversion of outstanding Shares into Excess Shares in accordance with Section 6.7(d) hereof. Any Excess Shares issued with respect to an outstanding class or series of common Shares or preferred Shares shall constitute a separate series of Excess Shares, with the number of permitted series of Excess Shares equaling the aggregate number of classes and series of common Shares and preferred Shares of the Trust at any time outstanding. Any issuance of Excess Shares shall, for so long as such Excess Shares are outstanding, reduce the number of authorized Shares of the class or series so converted into Excess Shares by the number of Excess Shares so issued. Shares may be issued for such consideration as the Trustees determine or, if issued as a result of a Share dividend or Share split, without any consideration, in which case all Shares so issued shall be fully paid and nonassessable.

SECTION 6.8. Preferred Shares. Subject to any shareholder approval required by the Constitution of the State of Alabama, the Trustees are hereby expressly granted the authority to authorize from time to time the issuance of one or more series of preferred Shares ("Preferred Shares") and with respect to any such series to fix the numbers, designations, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption of such series. Subject to any shareholder approval required by the Constitution of the State of Alabama, the Trustees may classify or reclassify any unissued Preferred Shares by setting or changing the number. designation, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitation as to dividends, qualification or terms or conditions of redemption of any such Preferred Shares and in such event, the Trust shall file for record with the judge of probate in the county in which its principal place of business is located articles supplementary in substance and form as prescribed by the Act, including Section 7(b) thereof.

The Declaration of Trust is hereby further amended by deleting Section 3.2(e) of Article III thereof in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following new Section 3.2(e) (language added is underlined):

- (e) Issuance of Securities. Subject to the provisions of Article VI hereof, to create and authorize and direct the issuance (on either a pro rata or a non-pro rata basis) by the Trust, in shares, units or amounts of one or more types, series or classes, of Securities of the Trust, which may have such voting rights, dividend or interest rates, preferences, subordinations, conversion or redemption prices or rights, maturity dates, distribution, exchange, or liquidation rights or other rights as the Trustees may determine, without vote of or other action by the Shareholders except as may be required by the Constitution of the State of Alabama, to such Persons for such consideration, at such time or times and in such manner and on such terms as the Trustees determine; to list any of the Securities of the Trust on any securities exchange; and to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, cancel, reissue, sell and transfer any Securities of the Trust.
- 3. The Board of Trustees of the Company adopted a resolution setting forth the foregoing amendment and declared it advisable in a Unanimous Written Consent of Trustees dated as of August 29, 1997.
- 4. There were 20,934,055 of the Company's common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$.01 per share ("Common Shares"), outstanding as of September 22, 1997, the record date for the special meeting held on

October 23, 1997, to consider the foregoing amendment (the "Special Meeting"). Common Shares represented the only class of securities entitled to vote at the Special Meeting, and each share thereof entitled its holder to one vote. Of the 20,934,055 votes entitled to be cast on the foregoing amendment, 15,124,025 were indisputably represented at the Special Meeting. The total number of undisputed votes cast FOR the foregoing amendment at the Special Meeting was 11,962,161, which number was sufficient for approval of the foregoing amendment by the holders of Common Shares.

5. The foregoing amendment was duly adopted in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 10-13-14 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 and of Sections 234 and 237 of the Constitution of the State of Alabama.

These Articles of Amendment are being filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, for the purpose of effecting the foregoing amendment in accordance with the Code of Alabama 1975, Sections 10-2B-1.25 and 10-13-14(f).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company, by its duly authorized officer and with full authority, has executed these Articles of Amendment as of this <u>23</u> day of October, 1997.

COLONIAL PROPERTIES TRUST

Thomas H. Lowder

President and Chief Executive Officer

State of Alabama - Jefferson County I certify this instrument filed on:
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# STATE OF ALABAMA

I, Jim Bennett, Secretary of State of the State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that as appears on file and of record in this office, the pages hereto attached, contain a true, accurate and literal copy of articles of amendment to the declaration of trust of Colonial Properties Trust as received and filed in the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama on November 7, 1997, showing the date of amendment as November 5, 1997, the date said instrument was filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this day.

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Jim Bennett

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## ARTICLES SUPPLEMENTARY OF 8 3/4% SERIES A CUMULATIVE REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST OF COLONIAL PROPERTIES TRUST

Pursuant to Sections 10-13-7 and 13-7B of the Code of Alabama 1975

Colonial Properties Trust, an Alabama real estate investment trust (the "Company"), hereby certifies that on November 3, 1997, pursuant to authority conferred by Sections 3.2(e) and 6.8 of the Charter (as defined below) and in accordance with Section 10-13-17 of the Code of Alabama 1975, a committee of the Board of Trustees, pursuant to authority expressly delegated by the Board of Trustees on October 23, 1997, duly classified unissued Preferred Shares of the Company, and the description of such Preferred Shares, including the number, designation, preferences, conversion and other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption thereof, as set by the committee of the Board of Trustees, are as follows:

Section 1. <u>Number of Shares and Designation</u>. This series of Preferred Shares shall be designated as 8 3/4% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares of Beneficial Interest, par value \$.01 per share (the "Series A Preferred Shares"). The number of Preferred Shares constituting the Series A Preferred Shares is 5,000,000.

Section 2. <u>Definitions</u>. The following terms shall have the following meanings herein:

- (a) "Board of Trustees" shall mean the Board of Trustees of the Company or any committee authorized by the Board of Trustees to perform any of its responsibilities with respect to the Series A Preferred Shares.
- (b) "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or day on which state or federally chartered banking institutions in New York City, New York are not required to be open.
  - (c) "Call Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(b).
- (d) "Capital Gains Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in
- (e) "Charter" means the Declaration of Trust of the Company, as amended to the date hereof and as the same may be amended hereafter from time to time.

- (f) "Code" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12.
- (g) "Common Shares" shall mean the Company's common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$.01 per share.
- (h) "Dividend Payment Date" shall mean the last day (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next Business Day thereafter) of each March, June, September and December, commencing on December 31, 1997.
- (i) "Dividend Periods" shall mean quarterly dividend periods commencing on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year and ending on and including the next succeeding Dividend Payment Date (other than the initial Dividend Period, which shall commence on the Issue Date, and other than the Dividend Period during which any Series A Preferred Shares shall be redeemed pursuant to Section 6, which shall end on and include the Call Date with respect to the Series A Preferred Shares being redeemed).
- (j) "Fully Junior Shares" shall mean the Common Shares and any other class or series of shares of beneficial interest of the Company now or hereafter issued and outstanding over which the Series A Preferred Shares has preference or priority in both (i) the payment of dividends and (ii) the distribution of assets on any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.
- (k) "Issue Date" shall mean the first date on which the pertinent Series A Preferred Shares are issued and sold.
- (I) "Junior Shares" shall mean the Common Shares and any other class or series of shares of beneficial interest of the Company now or hereafter issued and outstanding over which the Series A Preferred Shares have preference or priority in the payment of dividends or in the distribution of assets on any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.
  - (m) "Parity Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8(b).
- (n) "Preferred Shares" shall mean the Company's preferred shares of beneficial interest, par value \$.01 per share.
- (o) "Series A Preferred Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in
- (p) "set apart for payment" shall be deemed to include, without any action other than the following, the recording by the Company in its accounting ledgers of any accounting or bookkeeping entry which indicates, pursuant to a declaration of dividends or other distribution by the Board of Trustees, the allocation of funds to be so paid on any series or class of shares of beneficial interest of the Company; provided, however, that if any funds for any class or series of

Junior Shares or Fully Junior Shares or any class or series of shares of beneficial interest ranking on a parity with the Series A Preferred Shares as to the payment of dividends are placed in a separate account of the Company or delivered to a disbursing, paying or other similar agent, then "set apart for payment" with respect to the Series A Preferred Shares shall mean placing such funds in such separate account or delivering such funds to a disbursing, paying or other similar agent.

- (q) "Total Dividends" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(d).
- (r) "Transfer Agent" means BankBoston, N.A., Boston,
  Massachusetts, or such other agent or agents of the Company as may be designated
  by the Board of Trustees or their designee as the transfer agent, registrar and
  dividend disbursing agent for the Series A Preferred Shares.

#### Section 3. <u>Dividends</u>.

- The holders of Series A Preferred Shares shall be entitled to (a) receive, when, as and if declared by the Board of Trustees out of funds legally available for that purpose, cumulative, preferential dividends payable in cash at the rate of \$2.1875 per annum per share. Such dividends shall begin to accrue and shall be fully cumulative from the Issue Date, whether or not in any Dividend Period or Periods there shall be funds of the Company legally available for the payment of such dividends, and shall be payable quarterly, when, as and if declared by the Board of Trustees, in arrears on Dividend Payment Dates, commencing on the first Dividend Payment Date after the Issue Date. Such dividends shall be payable in arrears to the holders of record of Series A Preferred Shares, as they appear on the share records of the Company at the close of business on the record date, not more than 30 nor less than 10 days preceding the relevant Dividend Payment Date, as shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees. Accrued and unpaid dividends for any past Dividend Periods may be declared and paid on any date and for such interim periods, without reference to any regular Dividend Payment Date, to holders of record on such date, not more than 30 nor less than 10 days preceding the payment date thereof, as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees. Any dividend payment made on the Series A Preferred Shares shall first be credited against the earliest accrued but unpaid dividend due with respect to the Series A Preferred Shares which remains payable.
- (b) The amount of dividends referred to in Section 3(a) payable for each full Dividend Period for the Series A Preferred Shares shall be computed by dividing the annual dividend rate by four, except that the amount of dividends payable for the initial Dividend Period, and for any Dividend Period shorter than a full Dividend Period, for the Series A Preferred Shares shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Holders of Series A Preferred Shares shall not be entitled to any dividends, whether payable in cash,

property or shares of stock, in excess of cumulative dividends, as herein provided, on the Series A Preferred Shares. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series A Preferred Shares that may be in arrears.

- (c) Dividends on Series A Preferred Shares will accrue whether or not the Company has earnings, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends and whether or not such dividends are declared.
- (d) If, for any taxable year, the Company elects to designate as "capital gain dividends" (as defined in Section 857 of the Code), any portion (the "Capital Gains Amount") of the total dividends (within the meaning of the Code) paid or made available for the year to holders of all classes of capital stock (the "Total Dividends"), then the portion of the Capital Gains Amount that shall be allocable to holders of Series A Preferred Shares shall be in the same portion that the Total Dividends paid or made available to the holders of Series A Preferred Shares for the year bears to the Total Dividends.
- (e) So long as any Series A Preferred Shares are outstanding, no dividends, except as described in the immediately following sentence, shall be declared or paid or set apart for payment on any class or series of Parity Shares for any period unless full cumulative dividends have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set apart for such payment on the Series A Preferred Shares for all Dividend Periods terminating on or prior to the dividend payment date for such class or series of Parity Shares. When dividends are not paid in full or a sum sufficient for such payment is not set apart, as aforesaid, all dividends declared upon Series A Preferred Shares and all dividends declared upon any other class or series of Parity Shares shall be declared ratably in proportion to the respective amounts of dividends accumulated and unpaid on the Series A Preferred Shares and accumulated and unpaid on such Parity Shares.
- dividends (other than dividends or distributions paid solely in, or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase, Fully Junior Shares) shall be declared or paid or set apart for payment or other distribution declared or made upon Junior Shares or Fully Junior Shares, nor shall any Junior Shares or Fully Junior Shares be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired (other than a redemption, purchase or other acquisition of Common Shares made for purposes of any employee incentive or benefit plan of the Company or any subsidiary) for any consideration (or any moneys be paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such shares) by the Company, directly or indirectly (except by conversion into or exchange for Fully Junior Shares), unless in each case (i) the full cumulative dividends on all outstanding Series A Preferred Shares and any Parity Shares shall have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and set apart for

payment for all past Dividend Periods with respect to the Series A Preferred Shares and all past dividend periods with respect to such Parity Shares and (ii) sufficient funds shall have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and set apart for the payment of the dividend for the current Dividend Period with respect to the Series A Preferred Shares and the current dividend period with respect to such Parity Shares.

(g) No dividends on Series A Preferred Shares shall be declared by the Board of Trustees or paid or set apart for payment by the Company at such time as the terms and provisions of any agreement of the Company, including any agreement relating to its indebtedness, prohibits such declaration, payment or setting apart for payment or provides that such declaration, payment or setting apart for payment would constitute a breach thereof or a default thereunder, or if such declaration or payment shall be restricted or prohibited by law.

#### Section 4. Liquidation Rights.

- In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the (a) Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, before any payment or distribution of the assets of the Company (whether capital or surplus) shall be made to or set apart for the holders of Junior Shares, the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares shall be entitled to receive Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) per Series A Preferred Share plus an amount equal to all dividends (whether or not earned or declared) accrued and unpaid thereon to the date of final distribution to such holders; but such holders shall not be entitled to any further payment. If, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the assets of the Company, or proceeds thereof, distributable among the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares shall be insufficient to pay in full the preferential amount aforesaid and liquidating payments on any other shares of any class or series of Parity Shares, then such assets, or the proceeds thereof, shall be distributed among the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares and any such Parity Shares ratably in accordance with the respective amounts that would be payable on such Series A Preferred Shares and any such Parity Shares if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full. For the purposes of this Section 4, (i) a consolidation or merger of the Company with one or more corporations, real estate investment trusts, or other entities and (ii) a sale, lease or transfer of all or substantially all of the Company's assets shall not be deemed to be a liquidation, dissolution or winding up, voluntary or involuntary, of the Company.
- (b) Subject to the rights of the holders of any series or class or classes of shares of beneficial interest ranking on a parity with or prior to the Series A Preferred Shares upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, after payment shall have been made in full to the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares, as provided in this Section 4, any other series or class or classes of Junior Shares or Fully Junior

Shares shall, subject to the respective terms and provisions (if any) applying thereto, be entitled to receive any and all assets remaining to be paid or distributed, and the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares shall not be entitled to share therein.

Section 5. <u>Conversion</u>. The Series A Preferred Shares are not convertible into or exchangeable for any other property or securities of the Company.

#### Section 6. Redemption at the Option of the Company.

- (a) The Series A Preferred Shares shall not be redeemable by the Company prior to November 6, 2002. On and after November 6, 2002, the Company, at its option, may redeem the Series A Preferred Shares, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) per Series A Preferred Share, plus the amounts indicated in Section 6(b).
- (b) Upon any redemption of the Series A Preferred Shares pursuant to this Section 6, the Company shall pay all accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, thereon ending on or prior to the date of such redemption (the "Call Date"), without interest. If the Call Date falls after a dividend payment record date and prior to the corresponding Dividend Payment Date, then each holder of Series A Preferred Shares at the close of business on such dividend payment record date shall be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding Dividend Payment Date notwithstanding the redemption of such shares before such Dividend Payment Date. Except as provided above, the Company shall make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on Series A Preferred Shares called for redemption.
- (c) If full cumulative dividends on the Series A Preferred Shares and any class or series of Parity Shares of the Company have not been declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment, the Series A Preferred Shares or Parity Shares may not be redeemed under this Section 6 in part and the Company may not purchase or otherwise acquire any Series A Preferred Shares or any Parity Shares, otherwise than pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to all holders of Series A Preferred Shares or Parity Shares, as the case may be.
- (d) The redemption price of any Series A Preferred Shares called for redemption pursuant to this Section 6 (other than any portion thereof consisting of accrued dividends) shall be paid solely from the sale proceeds of other capital stock of the Company and not from any other source. For purposes of the preceding sentence, "capital stock" means any Common Shares, Preferred Shares, depositary shares, interests, participation or other ownership interests (however designated) and any rights (other than debt securities convertible into or exchangeable for equity securities) or options to purchase any of the foregoing.

Notice of the redemption of any Series A Preferred Shares under (e) this Section 6 shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of New York, such publication to be made once a week for two successive weeks commencing not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the Call Date. A similar notice furnished by the Company will be mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, by the registrar to each holder of record of Series A Preferred Shares to be redeemed at the address of each such holder as shown on the share transfer books of the Company, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the Call Date. No failure to give any notice required by this Section 6(d), nor any defect therein or in the mailing thereof, to any particular holder, shall affect the sufficiency of the notice or the validity of the proceedings for redemption with respect to the other holders. Any notice which was mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given on the date mailed whether or not the holder receives the notice. Each notice shall state: (i) the Call Date, (ii) the number of Series A Preferred Shares to be redeemed and, if fewer than all the shares held by such holder are to be redeemed, the number of such shares to be redeemed from such holder, (iii) the redemption price per share, (iv) the place or places at which certificates for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price, and (v) that dividends on the shares to be redeemed shall cease to accrue on such Call Date. Notice having been given as aforesaid, from and after the Call Date, (1) dividends on the Series A Preferred Shares so called for redemption shall cease to accrue, (2) such Series A Preferred Shares shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding, and (3) all rights of the holders thereof as holders of Series A Preferred Shares of the Company (except the right to receive the cash redemption price payable upon such redemption, without interest thereon, upon surrender and endorsement of their certificates if so required and to receive any dividends payable thereon) shall cease and terminate and such shares shall not thereafter be transferred (except with the consent of the Company) on the Company's books. The Company's obligation to provide cash in accordance with the preceding sentence shall be deemed fulfilled if, on or before the Call Date, the Company shall deposit with a bank or trust company (which may be an affiliate of the Company) that has, or is an affiliate of a bank or trust company that has, capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, the amount of cash necessary for such redemption, in trust, with irrevocable instructions that such cash be applied to the redemption of the Series A Preferred Shares so called for redemption. No interest shall accrue for the benefit of the holders of Series A Preferred Shares to be redeemed on any cash so set aside by the Company. If the Company elects to so deposit the cash necessary for the redemption of the called Series A Preferred Shares, any notice to the holders of Series A Preferred Shares called for redemption required by this Section 6(d) shall (x) state the date of such deposit, (y) specify the office of such bank or trust company as the place of payment of the redemption price and (z) call upon such holders to surrender the share certificates representing such shares at such place on or about the date fixed in such notice (which shall not be later than the Call Date) against payment of the redemption price (including all accrued and unpaid dividends up to the Call Date). Subject to applicable escheat laws, any cash so deposited which

remains unclaimed at the end of two years from the Call Date shall revert to the general funds of the Company, after which reversion, again subject to applicable escheat laws, the holders of such shares so called for redemption shall look only to the general funds of the Company for the payment of such cash.

As promptly as practicable after the surrender in accordance with said notice of the certificates for any such shares so redeemed (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Company shall so require and if the notice shall so state), such shares shall be exchanged for any cash (without interest thereon) for which such shares have been redeemed. If fewer than all the cutstanding Series A Preferred Shares are to redeemed, the shares to be redeemed shall be determined pro rata (as nearly as practicable without creating fractional shares) or by lot or in such other equitable manner as prescribed by the Company's Board of Trustees in its sole discretion to be equitable. If fewer than all the Series A Preferred Shares represented by any certificate are redeemed, then new certificates representing the unredeemed shares shall be issued without cost to the holder thereof.

- Section 7. Shares to be Retired. All Series A Preferred Shares which shall have been issued and reacquired in any manner by the Company shall be restored to the status of authorized but unissued Preferred Shares of the Company, without designation as to class or series.
- Section 8. Ranking. Any class or series of shares of beneficial interest of the Company shall be deemed to rank:
- (a) prior to the Series A Preferred Shares, as to the payment of dividends and as to distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if the holders of such class or series of shares of beneficial interest shall be entitled to the receipt of dividends or of amounts distributable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, as the case may be, in preference or priority to the holders of Series A Preferred Shares;
- (b) on a parity with the Series A Preferred Shares, as to the payment of dividends and as to distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether or not the dividend rates, dividend payment dates or redemption or liquidation prices per share thereof be different from those of the Series A Preferred Shares, if the holders of such class or series of shares of beneficial interest and the Series A Preferred Shares shall be entitled to the receipt of dividends and of amounts distributable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up in proportion to their respective amounts of accrued and unpaid dividends per share or liquidation preferences, without preference or priority one over the other ("Parity Shares");
- (c) junior to the Series A Preferred Shares, as to the payment of dividends or as to the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if such shares of beneficial of interest shall be Junior Shares; and

(d) junior to the Series A Preferred Shares, as to the payment of dividends and as to the distribution of assets upon liquidation dissolution or winding up, if such shares of stock shall be Fully Junior Shares.

#### Section 9. Voting.

(a) If and whenever dividends on the Series A Preferred Shares are in arrears (which shall, with respect to any such quarterly dividend, mean that any such dividend has not been paid in full) for six or more quarterly periods, whether or not such quarterly periods are consecutive, the number of Trustees then constituting the Board of Trustees shall be increased by two, and the holders of Series A Preferred Shares, together with the holders of shares of every series of Parity Shares upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, voting as a single class regardless of series, shall be entitled to elect the two additional Trustees to serve on the Board of Trustees at any annual meeting of shareholders or special meeting held in place thereof, or at a special meeting of the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares and such Parity Shares called as hereinafter provided. Whenever all arrears in dividends on the Series A Preferred Shares and such Parity Shares then outstanding shall have been paid and dividends thereon for the current quarterly dividend period shall have been paid or declared and set apart for payment, then the right of the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares and such Parity Shares to elect such additional two Trustees shall immediately cease (but subject always to the same provision for the vesting of such voting rights in the case of any similar future arrearages), and the terms of office of all persons elected as Trustees by the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares and such Parity Shares shall immediately terminate and the number of the Board of Trustees shall be reduced accordingly. At any time after such voting rights shall have been so vested in the holders of Series A Preferred Shares and such Parity Shares, the secretary of the Company may, and upon the written request of any holder of Series A Preferred Shares (addressed to the secretary at the principal office of the Company) shall, call a special meeting of the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares and of such Parity Shares for the election of the two Trustees to be elected by them as herein provided, such call to be made by notice similar to that provided in the Bylaws of the Company for a special meeting of the shareholders or as required by law. If any such special meeting required to be called as above provided shall not be called by the secretary within 20 days after receipt of any such request, then any holder of Series A Preferred Shares may call such meeting, upon the notice above provided, and for that purpose shall have access to the share records of the Company. The Trustees elected at any such special meeting shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the shareholders or special meeting held in lieu thereof if such office shall not have previously terminated as above provided. If any vacancy shall occur among the Trustees elected by the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares and such Parity Shares, a successor shall be elected by the Board of Trustees, upon the nomination of the then-remaining director elected by the holders of the Series A Preferred Shares and such Parity Shares or

the successor of such remaining Trustee, to serve until the next annual meeting of the shareholders or special meeting held in place thereof if such office shall not have previously terminated as provided above.

- So long as any Series A Preferred Shares remain outstanding, the Company will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the Series A Preferred Shares outstanding at the time, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (such series voting separately as a class), (i) authorize or create, or increase the authorized or issued amount of, any class or series of capital shares ranking prior to the Series A Preferred Shares with respect to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up or reclassify any authorized shares of the Company into such shares, or create, authorize or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any such shares; or (ii) amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Charter, including these Articles Supplementary, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise (an "Event"), so as to materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series A Preferred Shares or the holders thereof; provided, however, with respect to the occurrence of any of the Events set forth in (ii) above, that so long as the Series A Preferred Shares remain outstanding with the terms thereof materially unchanged, taking into account that upon the occurrence of an Event, the Company may not be the surviving entity, the occurrence of any such Event shall not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting power of holders of Series A Preferred Shares and provided further that (x) any increase in the amount of the authorized Preferred Shares or the creating or issuance of any other series of Preferred Shares, or (y) any increase in the amount of authorized Series A Preferred Shares or any other series of Preferred Shares, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the Series A Preferred Shares with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, shall not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers. The voting provisions set forth in this paragraph (b) will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required shall be effected, all outstanding Series A Preferred Shares shall have been redeemed or called for redemption and sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption.
- (c) For purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Section 9, each Series A Preferred Share shall have one (1) vote per share, except that when any other series of Preferred Shares shall have the right to vote with the Series A Preferred Shares as a single class on any matter, then the Series A Preferred Shares and such other series shall have with respect to such matters one (1) vote per \$25.00 of stated liquidation preference. Except as otherwise required by applicable law or as set forth herein, the Series A Preferred Shares shall not have any relative, participating, optional or other special voting rights and powers, and

the consent of the holders thereof shall not be required for the taking of any corporate action.

Section 10. <u>Record Holders</u>. The Company and the Transfer Agent may deem and treat the record holder of any Series A Preferred Shares as the true and lawful owner thereof for all purposes, and neither the Company nor the Transfer Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

Section 11. Sinking Fund. The Series A Preferred Shares shall not be entitled to the benefits of any retirement or sinking fund.

Section 12. <u>Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer</u>. The beneficial ownership and transfer of the Series A Preferred Shares shall in all respects be subject to the applicable provisions of Section 6.7 of the Charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused these Articles Supplementary to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its Chief Financial Officer as of November 3, 1997.

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Howard B. Nelson, Jr. Chief Financial Officer

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