

RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 367

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO COTTAGES OF HIDDEN LAKES SUBDIVISION.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, SWAL, Inc., a Florida corporation, has executed and presented to the County an Easement for Utilities, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", incorporated by reference and made a part hereof, for water and sewer service to Cottages of Hidden Lakes Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County Utility Department has reviewed and approved the document mentioned above, as stated in a memo attached hereto as Exhibit "B", incorporated by reference and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to accept the Easement for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:


Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The above described Easement for Utilities attached and incorporated hereto, is hereby accepted by the Board of County Commissioners.

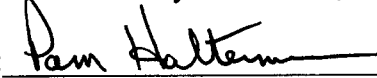
Section 3. The Clerk of the Circuit Court is instructed to record the original Easement for Utilities in the Public Records of St. Johns County, Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of November, 2007.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Board Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 11/30/07

EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES

THIS EASEMENT executed and given this 14th day of April, 2005, by SWAL, Inc., Florida corporation, with an address of 4000 B. St. Johns Avenue, Suite 22, Jacksonville, Florida, 32210, hereinafter called "Grantor", to **ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is c/o Clerk of Courts, P.O. Drawer 349, St. Augustine, Florida 32085, hereinafter called "Grantee".

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor does hereby agree as follows:

1. Grantor does hereby grant, bargain, sell, alien, remiss, release, convey and confirm unto Grantee a non-exclusive permanent easement and right-of-way to install, construct, operate, maintain, repair, replace and remove pipes and mains constituting the underground water distribution system and sewer collection system (including lift stations, if applicable), and all other equipment and appurtenances as may be necessary or convenient for the operation of the underground water and sewer utility services (hereinafter referred to as "Utility Lines and Associated Equipment") over and upon the real property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto (the "Easement Area"); together with rights of ingress and egress on and over the Easement Area, as necessary, for the use and enjoyment of the easement herein granted. This easement is for water and sewer utility services only and does not convey any right to install other utilities such as cable television service lines.

The easement herein granted is subject to covenants, restriction, easement, liens and encumbrances, including but not limited to, those set forth on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and to the following:

- (a) Grantor reserves the right and privilege to use and occupy and to grant to others the right to use and occupy (i) the surface and air spacer over the Easement Area for any purpose which is consistent with the rights herein granted to Grantee; and (ii) subsurface of the Easement Area for other utility services of other purposes which do not interfere with the rights herein granted to Grantee, including, without limitation, the right to install, construct, operate, maintain, repair, replace and remove telecommunications, telephone, telegraph, electric, gas and drainage facilities and foundations, footing and/or anchors for surface improvements.
- (b) All Utility Lines and Associated Equipment will be installed, operated and maintained at all times beneath the surface of the Easement Area provided that the same may be temporarily exposed or removed to the surface when necessary or desirable for the purpose of repairing and/or replacing the same. Provided, however, that associated equipment that is customarily installed above ground may be installed above ground subject to the right to Grantor, consistent with good engineering practices to approve the location of such above ground installation in its reasonable discretion.
- (c) The easement granted by this instrument may be relocated to a location acceptable to the Grantee at any time upon Grantor's request provided that Grantor bears the cost of relocating the underground water and sewer utility line and facilities located within the Easement area. At Grantor's request, and upon relocation of such lines at Grantor's expense, Grantee and Grantor shall execute an instrument in recordable form relocating the easement hereby granted to the new Easement Area designated by and in the title of the Grantor.
- (d) Grantee shall exercise the easement rights conveyed herein in a manner which will not unreasonably interfere with use and occupancy of residential or commercial improvements constructed upon the adjacent property owned by Grantor.

2. Grantee, by acceptance of this Easement, hereby agrees to maintain sewer force mains and gravity sewer lines located within the Easement Area. The Grantee's maintenance of gravity sewer lines shall extend "manhole to manhole", but shall not include a responsibility for maintenance of sewer service laterals. The Grantor or Grantor's successors and assigns shall be responsible for the maintenance of such sewer service laterals. Grantor hereby specifically indemnifies and holds Grantee harmless from and against costs and expenses associated with installation, maintenance, repair or replacement of sewer service laterals. The Grantee shall maintain all water mains and other elements of the water distribution system up to and including the water meter or meters. Grantor or Grantor's successors and assigns shall be responsible for maintaining any water lines between the water meter and the improvements served by the utility system.
3. After any installation, construction, repair, replacement or removal of any utility lines or equipment as to which easement rights are granted, Grantee shall refill any holes or trenches in a proper and workmanlike manner to the condition existing prior to such installation, construction, repair, replacement or removal, but Grantee shall not be responsible for restoration or sod, landscaping, plating, pavement or other similar surface improvements. Grantor or Grantor's successors and assigns shall be solely responsible for replacement of any such sod, landscaping, planting, pavement or other surface improvements which are required to be removed in connection with installation, construction, repair, replacement or removal of utility lines or equipment. Nothing in this section shall, however, relieve Grantee or liability for damage caused to improvements by Grantee's negligence.
4. This Grant of Easement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon Grantee and its successors and assigns.
5. For the purposes of the terms and conditions of this grant of Easement, "Grantor" means the owner from time to time of the Easement Area of any part thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this instrument to be executed by its duly authorized officer and its corporate seals to be hereunto affixed as of the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and
Delivered in the presence of:

[Signature]
Philip Haddock
(printed)

[Signature]
Angel Davis
(printed)

SWAL, Inc.
A Florida Corporation

By: *[Signature]*
W. H. WALTON, JR.
President

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DUVAL

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13th day of April, 2005, by W. H. WALTON, JR., President, SWAL, Inc., a Florida Corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He/she is personally known to be and did not take an oath.

[Signature]
(Print)
My Commission expires 2-21-06
Commission Number DD09112

Notary Public



Cheri R. Salazar
MY COMMISSION # DD091121 EXPIRES
February 21, 2006
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

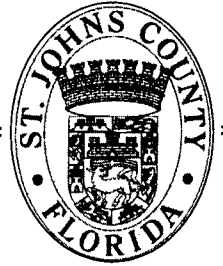
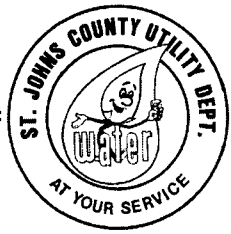
EXHIBIT "A" to Easement

EASEMENT AREA

The Easement Area granted by this document shall include all project roads and drives, all areas designed "Utility Easement Areas" all within the plat of COTTAGES OF HIDDEN LAKES, recorded in Map Book 54, Pages 30 through 34 of the public records of St. Johns County, Florida. The Easement Area shall not include the driveways to individual homes except for the part of such driveways within the area designated "Utility Easement Area"

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Nanette Bradbury, Real Estate Coordinator

From: Vickie Battell, Construction Tech III – Utility Development

Subject: Cottages at Hidden Lakes, aka Chelsea Woods, Unit II

Date: October 31, 2007

Please present the easement documents to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for final approval and acceptance of Cottages at Hidden Lakes aka Chelsea Woods Unit II.

After acceptance by BCC, please provide the utility department with a copy of the executed resolution and a recorded copy of the Easement for the utilities for our files.

Your support and cooperation as always are greatly appreciated.