BOONE HALL

PLANTATION & GARDENS

TO: Our Brickyard Neighbors

FROM: Boone Hall Plantation

DATE: April 11, 2019

RE: Boundary Fence

We have received questions from some of you about our fencing activity along the boundary separating Boone Hall Plantation from Brickyard Plantation. As many of you know, we have begun construction of a chain link fence along the boundary, beginning from Highway 17.

We met with the owners association in 2017 to discuss issues we were then encountering along our common boundary. The incidents of vandalism and trespass then discussed, and other incidents since that time, compel the action we are taking. We continually find on our property new areas with discarded beer cans, abandoned camp fires, tree houses, and similar activity. We recently removed a game feeding station nailed to one of our trees; and we have found several deer skeletons. Although we have also received reports of firearms discharged, we cannot definitively connect the deer carcasses to poaching. We have had children admitting to shooting ducks and coming onto property. The trash, cuttings and debris thrown on our property is worse than ever.

We have found a frame and plastic "greenhouse" on our land, with the apparent intent to cultivate marijuana plants, and recently we confronted several squatters who must have entered from Highway 17, but who were living in tents. They were hostile when confronted and it became necessary for the police to handle the situation.

Our equipment has been vandalized: one tractor was found abandoned in a ditch. Our vinyl covered band shell was slashed in several places. The cost of replacement

and repair of equipment was more than $150,000.00. These losses were not covered by insurance.

In 2017 we engaged the services of a professional land surveyor who located the boundary line according to the lot pins laid out by the original Brickyard developers. In other words, in platting the line we have relied upon Brickyard's data.

The fence our fence company is erecting is chain link, six feet in height. We have instructed the fence company to place the fence six inches inside the Boone Hall boundary line. It is not our intent to cede the six inch difference to Brickyard property owners, and we specifically repudiate any intent to do so. Rather, we are leaving that space for our maintenance purposes.

Some property owners have requested that the fence material be painted, to more aesthetically blend with the vegetation. We acknowledge those requests. Whereas, we are unwilling to commit to that additional expense for a coated material, we have no objection to Brickyard property owners painting the fence from your side either a black or a dark green color which ever your HOA deems appropriate. All fence is required to be the same color. However, we do not consent to, and we specifically prohibit, any tie-in to our fence by any other fence or other structure on the Brickyard side.

There is a maxim that "good fences make good neighbors". Although old, it stands for the tradition that good neighbors respect each others' properties; and that a fence does more than mark a boundary. It ensures good relations.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

With kindest regards,

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