## Saddlehorn HOA Amended Native Vegetation Lot Maintenance Policy

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Saddlehorn contains the covenant for Maintenance of Lots under section III D,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Directors to implement the procedures for enforcement, as clarification on what is expected as maintenance of lots with regard to natural/native vegetation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors has adopted the following policy effective 10/18/2022.

1. <u>ALL lots shall have a reasonable amount of clearing/spacing of natural vegetation</u> The Board has provided some general guidelines below. It's understood that each home and landscape design is unique and all situations can not be fully addressed within a single policy. The following guidelines detail the maintenance and upkeep of native vegetation within Saddlehorn HOA

Definition of "native vegetation": Native vegetation is plants that are indigenous to the area, including trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses. Native vegetation provides habitat for plants and animals and delivers a range of ecosystem services that make land more productive and contribute to human well-being.

All native vegetation shall be maintained in a manner which:

- Decreases the spread and intensity of wildfire
- Reduces the possibility of erosion.
- Provides quality habitat for native wildlife
- Promotes a healthy and sustainable ecosystem
- Mitigates the spread of invasive species
- Prevents the establishment of new populations of invasive species
- This includes:

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- No dead and downed vegetation.
- Free of noxious weeds
- Live brush should have adequate spacing between bushes. Specifically, brush should have a mosaic pattern of spacing. For example, a 10 foot by 10 foot pocket of brush should have 20 feet of space all around it before the next 10 foot by 10 foot pocket.
  - No wholesale removal of all vegetation. The Association requires that some form of vegetation be left unless a revised and approved landscape plan is submitted that provides for alternate plant materials or ground cover.
  - o The originally approved native areas are expected to remain; they must be maintained and not become overgrowth, adhering to the above standards.

President

Dated October 18, 2022