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IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

DENNIS D. BOWMAN and ANN BOWMAN,

Plaintiffs,

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DECISION

DON T. and PEGGY HALL TRUST, THOMAS J. HALL, Trustee, JERRY W. HALL, JAMES H. DARBY, INC., and DOES I through XXX,

Defendants.

This action came on for trial before the Court on October 9, 1981. The plaintiff was present and was represented by Richard Glasson, Esq. The defendant Hall was present and was represented by David Hagen, Esq. The defendant Darby was present and was represented by Lester Berkson, Esq. The Court having considered the evidence presented at the trial together with the evidence presented at the hearing for a preliminary injunction held September 8, 1981, and having subsequent to the trial viewed the property at the request of the parties, and being fully advised, makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The plaintiffs are the owners of Lot 2, Kingsbury Heights Subdivision, Douglas County, Nevada.
- 2. The defendant Darby is the owner of Lot 6, Kingsbury Heights Subdivision, which lot is located east of and uphill from plaintiffs' property.
- 3. The defendant Hall Trust was the developer of the Kingsbury Heights Subdivision and is the declarant under the declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereinafter CC&R's) which are applicable to the Kingsbury Heights

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Subdivision. The defendant Jerry Hall is the manager of the Hall Trust and held himself out to be the architectural review committee under the provisions of the CC&R's.

- 4. The portion of the declarations of covenants, conditions and restrictions (Ex. 1) which are relevant to the issues before this Court provide that no structure may be placed on those areas delineated "open spaces" on the recorded Subdivision map. The map of the Kingsbury Heights Subdivision was recorded in the Douglas County Recorder's Office on October 20, 1977. (Ex. 12).
- 5. The recorded CC&R's provide for amendment by declarant's declaration executed, acknowledged and recorded in Douglas County, Nevada.
- 6. The requirement that certain areas be designated "open spaces" under the map was imposed by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to comply with the land coverage requirements. Neither Douglas County nor the declarant Hall required such reservations of "open spaces".
- 7. The plaintiffs requested and secured the approval of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to allow the plaintiffs to construct a home in a portion of the area designated "open space" on the recorded map. The defendant Darby, at the time he purchased his lot, had requested and secured approval by the TRPA of a modification of the "open space" designation on his lot. Darby requested the change to determine if the TRPA would allow such changes in the designated open areas and to allow for the future construction of his home.
- 8. Prior to constructing their home, the plaintiffs submitted their construction plans to the Douglas County Building Department. These plans contained the signature of Jerry Hall showing approval of the architectural review committee under the CCGR's.
 - 9. Prior to the construction of their home, the plaintiffs and Jerry Hall met with the defendant Darby and advised him of

plaintiffs' desire to construct a home in the area designated
"open space" on the recorded map. The defendant Darby advised
plaintiff that the defendant had no objection to the location of
plaintiffs' home in the "open space" area as long as the location
of plaintiffs' home did not obstruct defendant's view of Lake Tahoe.

- plaintiffs believed to be the consent of the defendant and what plaintiffs believed to be the consent of the architectural review committee and the approval of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, plaintiffs commenced construction of their home in the area designated on the map as "open space". In constructing the home, the plaintiffs removed numerous pine trees. The Court finds that these trees obstructed the view that the defendant had of Lake Tahoe as to the garage and that portion of defendant's home constructed over the garage. The house constructed by the plaintiffs did not appreciably change the view that the defendant had of Lake Tahoe, but primarily modified his view of the pine trees. In this connection, the Court has the benefit of the testimony of the parties together with personal observations of the property as a result of two views of the property taken with the permission of the parties.
- 11. Since the defendant Darby has not completed the construction of his home, the Court was unable to determine with certainty if the position of plaintiffs' house would obstruct the Lake view the defendant would have from the other floors of the home to be constructed by the defendant. However, the evidence which was presented to the Court indicates that the remainder of defendant's home is to be constructed on levels above those presently constructed. Therefore, it does not appear that plaintiffs' home will obstruct defendant's view of Lake Tahoe.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the preceding Findings of Fact, this Court states the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The declarant Hall Trust has the authority to amend the CCGR's under the provisions of Paragraph 11 of Exhibit 1. The

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declarant agreed to amend the CC&R's as the same related to the "open space" designation on Lot 2 of the Kingsbury Heights Subdivision provided no objections were made to declarants. Neither the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency nor Douglas County objected to the modification. No property owners objected to the proposed amendment by plaintiff. The defendant Darby consented to the amendment provided the structure did not block his view of Lake Tahoe.

- 2. The plaintiffs, in constructing their home on Lot 2, did not materially breach their agreement with the defendant Darby to avoid a blockage of defendant's view of Lake Tahoe.
- 3. The plaintiffs did not conceal any material facts from the defendant which plaintiffs were bound in good faith to disclose.
- 4. The designated representative of the Hall Trust signed the plaintiffs' building plans after receiving the approval of plaintiffs and the defendant Darby.
- 5. While there has not been strict compliance with the requirements for amending a recorded subdivision plat, all of the parties who have an interest in the modification as to Lot 2 of the Kingsbury Heights Subdivision are before the Court and are, on the basis of their conduct and agreements, estopped from asserting the "open space" requirements under the recorded Subdivision Plat recorded October 20, 1977, as a basis for injunctive relief.
- 6. The Court finds that the Subdivision Plat of the Kings-bury Heights Subdivision recorded October 20, 1977, (Ex. 12) may be amended, pursuant to NRS 278.477(2)(e) to reflect the relocated building envelope as agreed upon by the parties
- "open space" on the recorded Subdivision map, they will not have to be amended once the map is modified in accordance with the agreement of the parties and the order of this Court.

Now, Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that:

- 1. The Kingsbury Heights Subdivision Map recorded in the Douglas County Recorder's Office on October 20, 1977, in Book 1077, page 1205, as Document No. 14200 shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of NRS 278.477(2)(e) to reflect the redesignated "open space" of Lot 2 of said Subdivision. The cost of preparing the amended map under NRS 278.477 shall be borne by the plaintiffs.
- 2. The defendant Darby's Application for Injunctive Relief is DENIED.
 - 3. Each party shall bear his own costs and fees.

 DATED this 18th day of March, 1982.

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The document to which this certificate is attached is a full, true and correct approach the original on file and of record in my office.

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