

Original Declaration of Covenants, Conditions Restrictions and Easements

THIS DECLARATION, made this 26 day of November 2007 by Jeff Lindsey Communities, Inc., a Georgia corporation (hereinafter "Developer"):

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Developer is the owner of certain real property lying in Land Lot 185, 5th District, and being in Coweta County, Georgia, which real property is more particularly described as "**Harris Estates**" and

WHEREAS, Developer desires to provide for the preservation and enhancement of the property values in Harris Estates Subdivision and for the maintenance of the property and improvements thereon, and to this end desires to subject the real property described as "**Harris Estates**" to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges and liens hereinafter set forth, each and all of which is and are for the benefit said property and each owner thereof; and

NOW THEREFORE, Developer declares that the real property described in Exhibit "A" is and shall be held, transferred, sold, mortgaged, conveyed, lease occupied, and use subject to the covenants conditions, restrictions, easements, charges, and liens hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 1. Architectural Control Committee shall mean and refer to Jeff Lindsay Communities, Inc. or such other individual(s) or entity (ier) as Developer may appoint, until all lots in **Harris Estates** shall have been fully developed and permanent improvements constructed thereon and sold to permanent residents.

Section 2. Declaration shall mean the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements and all other provisions herein set forth in this entire document, as may from time to time be amended.

Section 3. Developer shall mean and refer to Jeff Lindsay Communities, Inc., a Georgia corporation, or any successor in title or any success in the interest to Jeff Lindsay Communities, Inc. to successor to all or some portion of the property then subjected to this Declaration, provided that in the instrument of conveyance to any successor in title or interest, such successor in title is expressly designed as the "Developer" hereunder by the grantor of such conveyance, which grantor shall be the Developer hereunder at the time of such conveyance.

Section 4. Lot shall mean and refer to all lots as shown upon the Plat.

Section 5. Owner shall means and refer the record owner, whether one or more persons of entities, of the fee simple title to any lot which is a part of the property, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 6. Person shall means and refer to a natural person, corporation, partnership, association, trust, or any other legal entity, or any combination thereof.

Section 7. Plat shall mean and refer to that certain final plat of the Property to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Coweta County, Georgia, Georgia by Develop.

Section 8. Property shall mean and refer to that certain real property described as "Harris Estates".

Section 9. Structure shall mean and refer to: (i) any thing or object, the placement of which upon any Lot may affect the appearance of such lot, including by way of illustration and not limitation, any building or part thereof, garage, porch, gazebo, shed greenhouse or bathhouse, coop or cage, covered or uncovered patio, swimming pool, tennis court, fence, curbing, paving, wall, tree, shrub, sign, signboard, mailbox, driveway, temporary or permanent living quarters (including any house trailer) or any other temporary or permanent improvements to such Lot. (ii) any excavation, grading, fill ditch, diversion dam, or other thing or device which affects or alters the flow of any water in any natural or artificial creek, stream, wash or drainage channel from, upon or across any lot; and (iii) any change in grade at any point on a lot of more than six (6) inches.

ARTICLE II ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Section 1. Purpose, Powers, and Duties of the Architectural Control Committee. The purpose of the Architectural Control Committee is to assure that the installation, construction or alteration of any Structure on any Lot is in accordance with the standards determined by the Architectural Control Committee. To the extent necessary to carry out such purpose, the Architectural Control Committee shall have all of the powers and duties to do each and everything necessary, suitable, convenient, or proper for or in connection with or incidental to the accomplishment of such purpose, including, without being limited to, the power and duty to approve or disapprove plans, and specifications for any installation, construction, or alteration for any Structure on any Lot.

ARTICLE III EASEMENTS

Section 1. Easements for Developer. Developer hereby reserves for itself, its successors and assigns, the following easements and rights of way in, on, over, under, and through any part of the Property owned by Developer for so long as Developer owns any Lot primarily for the purpose of sale.

(a) For the erection, installation, construction and maintenance of wires, lines and conduits, and necessary or proper attachments in connection with the transmission of electricity, gas, water, telephone, community antenna, television cables, and other utilities;

(b) For the construction of improvements on the Lots;

(c) For the installation, construction, and maintenance of storm water drains, public and private sewers, and for any other public and quasi-public utility facility;

(d) No owner may obstruct or rechannel the drainage flows after installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or utility easements. As to any Lot on which a storm drain is located, an easement is reserved to County authorities for the purpose of repairing or maintaining said storm drain. The right is also reserved by Jeff Lindsay Communities, Inc. to prepare sloping banks, cut or fill, not exceed three to one slope, on all street, roads, or drainage areas.

(e) For any sales offices, model units or drainage areas space in connection with its efforts to market lots.

(f) For the maintenance of such other facilities and equipment as in the sole discretion of Developer may be reasonable required, convenient or incidental to the completion,

improvement and sales of lots.

(g) Developer shall have the right to transfer any easements he has to the Owner's at any future date.

ARTICLE IV GENERAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

The following covenants and restriction shall apply to all lots and to all structures erected or placed thereon;

Section 1. Residential Use. All lots shall be restricted exclusively to single family residential use. No lot, or any portion thereof, shall at any time be used for any commercial, business, or professional purpose, provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit or prevent Develop or any builder of residences in Harris Estates from using any lot owned by developer or such builder for the purpose of carrying on business related to the development, improvement, and sale of lots in Harris Estates subdivision.

Section 2. Nuisances.

(a) No unlawful, noxious, or offensive activities shall be carried on in any lot, nor shall anything be done therein or thereon which constitutes a nuisances, causes unreasonable noise or disturbance to other or unreasonable interferes with other Owners' use of their lots.

(b) No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be dumped, placed or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of an Owner's lot so as to render the same unsanitary, unsightly, or offensive. No nuisance shall be permitted to exist upon any portion or the property. Without limiting the generality of any of the foregoing, no exterior speakers, horns, whistles, bells, or other sound devices, except security devices used exclusively for security purposes, shall be located, used or placed on the property or any portion thereof.

Section 3. Resubdivision of Property. No lot may be split, divided, subdivided for sale, resale, gift, transfer, or otherwise, without the prior written approval of the Developer for such split, division, or subdivision.

Section 4. Erosion Control. No activity which may create erosion or siltation problems, shall be undertaken on any lot without the prior written approval of the Developer. The Developer may require the use of certain means of preventing and controlling such erosion or siltation. Such means may include (by way of example and not limitation) physical devices for controlling the runoff and drainage of water, special precautions in grading and otherwise changing the natural landscape and required landscaping.

Section 5. Temporary Buildings. No temporary buildings, trailer, garage, or building under construction shall be used, temporarily, or permanently, as a residence on any lot except as temporary sleeping or living quarters required or desirable for security purposes approved by the Developer. A contractor or builder may erect or place on any lot a temporary building, shed, or trailer for use in connection with construction on such lot without the prior written consent of the Developer.

Section 6. Signs.

(a) No signs whatsoever (including but not limited to commercial and similar signs) shall, without the Developer's prior written approval of plans and specification therefore, be installed, altered, or maintained on any lot, or on any portion of a structure visible from the exterior thereof; except;

(i) such signs as may be required by legal proceedings;

(ii) not more than one "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign, provided that in no event shall any such sign be larger than nine square feet in area;

(iii) directional signs for vehicular or pedestrian safety in accordance with plans and specification approved by the Developer.

(b) Following the consummation of the sale of any lot, the "For Sale" sign located thereon shall be removed immediately.

Section 7. Setbacks. In approving plans and specifications for any proposed structure, the Developer may establish setback requirements for the location of such structure which are more restrictive than those establish by the Plat. No structure shall be erected or placed on any lot unless its location is consistent with such setbacks.

Section 8. Clothesline. No outside clothesline shall be placed on any lot.

Section 9. Mobile Homes, Recreational Vehicles, and Trailers. No mobile home, trailer, trailer house, or recreational vehicles other than a boat shall be parked on any lot, except within enclosures or behind screening. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the use of portable or temporary buildings or trailers as field offices by contractors during actual construction.

Section 10. Accessory Structures. Subject to the reasonable approval of the Architectural Control Committee, a detached accessory structure may be placed on a lot to be used for a playhouse, a swimming pool, tennis court, a tool shed, a mailbox, a dog house, or a garage, a garage may also be an attached accessory structure. Such accessory structure shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height and shall conform in exterior design and quality to the dwelling on the same lot. With the exception of a garage that is attached to a dwelling as such dwelling fronts on the street abutting such lot. Such accessory structures shall also be located within such side and rear setback lines as may be required hereby or applicable zoning law.

Section 11. Improvement of Lots. All construction of dwellings, accessory structures and all other improvements in Harris Estates subdivision shall be undertaken and completed in accordance with the following conditions:

(a) All construction shall be carried out in compliance with the laws, code rules, regulations, and orders of all applicable governmental agencies and authorities.

(b) No exposed above ground tanks for the storage of fuel or water or any other substance shall be located on any lot other than apparatus relating to solar energy.

(c) No lumber, bricks, stones, cinder blocks, scaffolding, mechanical devices, or any other materials or devices used for building purposes shall be stored on any lot except for purposes of construction of a dwelling or accessory on such lot, not shall any such building materials or devices be stored on any lot for longer than the length of time reasonably necessary for the construction in which such materials or devices are to be used.

(d) Adequate off street parking shall be provided for each lot. Vehicles of residents shall not be routinely parked on subdivision streets, nor shall vehicles be routinely parked on any portion of a lot other than a paved driveway or a garage.

(e) Any construction on a lot shall be at the risk of the Owner of such lot and the owner of such lot shall be responsible for any damage to any curbing or street resulting from

construction on such lot; repairs of such damage must be made within thirty (30) days after completion of such construction.

(f) The enclosed, heating living area (exclusive of garage, carports, porches, terraces, build storage and basement) shall contain not less than 1800 square feet in any one story dwelling, and 1800 square feet in any dwelling which has more than one story. No dwelling shall be constructed exceeding two stories in height above ground on any lot, and three stories in height including a basement on any lot.

(g) Exterior TV or radio receiving equipment shall not be permitted, unless same is not visible from the street.

(h) No solar devices shall be visible from the street in front of a residence.

Section 12. Fences. No fence or wall of any kind shall be erected or maintained on the front of any lot. Front meaning no to exceed front corners of residence. Only wood fences may be installed from back of corners of house to property lines, no taller than 6 feet in height. Chain link fences may not be installed. On corner lots no fence may be used unless approved by Architectural Committee.

Section 13. Animals. No animals, including birds, insects and reptiles, may be kept on any lot unless kept thereon solely as household pets and not for commercial purposes. No animal shall be allowed to become a nuisance.

Section 14. No exterior construction, alteration, or addition to a structure or any nature whatsoever, including fences, playhouses, tree houses, or dog houses, shall be made unless or until the plans are approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 15. The removal of any living tree must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 16. No above ground pools may be installed.

Section 17. All driveways will be concrete no gravel or blacktop may be used.

ARTICLE V GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement

(a) The Developer, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceedings at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, easements, liens, and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. Failure by the Developer or by an Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

(b) The Developer shall have the right of abatement in all cases where an owner of a lot shall fail to take reasonable steps to remedy a violation or breach of any restriction, conditions, or covenant contained in this Declaration within twenty (20) days after the mailing of written notice of such violation or breach. The right of abatement means the right of the Developer, through its agents and employees, to enter at all reasonable times upon any lot or structure as to which a violation or breach exists, and to take such action or actions specified notice to the owner to abate, extinguish, remove, or repair such violation or breach, all without being deemed to have committed a trespass or wrongful act by reason or such entry and such actions.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of the Declaration, or any paragraph, subparagraph, article, section, sentence, clause, phrase, word of the application thereof in any circumstance, is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Declaration and the application of any such provision, paragraph, subparagraph, article, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in any other circumstances shall not be affected thereby and the remained of this Declaration shall be construed as if such invalid part was never included therein.

Section 3. Headings. The headings of articles and sections in this Declaration are for convenience of reference only and shall not in any way limit or define the content or substances of such articles and sections.

Section 4. Duration. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land for a period of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, at the end of which period such covenants and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each, unless at least two-third (2/3) of the Owners at the time of the expiration of the initial period, or of any extension period, shall sign an instrument in which said covenants and restrictions are modified in whole or in part, which instruments is filed of record in the appropriate country.

Section 5. Rights and Obligations. Each grantee of the Developer, by the acceptance of a deed of conveyance, accepts the same subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges, and the jurisdiction, rights and powers create or reserved by this Declaration. All rights, benefits, and privileges of each character hereby imposed shall be deemed and taken to be covenants running with the land and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in the property or any portion thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of such grantee in like manner as though the provision of this Declaration were recited and stipulated at length in each and every deed of conveyance or contract for conveyance.

Section 6. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Owner.

(a) Each Owner of a lot, by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant, and agree to reimburse the Developer for any costs or expenses incurred by Developer in enforcing against such Owner any restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens, and charges, and the jurisdictions, rights, and powers created or reserved by this Declaration. Such costs or expenses, together with interest thereon at twelve (12%) percent per annum and costs of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, including reasonable attorneys fees, shall be a charge and a continuing lien upon the lot at the time when the costs or expenses are incurred. Such costs or expenses, together with interest thereon at twelve (12%) percent per annum and costs of collection thereof, including reasonable attorneys fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the owner of such lot at the time when the costs or expenses were incurred. This personal obligation shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

(b) In such case, the Developer may bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against such owner's lot, and interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such costs or expenses. Each such owner, by his acceptance of a deed to a lot, hereby expressly vests in the Developer, or its agents, the right and power to bring all actions against such owner personally for the collection of such costs or expenses as a debt and to enforce the aforesaid lien by all methods available for the enforcement of liens against real property, including foreclosure by an action brought in the name of the Developer in a like manner as a mortgage foreclosure by on real property, and such owner hereby expressly grants to the Developer a power of sale in connection with the foreclosure of said lien. The lien provided for in the Section shall be in favor of the Developer and shall be for the benefit of all other owners. The Developer, acting on behalf of the owners, shall have the power to bid for the interest foreclosed at foreclosure sale and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same.

(c) Such lien shall be prior and superior to all other liens, except (a) the lien of all taxes, bonds, assessments, other levies which by law would be superior, and (b) the lien or charge or any first Mortgage of record (meaning any recorded Mortgage with first priority over other Mortgages) made in good faith and for value.

Section 7. Notices. Notices provided for in this Declaration shall be in writing and shall be addressed to any Owner at his lot or at such other address as hereinafter provided. Notices addressed as above shall be deemed delivered upon mailing by United States registered or certified mail or when delivered in person.

Section 8. Amendment. This Declaration may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Developer (i) if such amendment is necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith, (ii) if such amendment is necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title, insurance coverage with respect to the lots subject to this Declaration, (iii) if such amendment is required to obtain the approval of this Declaration by an institutional lender, such as a bank, savings and loan association or life insurance company, or by a governmental lender or purchase or mortgage loans, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase mortgage loans on the lots subject to this Declaration, or (iv) if such amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency, such as the Veterans Administration, or reputable private insurance company to insure mortgage loans on the lots subject to the Declaration. Further, this Declaration may be amended at any time and from time to time by an agreement signed by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the owner of lots; provided, however, such amendment by the Owners shall not be effective unless also signed by Developer, if Developer is the owner of any real property then subject to this Declaration. No amendment to the provisions of this Declaration shall alter, modify, change or rescind any right, title, interest or privilege herein granted to accorded to the holder of any mortgage encumbering any lot unless such holder shall consent in writing thereto. Any such amendment shall not become effective until the instrument evidencing such change has been filed of record. Every purchaser or grantee of any interest in any real property made subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefore, thereby agrees that this Declaration may be amended as provided in this Section.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, JEFF LINDSEY COMMUNITIES, INC. has caused this Declaration to be executed in its name by its duly authorized officers and its seal affixed on the day and year first above written.

Jeff Lindsey Communities, Inc

Signed, sealed and delivered this 26th day of November, 2007.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I GENERAL

Section 1. Applicability. These Bylaws provide for the self-government of **Harris Estates** Homeowners Association, Inc., in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State and Declaration Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for **Harris Estates** Homeowners Association, recorded in the Coweta County, Georgia land records ("Declaration").

Section 2. Name. The name of the corporation is **Harris Estates** Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Association").

Section 3. Definitions. The terms used herein shall have their generally accepted meanings or such meanings as are specified in the Declaration.

Section 4. Membership. An Owner of a Lot shall automatically become a member of the Association upon taking title to the Lot and shall remain a member for the entire period of privileges of the member. If title to a Lot is held by more than one (1) Person, the membership shall be shared in the same proportion as the title, but there shall be only one (1) membership and one (1) vote per Lot. Membership does not include Persons who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and the giving of a security interest shall not terminate the Owner's membership. Membership shall be appurtenant to the Lot and shall be transferred automatically by conveyance of that Lot and may be transferred only in connection with the transfer of title.

Section 5. Entity Member. In the event an Owner is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, or other legal entity not being a natural person or persons, then any natural person who is an officer, director, or other designated agent of such corporation, partner of such partnership, beneficiary or other designated agent of such trust, or manager of a limited liability company or representative of such other legal entity shall be eligible to represent such entity or entities in the affairs of the Association. Such person's relationship with the Association shall terminate automatically upon the termination of such person's relationship with the entity or entities which are the Owner, and termination of the person's relationship with the Association will create a vacancy in any elected or appointed position within the Association in which such person may have been serving and such vacancy will be filled in accordance with these Bylaws.

Section 6. Voting. Each Lot shall be entitled to one (1) vote equally weighted vote, which vote may be cast by the Owner, the Owner's spouse or by a lawful proxy as provided below. When more than one (1) Person owns a Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they determine between or among themselves, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot. If only one (1) co-owner attempts to cast the vote for a Lot, it shall be conclusively presumed that such co-owner is authorized on behalf of all co-owners to cast the vote for such Lot. In the event of disagreement between or among co-owners and an attempt by two (2) or more of them to cast such vote or votes, such Persons shall not be eligible to vote, either in person or by proxy, or to act as proxy for any other member or to be elected to the Board of Directors, if that Owner is shown on the books or management accounts of the Association to be more than thirty (30) days delinquent in any payment due to the Association or if the Owner has had its voting rights suspended for the infraction of any provision of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or any rule of the Association. If the voting rights of an Owner have been suspended, that Owner shall not be counted as an eligible vote for purposes of establishing a Majority or a quorum, or for any other purpose.

Section 7. Majority. As used in the Bylaws, the term "majority" shall mean those votes, Owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more than fifty percent (50%) of the total number of eligible

votes, Owners, or other group, respectively. Unless otherwise specifically stated, the words "majority vote" mean more than fifty percent (50%) of those voting in person or by proxy. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Declaration of these Bylaws, all decisions shall be by majority vote.

Section 8. Purpose. The Association shall have the responsibility of administering the Community, establishing the means and methods of collecting the contributions to the Common Expenses, arranging for the management of the Community and performing all the other acts that may be required to be performed by the Association pursuant to the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and the Declaration. Except as to those matters which the Declaration or the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code specifically require to be performed by the vote of the Association membership, the administration of the foregoing responsibilities shall be performed by the Board of Directors as more particularly set forth below.

Section 9. Electronic Documents and Signatures.

(a) **Documents.** Whenever these Bylaws require that a document, record or instrument be "written" or "in writing," the requirement is deemed satisfied by an Electronic Document. "Electronic Document" mean information created, transmitted, received, or stored by electronic means and retrievable in human perceivable form, such as email, web pages, electronic documents, facsimile transmissions, etc. Records, documents and instruments shall not be denied effect or validity solely on the grounds that they are electronic.

(b) **Signatures.** Whenever these Bylaws require a signature, an electronic signature satisfies that requirement only if: (1) the signature is easily recognizable as a Secure Electronic Signature which is capable of verification, under the sole control of the signatory, and attached to the electronic document in such a way that the document cannot be modified without invalidating the signature; or (2) the Board reasonably believes that the signatory affixed the signature with the intent to sign the Electronic Document, and that the Electronic Document has not been modified since the signature was affixed.

(c) **Verification and Liability for Falsification.** The Board may require reasonable verification of any electronic signature, document, record, or instrument. Pending verifications, the Board may refuse to accept any electronic signature, document, record or instrument which, in the Board's sole discretion, is not clearly authentic. Neither the Board nor the Association shall be liable to any Member or any other Person for accepting or acting in reliance upon an electronic signature or Electronic Document which the Board reasonably believes to be authentic. Any Member or Person who negligently, recklessly or intentionally submits any falsified Electronic Document or unauthorized electronic signature shall fully indemnify the Association for actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred as a result of such acts.

ARTICLE II **MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The initial annual or special meeting shall be held within one (1) year from the date the Declaration is recorded, or at such other time as established by Declarant. After transition from the Developer to the members, annual meetings shall be set by the Board so as to occur sixty (60) days before or after the close of the Association's fiscal year.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the member may be called for any purpose at any time by the President, the Secretary, or by request of any two (2) or more members of the Board of Directors. Special meetings also may be called upon written petition of Owners holding a least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total eligible Association vote, for any purpose on which the members are authorized to vote under the Bylaws or the Declaration. Any such written petition by the members must identify the purpose on each page thereof, and the original signed petition be submitted to the Association's Secretary.

The Secretary shall then verify that the required number of members have joined in the petition and shall submit all proper petitions to the Association's President. The President shall then promptly call a special meeting for the purpose stated in the petition setting the date, time and location of the meeting (which is not required to be the date, time, or location requested in any petition submitted to the Association), and the Secretary shall send notice of the meeting in accordance with these Bylaws. Any special meeting called pursuant to written petition shall be set at a date, time, and location determined by the Board, within thirty (30) days of the date of the petition.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. The Secretary shall mail or deliver to each Owner of a Lot of record or to the Lot a notice of each annual or special meeting of the Association at least twenty-one (21) days prior to each annual meeting and at least seven (7) days prior to each special meeting. The notice of an annual meeting shall state the time and place of the meeting. The notice of a special meeting shall state the purpose of any special meeting, as well as the time and place where it is to be held. If any Owner wishes notice to be given at an address other than his or her Lot, the Owner shall have designated by notice in writing to the Secretary such other address. The mailing or delivering of a notice of meeting in the manner provided in this Section shall be considered proper service of notice.

Section 4. Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of meeting of the Owners shall be deemed equivalent of proper notice. Any Owner may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Owners, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by an Owner, whether in person or represented by proxy, shall be deemed a waiver by such Owner of notice of the time, date, and place thereof unless such Owner specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting shall also be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted at such meeting unless objection to lack of notice is raised before the business, of which proper notice was not given, is put to a vote.

Section 5. Quorum. Except as may be provided elsewhere, the presence of Owners, in person or by proxy at the beginning of the meeting, entitled to cast one third (1/3) of the total eligible Association vote shall constitute a quorum is established for a meeting, it shall conclusively be presumed to exist until the meeting is adjourned and shall not need to be reestablished. Owners whose voting rights have been suspended pursuant to the Declaration or these Bylaws shall not be counted as eligible votes toward the quorum requirement.

Section 6. Adjournment. Any meeting of the Owners may be adjourned from time to time for periods not exceeding thirty (30) days by vote of the Owners holding the Majority of the votes represented at such meeting, regardless of whether a quorum is present. Any business which could be transacted properly at the original session of the meeting may be transacted at a reconvened session, and no additional notice of such reconvened session be required.

Section 7. Proxy. Any member entitled to vote may do so by written proxy duly executed by the member setting forth the meeting at which the proxy is valid. To be valid, a proxy must be signed, dated, and filed with the Secretary prior to the opening of the meeting for which it is to be used. Proxies may be delivered to the Board by personal delivery, U.S. mail or facsimile transmission to any Board member or the property manager. Proxies may be revoked only by written notice delivered to the Secretary of the Association, except that: (a) the presence in person by the giver of a proxy at a meeting for which the proxy is given shall automatically invalidate any previously given proxy. A proxy holder may not appoint a substitute proxy holder unless expressly authorized to do so in the proxy.

Section 8. Action Without a Meeting. In the Board's discretion, any action that may be taken by the Association members at any annual, regular, or special meeting may be taken without a meeting if the Board delivers a written consent form or written ballot to every member entitled to vote on the matter,

(a) Ballot. A written ballot shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. Approval by written ballot shall be valid only when

the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action, and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by a ballot.

All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall: (1) indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; (2) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; and (3) specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Board in order to be counted. A written ballot may not be revoked. The Association shall maintain such ballots in its file for at least three (3) years.

(b) Written Consent. Approval by written consent shall be valid only when the number of written consents setting forth the actions taken is received and equals or exceeds the requisite majority of the voting power required to pass such action at a meeting held on the date that the last consent is executed and such action is consented to by the Declarant, if required. Executed written consents shall be included in the minutes or filed with the Association's records. If an action of the members is approved by written consent hereunder, the Board shall issue written notice of such approval to all members who did not sign written consents. Membership approval shall be effective ten (10) days after written notice is issued; provided, however, if the consent is to an amendment to the Declaration or Bylaws which must be recorded, the effective date shall be no earlier than the date of recording of such amendment.

Section 9. Order of Business. At all meetings of the Association, Roberts Rules of Order (latest edition) shall govern when not in conflict with the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation, unless the Owners present at a particular meeting vote to suspend Roberts Rules at that meeting.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Composition and Selection.

Section 1. Governing Body; Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article, the directors shall be members or spouses of such members; provided, however, no Person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time, and no co-owners may serve on the Board at the same time. Except for directors appointed by the Declarant, all directors must reside in **Harris Estates**. No persons shall be eligible to be elected to or continue to serve on the Board of Directors if they are shown on the book and records of the Association to more than thirty (30) days delinquent in the payment of any assessment or charge by the Association. Directors shall not be eligible to serve more than three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms without first resigning from the Board for a time period which shall be the lesser of: (a) one (1) year; or (b) the period of time from the end of one (1) annual meeting of the Association to the beginning of the next annual meeting of the Association.

Section 2. Directors Appointed by Declarant. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Declarant shall have exclusive authority to appoint and remove directors and officers until the earlier of: (1) seven (7) years after the recording of the Declaration, (2) the date as of which one hundred percent (100%) of the Lots shall have been conveyed by Declarant to Owners other than a Person constituting the Declarant unless Declarant at that time has an unexpired option to add Additional Property, or (3) the surrender in writing by Declarant of the authority to appoint and remove officers and directors of the Association. Each owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot, vests in Declarant this authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association.

Section 3. Number of Directors and Term of Office. The Board shall consist of at least three (3) persons during the period in which the Declarant has the right to appoint directors and officers as described

in Section 2 of the Article. Thereafter, the Association shall call a meeting to be held at which Owners shall elect three (3) or five (5) directors, the exact number as determined by resolution of the Board. If such meeting is not the annual meeting, the directors receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of two (2) years each, and the third director shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. If there are five (5) directors, the three (3) directors receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of two (2) years each, and the two (2) directors remaining directors shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. At each annual meeting thereafter, a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years. the member of the Board of Directors shall hold office until their respective successors have been elected by the Association.

Section 4. Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board shall be made from the floor at the meeting. The Board also may appoint a nominating committee to make nominations Prior to the meeting.

Section 5. Elections. All members of the Association eligible to vote shall be entitled to cast their entire vote for each directorship to be filled. There shall be no cumulative voting. The directorships for which elections are held shall be filled by that number of candidates receiving the most votes. Voting for election of Board members shall be by written ballot (unless dispensed by unanimous consent at meeting at which such voting is conducted).

Section 6. Removal of Members of the Board of Directors. Other than for directors or officers appointed by the Declarant, at any regular or special meeting of the Association duly called, any one (1) or more of the members of the Board of Directors may be removed with or without cause by a Majority of the total eligible Association vote, and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. Further, any director who is more than thirty (30) days past due in payment of any assessment or charge shall be automatically removed from the **Board of Directors, even if the director subsequently pays the amount owed and the vacancy** shall be filled as provided in Section 7 below. Any director who has had three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from regularly scheduled Board meetings may be removed by the vote of a majority of the other directors. Any director whose removal has been proposed by the Membership shall be given at least (10) days notice of the calling of the meeting to consider His or her removal and the purpose thereof and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting.

Section 7. Vacancies. Except while the Declarant is authorized to appoint directors And officers hereunder, vacancies in the Board of Directors caused by any reason, except the removal of a director by vote of the membership, shall be filled by a vote of the Majority of the remaining directors, even though less than a quorum, at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The successor so selected shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the director being replaced. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated herein, any director who is an officer, Director or other designated agent of an entity member and whose position become vacant for Any reason, may be replaced by the entity who is the owner unless there has been a transfer of ownership of the Unit, in which case, the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining directors, even if less than a quorum is at any meeting of the directors.

Section 8. Compensation. Directors shall not be compensated for services as such unless and only to the extent that compensation is authorized by a Majority of the total eligible Association vote. Directors may be reimbursed for the expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as directors upon approval of such expenses by the Board of Directors. Directors also May be given nominal gifts or tokens of appreciation by the Association for recognition of Services performed, not to exceed a value of One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00) per calendar year. For purposes hereof, reasonable food and beverages purchased for Board Meetings shall not be considered compensation.

Section 9. Director Conflicts of Interest. Nothing herein shall prohibit a director from entering into a contract and being compensated for services or supplies furnished to the Association in a capacity other than as director, provided that the director's interest is disclosed to the Board and the contract is approved by a Majority of the directors who are at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is

present, excluding the director with whom the Contract is made. The interested director shall not count for purposes of establishing a quorum of the board. The interested director shall be entitled to be present at any meeting at which the Proposed contract is discussed and to discuss the proposed contract, unless requested by any other director to leave the room during the discussion.

B. Meetings.

Section 1. Organization Meetings. The Board of Directors shall endeavor to meet within ten (10) days following each annual meeting of the Association, at a time and place Determined by the Board.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by the Board, but such Meetings shall be held at least once every six (6) months.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President on two (2) days notice to each director given by regular first class or electronic mail, in person, by telephone, or by facsimile transmission, which notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer in like manner and on like notice on the written request of at least two (2) directors.

Section 4. Waiver of Notice. Any director may, at any time, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Board, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a director at any meeting of the Board shall also constitute a waiver of notice by him or her of the time and place of such meeting. If all directors are present at any Board meeting, no notice shall be required and any business may be transacted at such meeting.

Section 5. Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a Majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board of Directors. If any meeting cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a Majority of the directors who are present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the time that the original meeting was called. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.

Section 6. Open Meetings. Board meetings need not be open to all members, However, if the Board permits members to attend Board meetings, then members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so authorized by the Board. Notwithstanding the above, the Board may adjourn a meeting and reconvene in Executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association Is or may become involved, and orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session. The Board may order the removal of any meeting guest who, in the Board's opinion, either disrupts the conduct of business at the meeting or fails to leave the meeting upon request after an announcement of reconvening in executive session.

Section 7. Action Without a Meeting. Any action by the Board of Directors required Or permitted to be taken at any meeting may be taken without a meeting if a Majority of the directors consent to such action in writing, sent via hand delivery, facsimile, regular first class or electronic mail. Such written consents must describe the action taken and be signed by no fewer than a Majority of the directors and such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Telephonic Participation. One or more directors may participate in and vote during any regular or special meeting of the Board by telephone conference call or similar communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time,

and those directors participating by telephone shall be deemed to be present at such meeting for quorum and other purposes. Any such meeting at which a quorum participated shall constitute a regular meeting of the Board.

C. Powers and Duties.

Section 1. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association and shall have all the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Community and may do all such acts and things as are not by the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the members. In addition to the duties imposed by these Bylaws or by any resolution of the Association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board of Directors shall have the power to and shall be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:

(a) preparing and adopting of an annual budget, in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner to the Common Expenses;

(b) making assessments to defray the Common Expenses, establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments, and establishing the period of the installment payments of the annual assessment;

(c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all of the areas which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association;

(d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Common Property, Association property and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;

(e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a financial depository or institution which is shall approve, or otherwise investing the proceeds in accordance with any limitations set forth in O.C.G.A. 14-3-302, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;

(f) making and amending rules and regulations and imposing sanctions for violation thereof including, without limitation, reasonable monetary fines;

(g) opening of bank or other financial accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;

(h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to, or alterations of the Common Property in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration and these Bylaws, after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;

(i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted by it, and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association;

(j) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;

(k) paying the costs of all services rendered to the Association or its members and not directly chargeable to specific Owners;

(l) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the association and its administration, specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other

expenses incurred; and

(m) contracting with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions. The Board shall have the power to enter into common management agreements with trusts, condominiums or other associations or corporations. Any and all functions of the Association shall be fully transferable by the Board, in whole or in part, to any other entity.

Section 2. Management Agent. The Association may, but shall not be required to, hire a professional management agent or agents, at a compensation established by the Board, to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. The Declarant or an affiliate of the Declarant may be employed as managing agent or manager. The Board shall use reasonable efforts in any management contract to provide for termination of such contract with or without cause and without penalty, upon no more than thirty (30) days written notice, and for a term not in excess of one (1) year.

Section 3. Borrowing. The Board of Directors shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of maintenance, repair, restoration or improvement of the Common property and facilities without the approval of the members of the Association; the board shall also be authorized to borrow money for other purposes; provided, however, the Board shall obtain membership approval in the same manner as provided for special assessments if the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of modifying, improving, or adding amenities to the Community or the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars outstanding debt at anyone time.

Section 4. Liability and Indemnification of Officers, Directors and Committee Members. The Association shall indemnify every officer, director, and committee member (including directors, officers, and committee members appointed by Declarant during the period of Declarant control) against any and all expenses, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such officer, director or committee member in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any such action, suit, or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which he or she may be made a party by reason of being or having been an officer, director or committee member, whether or not such person is an officer, director or committee member at the time such expenses are incurred subject to the limitation below. The officers, directors and committee members shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, or for injury or damage caused by any such officer, director or committee member in the performance of his or her duties, except for his or her own individual willful misfeasance or malfeasance. The Association, in determining whether or not to indemnify a director, officer or committee member, shall not impute knowledge to said director, officer or committee member from any source whatsoever; rather, any such determination shall be based on the actual knowledge of the director, officer or committee member. The officers, directors and committee members shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers, directors or committee members may also be members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer, director or committee member free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer, director or committee member or former officer or director, may be entitled. The Association shall maintain, as a Common Expense, adequate general liability and, if obtainable, officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, and the insurance shall be written as provided in the Declaration.

C. Committees.

Section 1. Architectural Control Committee. The Board may establish an Architectural Control Committee for the purpose of establishing and maintaining architectural standards in the Community as provided in the Declaration.

Section 2. Other Committees. There shall be such other committees as the Board shall

determine with the powers and duties that the Board shall authorize.

Section 3. Service on Committees. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws or in the resolution authorizing a particular committee, the members of any committee shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Any committee member may be removed with or without cause at any time with or without a successor being named.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. Designation. The Principal officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Board of Directors may appoint one (1) or more Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Secretaries, and such other subordinate officers as in its judgment may be necessary. Any assistant or subordinate officers shall not be required to be members of the Board of Directors. Except for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, which may be held by the same person, no person may hold more than one (1) office. the President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Election of Officers. Except during the period in which the Declarant has the right to appoint the officers of the Association under Article III, Section 2 of these Bylaws, the officers of the association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the members and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and until a successor is elected.

Section 3. Removal of Officers. Upon the affirmative vote of a Majority of the members of the Board of Directors, any officer may be removed at any time, either with or without cause, and a successor may be elected.

Section 4. Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 5. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 6. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. The President shall have all the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of the president of a corporation organized under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, including but not limited to, the power to appoint committees from among the members from time to time as he or she may in his or her discretion decide is appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

Section 7. Vice President. The Vice President shall act in the President's absence and shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities provided for the President when so acting.

Section 8. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and shall have charge of such books and papers as the Board of directors may direct, and shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary of a corporation organized under Georgia law.

Section 9. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the Association's funds and securities and shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records and books of account

showing all receipts and disbursements, for preparing all required financial statements and tax returns, and for the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name of the Association or the managing agent in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the budget as provided in the Declaration. The Treasurer may delegate all or a part of the preparation and notification duties associated with the above responsibilities to a management agent.

Section 10. Other Officers. Other offices may be created by the Board, and the Board members which hold such offices shall have such titles and duties as are defined by the Board.

Section 11. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Etc. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, promissory notes, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least two (2) officers or by such other person or persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V RULE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT

Section 1. Authority and Enforcement. The Property shall be used only for those uses and purposes set out in the Declaration. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make, modify, repeal and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct, use, and enjoyment of Lots; provided copies of all such rules and regulations shall be furnished to all Owners and Occupants. Any rule or regulation may be repealed by the affirmative vote or written consent of a Majority of the total Association vote at an annual or special meeting of the membership.

Every Owner and Occupant shall comply with the Declaration, Bylaws and rules and regulations of the Association, and any lack of compliance shall entitle the Association and, in an appropriate case, one or more aggrieved Lot Owners, to take action to enforce the terms of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations.

The Board shall have the power to impose reasonable fines, which shall constitute a lien upon the Owner's Lot, and to suspend an Owner's right to vote for violation of any duty imposed under the Declaration, these Bylaws, or any rules and regulations duly adopted hereunder; provided, however, nothing herein shall authorize the Association or the Board of Directors to limit ingress and egress to or from a Lot. If any Occupant violates the Declaration, Bylaws or Association rules and a fine is imposed, the fine may be imposed against the Owner and/or Occupant, subject to Section 2 below. The failure of the Board to enforce any provision of the Declaration, Bylaws, or any rule or regulation shall not be deemed a waiver of the right of the Board to do so thereafter.

Section 2. Fining and Suspension Procedure. The Board shall not impose a fine or suspend the right to vote, unless and until the Association has sent or delivered written notice to the violator as provided in subsection (a) below. However, compliance with this Section 2 shall not be required for the following: (i) late charges on delinquent assessments, or (ii) suspension of voting rights if an Owner is shown on the Association's records to be more than thirty (30) days delinquent in any payment due the Association, in which case suspension of the right to vote shall be automatic.

(a) Notice. If any provision of the Declaration or Bylaws or any Association rule is violated, the Board shall send the violator written notice identifying the violation and sanction being imposed and advising the violator of the right to request a hearing before the Board to contest the violation or fine(s) or to request reconsideration of the sanction. Sanctions may be effective or commence upon the sending of such notice or such later date specified in such notice, notwithstanding the violator's right to request a hearing before the Board to challenge the sanction. In the event of a continuing violation, each day the violation continues or occurs again constitutes a separate offense, and fines up to and including \$25.00

per offense, may be imposed on a per diem basis without further notice to the violator.

(b) **Hearing.** If a written request for hearing is received from the violator within ten (10) days of the date of the violation notice provided above, then the Board shall schedule and hold in executive session a hearing affording the violator a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing. The Board may establish rules of conduct for such hearing, which may include limits on time and on the number of participants who may be present at one time. Failure to request a timely hearing as provided herein shall result in loss of the right to challenge and request reconsideration of the fines:

Section 3. **Additional Enforcement Rights.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the Association, acting through the Board, may elect to enforce any provision of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the rules and regulations by self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking rules and regulations or performing maintenance on any Lot upon a failure by the Lot Owner to do so) or by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both without the necessity for compliance with the procedure set forth in Section 2 of this Article. In any such action, to the maximum extent permissible, the Owner or Occupant responsible for the violation for which abatement is sought shall pay all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred.

The Association or its duly authorized agent shall have the power to enter a Lot to abate or remove, using such force as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates the Declaration, the Bylaws or the rules and regulations. All costs of self-help or of otherwise enforcing the Declaration, Bylaws, or Association rules, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall be assessed against the violating Lot Owner. Additionally, the Association shall have the authority to record in the Coweta County land records a notice of violation identifying an uncured violation of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations regarding the Lot.

ARTICLE VI MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. **Notices.** Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all notices demands, bills, statements, or other communications under these Bylaws shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or if sent by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, facsimile, or electronic mail:

- (a) If to an Owner, at the address which the Owner has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, or if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Lot of such Owner;
- (b) If to an Occupant, at the address of the Lot occupied; or
- (c) If to the Association, the Board of Directors or the managing agent, at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, if any, or at such other address as shall be designated in writing and filed with the Secretary.

Section 2. **Severability.** The invalidity of any part of these Bylaws shall not impair or affect in any manner the validity, enforceability, or effect of the balance of these Bylaws or the Declaration.

Section 3. **Captions.** The captions herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope of these Bylaws or the intent of any provision thereof.

Section 4. Gender and Grammar. The use of the masculine gender in these Bylaws shall be deemed to include the feminine gender, and the use of the singular shall be deemed to include the plural whenever the context so requires.

Section 5. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association may be set by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such resolution by the Board of Directors, the fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Section 6. Financial Review. A financial review of the accounts of the Association shall be performed annually in the manner provided by the Board. However, after having received the Board's financial review at the annual meeting, the Owners may, by a Majority of the total eligible Association vote, require that the accounts of the Association be audited as a Common Expense by an independent accountant.

Section 7. Conflicts. The duties and powers of the Association shall be those set forth in the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, the Declaration, these Bylaws, and the Articles of Incorporation, together with those reasonably implied to affect the purposes of the Association; provided, however, that if there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, the Declaration, these Bylaws, or the Articles of Incorporation, then the provisions of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, as may be applicable, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, in that order, shall prevail, and each Owner of a Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefore, covenants to vote in favor of such amendments as will remove such conflicts or inconsistencies.

Section 8. Amendment. These Bylaws may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Declarant (a) if an amendment is necessary to bring any provision into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, or regulation or judicial determination with which it is in conflict; (b) if an amendment is necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to the Declaration; (c) if an amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable the lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to the Declaration; (d) if an amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to the Declaration; or (e) to submit the Community to the terms of the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act. However, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Owner's Lot unless any Lot Owner consents to the amendment in writing.

In addition to the above, these Bylaws may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination of affirmative vote and written consent, of Owners holding at least a Majority of the total Association vote, plus the consent of the Declarant. Amendments to these Bylaws shall become effective upon recordation, unless a later effective date is specified in the amendment. No provision of these Bylaws which reserves or grants special rights to the Declarant shall be amended without the Declarant's prior written consent so long as the Declarant owns any property in the Community, primarily for development and/or sale. The Board of Directors, with the written consent of Declarant, and without a vote of the members, may amend these bylaws for the sole purpose of electing to be governed by and thereafter complying with the provisions of the Georgia Property Owner's Association Act, O.C.G.A. & 44-3-220, et seq.

Notwithstanding the above, VA and HUD shall have the right to veto amendments to these Bylaws for as long as the Declarant has the right to appoint directors and officers of the Association under Article III, Section 2 of these Bylaws. If legal action is not instituted to challenge the validity of an amendment adopted under this Section within one (1) year of the amendment's effective date, then such amendment shall be presumed to be validly adopted.

Section 9. Books and Records.

(a) All members of the Association and any institutional holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled to inspect the following records at a reasonable time and location specified by the Association, upon written request at least five (5) days before the date on which the member wishes to inspect and copy:

(i) its Articles or restated Articles of Incorporation and all amendments to them currently in effect;

(ii) its Bylaws or restated Bylaws and all amendments to them currently in effect;

(iii) resolutions adopted by either its members or Board of Directors increasing or decreasing the number of directors or the classification of directors, or relating to the characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations, and obligations of members or any class or category of members;

(iv) the minutes of all meetings of members and records of all actions approved by the members for the past three (3) years;

(v) all written communications to members generally within the past three (3) years, including the financial statements furnished for the past three (3) years;

(vi) a list of the names and business or home addresses of its current directors and officers; and

(vii) its most recent annual report delivered to the Secretary of State.

(b) A member may inspect and copy the following records upon written notice at least five (5) business days before the date on which the member wishes to inspect and copy only if the member's demand is made in good faith and for a proper purpose that is reasonably relevant to the member's legitimate interest as a member; the member describes with reasonable particularity the purpose and the records the member desires to inspect; the records are directly connected with this purpose; and the records are to be used only for the stated purpose:

(i) excerpts from minutes of any Board meeting, records of any action of a committee of the Board while acting in place of the Board on behalf of the Association, minutes of any meeting of the members, and records of action taken by the members or the Board without a meeting, to the extent not subject to inspection under subsection 9 (a);

(ii) accounting records of the Association; and

(iii) the membership list only if for a purpose related to the member's interest as a member. Without the consent of the Board, a membership list or any part thereof may not be: used to solicit money or property unless such money or property will be used solely to solicit the votes of the members in an election to be held by the Association; used for any commercial purpose; or sold to or purchased by any person.

The Association may impose a reasonable charge, covering the cost of labor and material, for copies of any documents provided to the Member.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Board may limit or preclude member inspection of confidential or privileged documents, including attorney/client privileged communications,

executive session meeting minutes, and financial records or account of other members. Minutes for any Board or Association meetings do not become effective as an official Association record until approved by the Board or Association membership, as applicable, at a subsequent meeting.