# BY-LAWS OF FAIRWAY TRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

# **ARTICLE I: IDENTITY**

FAIRWAY TRACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Association") is a not-for-profit corporation, organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida for purposes of operating and administering Fairway Trace Condominium located in the City of Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida ("Condominium").

Section 1. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Association shall be at 2802 Terra Ceia Bay Boulevard, Palmetto, Florida 34221, or at such other place as may be subsequently designated by the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 2. <u>Definitions</u>. As used herein, the word "<u>Condominium Association</u>" shall be the equivalent of "Association," as defined in the Declaration of Condominium to which these By-Laws are attached, and all other terms used herein shall have the same definitions as attributed to them in said Declaration of Condominium. As used herein, in the Declaration of Condominium, or in the Florida Condominium Act, the terms "<u>Board of Directors</u>" and "<u>Board of Administration</u>" shall be synonymous.

# ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING PROVISIONS

Section 1. <u>Membership in the Association</u>. Membership in the Association shall be limited to owners of Units in the Condominium. Transfer of Unit ownership, either voluntary or by operation of law, shall terminate membership in the Association, and said membership shall become vested in the transferee. If Unit ownership is vested in more than one person, then all of the persons so owning said Unit shall be members eligible to hold office, attend meetings, etc., but, as hereinafter indicated, the vote of a Unit shall be cast by the "voting member." If Unit ownership is vested in a corporation, said corporation may designate an individual as its "voting member."

Any application for the transfer of membership, or for a conveyance of an interest in, or to encumber or lease a Condominium Parcel, where the approval of the Board of Directors is required by these By-Laws and the Declaration of Condominium shall be accompanied by application fee in an amount to be set by the Association, to cover the cost of contacting the references given by the applicant, and such other costs of investigation that may be incurred.

## Section 2. Voting.

- (A) The Owner(s) of each Unit shall be entitled to one vote for each Unit owned. If a Unit Owner owns more than one Unit, such individual shall be entitled to one vote for each Unit owned. The vote of a Unit shall not be divisible.
- (B) A majority of the members who are present in person or by proxy pursuant to applicable Florida law and are entitled to vote under Section 5 of this Article at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall decide any question (except the election of members of the Board of Directors which must be by written ballot or voting machine), unless the Declaration of Condominium, Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, or agreement entered into by the Association provides otherwise, in which event the voting percentage required in said documents shall control.
- Section 3. Quorum. The presence in person, or by limited or general proxy pursuant to applicable Florida law, of a majority of the members entitled to vote under Section 5 hereof shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 4. <u>Proxies</u>. Votes may be cast in person or may be cast by limited or general proxy in certain circumstances in accordance with applicable Florida law. All proxies shall be in writing and

signed by the person entitled to vote (as set forth below in Section 5) and shall be filed with the secretary not less than 3 days prior to the meeting in which they are to be used. Proxies shall be valid only for the particular meeting designated therein. Where a Unit is owned jointly by a husband and wife, and if they have not designated one of them as a voting member, a proxy must be signed by both husband and wife where a third person is designated.

- Designation of Voting Member. If a Unit is owned by one person, his right to vote Section 5. shall be established by the recorded title to the Unit. If a Unit is owned by more than one person, the person entitled to cast the vote for the Unit shall be designated in a certificate, signed by all of the recorded Owners of the Unit and filed with the secretary of the Association. If a Unit is owned by a corporation, the individual entitled to cast the vote of the Unit for the corporation shall be designated in a certificate for this purpose, signed by the president or vice president, attested to by the secretary or assistant secretary of the corporation, and filed with the secretary of the Association. The person designated in such certificate who is entitled to cast the vote for a Unit shall be known as the "voting member." If such a certificate is required and is not filed with the secretary of the Association for a Unit owned by more than one person or by a corporation, the vote of the Unit concerned may not be cast and shall not be considered in determining the requirement for a quorum or for any purpose requiring the approval of a person entitled to cast the vote for the Unit. Unless the certificate shall otherwise provide, such certificates shall be valid until revoked or until superseded by a subsequent certificate, or until a change in the ownership of the Unit concerned. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Unit is owned jointly by a husband and wife, the following 3 provisions are applicable thereto:
- (A) They may, but they shall not be required to, designate a voting member by certificate.
- (B) If they do not designate a voting member, and if both are present at a meeting and are unable to concur in their decision upon any subject requiring a vote, they shall lose their right to vote on that subject at that meeting.
- (C) Where they do not designate a voting member, and only one is present at a meeting, the person present may cast the Unit vote, just as though he or she owned the Unit individually, and without establishing the concurrence of the absent person.

# ARTICLE III: MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. <u>Place</u>. All meetings of the Association membership shall be held at such place and at such time as shall be designated by and stated in the notice of the meeting.
- Section 2. <u>Notices</u>. It shall be the duty of the secretary to mail or deliver a written notice of each annual or special meeting, stating the time and place thereof and an identification of agenda items to each Unit Owner of record at least 14 but not more than 30 days prior to such meeting, and to post at a conspicuous place on the property a copy of the notice of said meeting at least 14 continuous days preceding said meeting. Notice of any annual or special meeting shall state the purpose thereof and said meeting shall be confined to the matters stated in said notice. All notices shall be mailed to or served at the address of the Unit Owner last furnished to the Association and posted as hereinbefore set forth. An officer of the Association shall provide an affidavit, to be included in the official records of the Association, affirming that notices of the Association meeting were mailed or hand delivered in accordance with this section, to each Unit Owner at the address last furnished to the Association.
- Section 3. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business authorized to be transacted by the members shall be held once in each calendar year at such time and on such date in each calendar year as the Board of Directors shall determine from time to time. At the annual meeting, the members shall elect, by plurality vote, a Board of Directors and shall transact such other business as may have been stated in the notice for said meeting. The election of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the Florida Condominium Act. Cumulative voting shall be prohibited.

- Section 4. <u>Special Meeting</u>. Special meetings of the members for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, may be called by the president, and shall be called by the president or secretary at the request in writing of a majority of the Board of Directors. Except for the purpose of removing a director governed by the provisions of Section 3 of Article IV hereof, a special meeting must be called by the president or secretary upon the request in writing of voting members representing 10% of the members' total votes, which request shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting. Business transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the matters stated in the notice thereof.
- Section 5. <u>Waiver and Consent.</u> Any approval by Unit Owners called for by the Florida Condominium Act, the Declaration or these By-Laws shall be made at a duly noticed meeting of Unit Owners and shall be subject to all requirements of the Florida Condominium Act or the Declaration of Condominium relating to Unit Owner decision making, except that Unit Owners may take action by written agreement, without meetings, on any matters for which the vote of members at a meeting is required or permitted by any provision of these By-Laws, or on matters for which action by written agreement without meeting is expressly allowed by the Declaration of Condominium, or any Florida statute which provides for Unit Owner action.
- Section 6. <u>Adjourned Meeting</u>. If any meeting of members cannot be organized because a quorum of voting members is not present, either in person or by proxy, the meeting may be adjourned from time to time until a quorum is present.
- Section 7. <u>Approval or Disapproval</u> of a Unit Owner upon any matter, whether or not the subject of an Association meeting, shall be by the voting members; provided, however, that where a Unit is owned jointly by a husband and wife, and they have not designated one of them as a voting member, their joint approval or disapproval shall be required where they are both present, or in the event only one is present, the person present may cast the vote without establishing the concurrence of the absent person.

## **ARTICLE IV: DIRECTORS**

- Section 1. Number, Term and Qualifications. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, serving without compensation, composed of not less than 3 nor more than 9 directors. There shall never be less than 3 directors. The term of each director's service shall extend until the next annual meeting of the members, and thereafter until his successor is duly elected and qualified, or until he is removed in the manner provided in Section 3 below. All directors shall be members of the Association; provided, however, that all directors that the Developer is entitled to elect or designate need not be members. For purposes of the Section, each officer of a corporation owning a Unit shall be deemed to be a member of the Association so as to qualify each such person to become a director hereof. Transfer of control of the Association from the Developer to the Unit Owners shall be in accordance with the Florida Condominium Act.
- Section 2. <u>First Board of Directors</u>. The first Board of Directors named in the Articles of Incorporation shall hold office and serve until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- Section 3. Removal of Directors. Any removal of a director or directors of the Board by recall shall be done in accordance with the provisions of Section 718.112(2)(j), Florida Statutes, or the rules promulgated thereunder, or in accordance with any other applicable provisions of the Florida Condominium Act.
- Section 4. <u>Vacancies on Directorate</u>. If the office of any director or directors becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or otherwise or should a vacancy be created by an enlargement of the Board or should a director be removed by the procedure of Section 3 of this Article and a successor not be elected at the meeting, a majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum, shall choose a successor or successors, who shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election of directors. The election held for the purpose of filling said vacancy may be held at

any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the above, only the Developer may elect to fill a vacancy on the Board previously occupied by a Board member elected or appointed by the Developer, in which case a quorum for purposes of that election shall consist of a majority of Units owned by the Developer. Only Unit Owners other than the Developer may elect to fill a vacancy on the Board previously occupied by a Board member elected or appointed by Unit Owners other than the Developer.

- Section 5. <u>Disqualification and Resignation of Directors</u>. Any director may resign at any time by sending a written notice of such resignation to the secretary of the Association. Unless otherwise specified therein, such resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the secretary. Commencing with the directors elected by the Unit Owners other than the Developer, the transfer of title of the Unit owned by a director shall automatically constitute a resignation, effective when such resignation is accepted by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Developer, in its sole discretion and from time to time, may choose and, without notice, appoint any and all of its representatives to the Board, and upon the replacement of an old representative by a new replacement, the old representative shall be deemed to have resigned as of the date of such replacement by the Developer.
- Section 6. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors may establish a schedule of regular meetings to be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors may designate. Notice of such regular meetings (which shall specifically incorporate an identification of agenda items) shall, nevertheless, be given to each director personally or by mail, telephone or telegraph at least 5 days prior to the day named for such meeting and shall be posted in accordance with the procedures of Section 718.112, Florida Statutes.
- Section 7. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president, and in his absence, by the vice president or secretary, or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, by giving 5 days' notice, in writing which shall specifically incorporate an identification of agenda items, to all of the members of the Board of Directors of the time and place of said meeting and shall be posted in accordance with the procedures of Section 718.112, Florida Statutes. All notices of special meetings shall state the purpose of the meeting.
- Section 8. <u>Directors' Waiver of Notice</u>. Before or at any meeting of the Board of Directors, any director may waive notice of such meeting and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of notice. Attendance by a director at any meeting of the Board shall be a waiver of notice by him of the time and place thereof. If all of the directors are present at any meeting of the Board, no notice shall be required and any business may be transacted at such meeting. Owners shall be given proper notice pursuant to applicable Florida law.
- Section 9. Quorum. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the acts of the majority of the directors present at such meetings at which a quorum is present, shall be the acts of the Board of Directors. If, at any meeting of the Board of Directors, there be less than a quorum present, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time. At such adjourned meeting, and provided a quorum is then present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. Proper notice of any adjourned meeting shall be given in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- Section 10. <u>Notice of Board Meetings</u>. All Board meetings, regular or special, shall be properly noticed pursuant to applicable Florida law.
- Section 11. <u>Notice to Developer</u>. Until such time as the Developer transfers control of the Association to the non-Developer members or December 31, 2004, whichever occurs later, the Developer shall be entitled to attend the director's meetings and it may designate such person(s) as it desires to attend such meetings on its behalf. The intention of the foregoing provision is to permit the Developer to attend in its role as developer of the Terra Ceia Bay Development. This ability of the Developer to so attend the meetings may terminated upon written communication to the Board.

- Section 12. <u>Waiver and Consent.</u> Whenever the vote of the Directors at a meeting is required or permitted by any provision of the Florida Statutes or the Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws to be taken in connection with any action of the Association, the meeting and the vote of Directors may be dispensed with if all the Directors who would have been entitled to vote upon the action at such meeting, if such meeting were held, shall consent in writing to such action being taken; provided, however, that the foregoing procedure shall not be applicable where there is a specific Condominium Act requirement mandating that a meeting occur to address a particular matter (for example, the procedure for approving the annual Association budget pursuant to Section 718.112, Florida Statutes, specifically requires that a meeting occur).
- Section 13. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The Board of Directors shall have the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Association and may do all such acts and things as are not by law or by the Declaration of Condominium, or these By-Laws, directed to be exercised and done by Unit Owners. These powers shall specifically include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
- (A) To exercise all powers specifically set forth in the Declaration of Condominium, the Articles of Incorporation, these By-Laws, and in the Florida Condominium Act, and all powers incidental thereto.
- (B) To adopt a budget and make and collect Assessments, including Special Assessments, enforce a lien for nonpayment thereof, and use and expend the Assessments to carry out the purposes and powers of the Association, subject to the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium to which these By-Laws are attached and, where applicable, recognizing obligations of the Association contained in the provisions of said Declaration of Condominium. The Board of Directors shall also have the power to levy a fine against the Owner of a Unit for the purposes specified in the Declaration of Condominium.
- (C) To employ, dismiss and control the personnel necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Condominium, including the right and power to employ attorneys, accountants, contractors, and other professionals, as the need arises, subject to any applicable provisions of the Declaration of Condominium.
- (D) To make and amend regulations respecting the operation and use of the Common Elements and Condominium Property and facilities, and the use and maintenance of the Units therein.
- (E) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Condominium Property and Association Property and to authorize a management agent to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing such functions as the submission of proposals, collection of Assessments and other sums due from Unit Owners, preparation of records, enforcement of rules and maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Elements with funds as shall be made available by the Association for such purposes. The Association, its directors and officers shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties granted by the Condominium documents and the Florida Condominium Act, including, but not limited to, the making of Assessments, promulgation of rules and execution of contracts on behalf of the Association.
- (F) To enter into agreements acquiring leaseholds, memberships or other possessory or use interests regarding recreation area(s) and facilities for the use and enjoyment of the members of the Association as provided for in the Declaration of Condominium.
- (G) To further improve of the Condominium Property, both real and personal, and the right to purchase realty and items of furniture, furnishings, fixtures and equipment for the foregoing, and the right to acquire and enter into agreements pursuant to the Condominium Act, subject to the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium and these By-Laws.

- (H) To enter into such agreements or arrangements, as deemed appropriate, with such firms or companies as it may deem for and on behalf of the Unit Owners to provide certain services and/or maintenance otherwise the individual responsibility of the Unit Owners and to increase the Assessments due or otherwise charge each Unit Owner a share of the amount charged for said maintenance and service.
- (I) To designate one or more committees which, to the extent provided in the resolution designating said committee, shall have the powers of the Board of Directors in the management and affairs and business of the Association. Such committee shall consist of at least 3 members of the Association. The committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, and said committee(s) shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings and report the same to the Board of Directors, as required.
- Section 14. <u>Proviso</u>. The validity of any delegation of power and/or duty by the Board of Directors, as hereinbefore provided, shall not affect the remainder of said delegations, or the other provisions of these By-Laws or the Condominium documents and its exhibits.

# **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

- Section 1. <u>Elective Officers</u>. The principal officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall serve without compensation. One person may not hold more than one of the aforementioned offices, except one person may be both Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Vice President shall be members of the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the restriction as to one person holding only one of the aforementioned offices or the President and Vice President being members of the Board of Directors shall not apply until control of the Association shall be transferred to the Unit Owners other than the Developer.
- Section 2. <u>Election</u>. The officers of the Association designated in Section 1 above shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the organizational meeting of each new Board following the meeting of the members. Officers may be elected by secret ballot pursuant to applicable Florida law.
- Section 3. <u>Appointive Officers</u>. The Board may appoint assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, and such other officers as the Board of Directors deems necessary.
- Section 4. <u>Term.</u> The officers of the Association shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified in their stead. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that no officer shall be removed except by the affirmative vote for removal by a majority of the whole Board of Directors. If the office of any officer becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5. The President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the Unit Owners and of the Board of Directors. He shall have executive powers and general supervision over the affairs of the Association and other officers. He shall sign all written contracts to perform all of the duties incident to his office and which may be delegated to him from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- Section 6. <u>The Vice President</u>. The Vice President shall perform all of the duties of the President in his absence and such other duties as may be required of him from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- Section 7. The Secretary. The Secretary shall issue notices of all Board of Directors, meetings and all meetings of the Unit owners; he shall attend and keep the minutes of same; he shall have charge of all of the Association's books, records and papers, including roster of members and

mortgagees except those kept by the Treasurer. If appointed, an assistant secretary shall perform the duties of the Secretary when the Secretary is absent.

## Section 8. The Treasurer.

- (A) The Treasurer shall have custody of the Association's funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association, and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. The books shall reflect an account for each Unit which shall designate the name and current mailing address of the Unit Owner, the amount of each Assessment, the dates and amounts in which the Assessment came due, the amount paid upon the account and the balance due.
- (B) The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Board of Directors in accordance with these By-Laws, making proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Board of Directors at the regular meetings of the Board of Directors, or whenever they may require it, an account of all of his transactions as the Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association.
- (C) The Treasurer shall collect the Assessments and shall promptly report the status of collections and of all delinquencies to the Board of Directors and, when requested, to the Developer or other entity designated by the Board of Directors.
- (D) The Treasurer shall give status reports to potential transferees on which reports the transferees may rely.
- (E) If appointed, an assistant treasurer shall perform the duties of the Treasurer when the Treasurer is absent.
- Section 9. <u>Proviso</u>. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in these By-Laws, the Association shall maintain separate accounting records for this Association, shall keep such records according to good accounting practices, shall open such records for inspection by Unit owners of this Condominium or their authorized representatives at reasonable times and shall supply written summaries of such records at least annually to the Unit Owners of this Condominium or their authorized representatives. In the event the Board of Directors designates a management firm to operate the Condominium on behalf of the Association, said management firm shall be required to follow the aforesaid provisions.

# **ARTICLE VI: FINANCES AND ASSESSMENTS**

- Section 1. <u>Depositories</u>. The funds of the Association shall be deposited in such banks and depositories as may be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time upon resolutions approved by the Board of Directors and shall be withdrawn only upon checks and demands for money signed by such officer or officers of the Association as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Obligations of the Association shall be signed by at least 2 officers of the Association; provided, however, that the provisions of any Management Agreement, entered into by the Association and a Management Firm designated by the Association to operate the Condominium, relative to the subject matter in this Section 1 shall supersede the provisions hereof. The foregoing is further subject to the applicable provisions under the Declaration of Condominium.
- Section 2. <u>Fidelity Bonds</u>. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and all other officers who are authorized to sign checks, and all officers and employees of the Association who control or disburse funds of the Association, and any contractor handling or responsible for Association funds, shall be bonded. The amount of the bond shall be determined by the Board of Directors, but in no manner shall be less than the amount of the maximum funds that will be in the custody of the Association or its

management agent at any one time. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the Association. The cost of bonding an employee of an Association-designated management firm may be reimbursed by the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association and/or any management firm shall not obligated to obtain fidelity bonding of any persons in excess of any amounts stated in the Florida Condominium Act.

Section 3. <u>Fiscal Or Calendar Year</u>. The Association shall be on a fiscal year basis beginning on the first day of each calendar year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors is authorized to change to a different fiscal year in accordance with the provisions and regulations from time to time prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America as such time as the Board of Directors deems it advisable. The setting of a fiscal year, as provided herein, shall not affect the applicable provisions of Article III, Section 3 of these By-Laws requiring an annual meeting in each calendar year.

## Section 4. <u>Determination of Assessments.</u>

- The Board of Directors of the Association shall fix and determine from time to time the sum or sums necessary and adequate for the Common Expenses. Common Expenses shall include expenses for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of the Common Elements and the Limited Common Elements, cost of carrying out the powers and duties of the Association, all insurance premiums and expenses relating thereto, including fire insurance and extended coverage, obligations of the Association pursuant to the Declaration of Condominium, water and sewer and any other expenses designated as Common Expenses from time to time by the Board of Directors, or under the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium. The Board of Directors is specifically empowered, on behalf of the Association, to make and collect Assessments and to lease, maintain, repair and replace the Common Elements and Limited Common Elements; provided, however, the Association shall not charge any fee against a Unit Owner for the use of Common Elements or Association Property unless such use is the subject of a lease between the Association and the Unit Owner. Funds for the payment of Common Expenses shall be assessed against the Unit Owners in the proportions or percentages of sharing Common Expenses as provided in the Declaration of Condominium and exhibits attached thereto. Said Assessments shall be payable monthly in advance and shall be due on the first (1st) day of each month in advance unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors. Special Assessments, should such be required by the Board of Directors, shall be levied in the same manner as hereinbefore provided for regular Assessments and shall be payable in the manner determined by the Board of Directors.
- (B) All funds due from Unit Owners not as Common Expenses, including sums due as users of cable television service or pursuant to other applicable agreements or arrangements pertaining to all or substantially all Units, may be collected by the Association, or its agents.
- (C) An annual budget and level of Assessment for Common Expenses sufficient to fund such budget shall be proposed and adopted by the Board of Directors. The Board shall mail, or cause to be mailed, or hand deliver, or cause to be hand delivered, a notice of the meeting of the Unit Owners or Board of Directors at which the budget will be considered not less than 14 days prior to said meeting. Evidence of compliance with this 14-day notice shall be made by an affidavit executed by an officer of the Association, the manager of the Association, or other person providing notice of the meeting and filed among the official records of the Association. Such notice shall include a copy of the proposed annual budget and Assessment. If the Association shall fail for any reason to adopt a budget and authorize an Assessment prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year, the budget and assessment for the previous year shall be increased by 15% and shall continue in effect until changed by the Association.

If the adopted budget requires an Assessment against the Unit Owners in any fiscal year exceeding 115% of the assessments for the preceding year, the Board, upon written application of 10% of the Unit Owners to the Board, shall call a special meeting of the Unit owners within 30 days upon not less than 14 days' written notice to each Unit Owner. At this special meeting, Unit Owners shall consider and enact a budget upon the vote of the members representing a majority of all Units. If a special meeting of the Unit Owners has been called pursuant to this section and a quorum is not attained or a substitute

budget is not adopted by the Unit Owners, the budget adopted by the Board shall go into effect as scheduled. In determining whether assessments exceed 115% of similar Assessments in the preceding year, any authorized provisions for reasonable reserves for repair or replacement of the Condominium Property, anticipated expenses by the Association which are not anticipated to be incurred on a regular or annual basis, or Assessments for betterments to the Condominium Property shall be excluded from the computation. However, as long as the Developer is in control of the Board of Directors, the Board shall not impose an Assessment for any year greater than 115% of the prior fiscal year's Assessment without prior approval of the members representing a majority of all Units.

(D) All assessments shall be payable to the Treasurer of the Association, subject, however, to the provisions of a management agreement for as long as it shall remain in effect providing for collection of such Assessments directly by an Association-designated management firm, and also subject to any specific applicable provisions in the Declaration of Condominium.

Section 5. Application of Payments and Commingling of Funds. Reserve and operating funds collected by the Association, or by an Association-designated Management Firm as long as a management agreement shall be in effect, may not be commingled in a single fund for purposes of investment unless otherwise permitted by the Florida Condominium Act, in which event any decision to commingle funds must be made by the Association or such management firm as long as the management agreement remains in effect, or thereafter as the Board of Directors determines in its sole discretion. All Assessment payments collected shall be applied (1) pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Declaration of Condominium, or (2) as provided by a management agreement as long as the management agreement remains in effect, or thereafter, as the Board of Directors determines in its sole discretion. All funds shall be maintained in a separate account in the name of the Association. If so designated by the Board, a management firm shall maintain separate accounting records for each condominium it manages pursuant to the provisions of such management agreement and the Florida Condominium Act.

Section 6. Acceleration of Assessment Installments Upon Default. If a Unit Owner shall be in default in the payment of an installment upon any assessment, an Association-designated management firm or the Board of Directors may accelerate the monthly installment for the next 3 months upon notice thereof to the Unit Owner and, thereupon, the unpaid installments of the Assessment together with the monthly Assessment for the next three months shall become due upon the date stated in the notice, but not less than 14 days after delivery of or the mailing of such notice to the Unit Owner. The acceleration of installments may be repeated at the end of each 3 month period thereafter if at the end of such period there remains any sums due and unpaid.

## ARTICLE VII: UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In addition to any reporting requirements contained in Chapter 718, Florida Statutes, or any applicable provision of Florida law, the Board, or its agents, shall (1) render to the members of the Association an unaudited statement for each fiscal year no later than 4 months next thereafter, and (2) perform internal audits of the Association's financial records for the purpose of verifying the same but no independent or external audit shall be required of it.

#### ARTICLE VIII: COMPLIANCE AND DEFAULT

Section 1. <u>Violations</u>. In the event of a violation (other than the non-payment of an assessment) by the Unit Owner in any of the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium, of these By-Laws, or of the applicable portions of the Condominium Act, the Association, by direction of its Board of Directors, may notify the Unit owner by written notice of said breach, transmitted by mail or delivered in person. If such violation shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the notice in the case of violations involving alterations and structural changes to the Unit and five (5) days from the date of the notice in the case of all other violations, the Association, through its Board of Directors, shall have the right to treat such violation as an intentional and inexcusable and material breach of the Declaration,

of the By-Laws, or of the pertinent provisions of the Condominium Act, and the Association may then, at its option, have the following elections:

- (A) An action at law to recover for its damage on behalf of the Association or on behalf of the other Unit owners;
  - (B) An action in equity to enforce performance on the part of the Unit owner; or
- (C) An action in equity for such equitable relief as may be necessary under the circumstances, including injunctive relief.

Failure on the part of the Association to maintain such action at law or in equity within 30 days from date of a written request, signed by a Unit Owner, sent to the Board of Directors, shall authorize any Unit Owner to bring an action in equity or suit at law on account of the violation in the manner provided for in the Condominium Act.

Section 2. Fines. In addition to the remedies as identified in Section 1 above, the Association may levy a fine not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by Chapter 718, Florida Statutes, against any owner, resident, guest or invitee, for failure to abide by any provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws or the rules of the Association. No fine will become a lien against a unit. A fine may be levied on the basis of a continuing violation, with a single notice and an opportunity for a hearing, provided that no such fine shall exceed the maximum aggregate amount allowed under the Florida Condominium Act. No fine may be levied except after giving reasonable notice and an opportunity for a hearing, to be held not less than 14 days after reasonable notice, to the owner, resident, guest or invitee. Reasonable notice shall include: a statement of the date, time and place of the hearing; a statement as to the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws or the rules of the Association which have allegedly been violated; and a short and plain statement of the matters asserted by the Association. In the event the fine pertains to a violation involving an animal, the provisions of Section 16.8 of the Declaration, as interpreted in accordance with this Article VIII, Section 2, shall control.

A hearing shall be held before a committee of other Unit Owners. At the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, this committee may be either a standing committee appointed by the Board of Directors for the purpose of addressing all fine situations, or a committee appointed by the Board of Directors for the particular hearing. At such hearing, the party against whom the fine may be levied shall have the opportunity to respond to, to present evidence relating to, and to provide written and oral argument on all issues involved, and shall have an opportunity to review, challenge and respond to any material considered by the committee. A fine may not be levied if more than 75% of the members of the committee disagree with such fine. The notice and hearing procedures shall also satisfy any other requirements of the Florida Condominium Act or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

- Section 2. <u>Negligence or Carelessness of Unit Owner, Etc.</u> Any Unit Owner shall be liable for the expense of any maintenance, repair or replacement rendered necessary by his act, neglect or carelessness, or by that of any member of his family, or his or their guests, employees, agents or lessees, but only to the extent that such expense is not met by the proceeds of insurance carried by the Association. Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed so as to modify any waiver by insurance company of rights of subrogation.
- Section 3. <u>Costs and Attorneys' Fees</u>. In any proceeding brought by the Association pursuant to this Article, the Association, if it is the prevailing party, shall be entitled to recover the costs of the proceeding and such reasonable attorneys' fees as may be determined by the court.
- Section 4. <u>No Waiver of Rights.</u> The failure of the Association or of a Unit Owner to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition which may be granted by the Condominium documents shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Association or Unit Owner to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future.

Section 5. <u>Election of Remedies</u>. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association or Unit Owner pursuant to any terms, provisions, covenants or conditions of the Condominium documents shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one or more shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude the party thus exercising the same from exercising such other and additional rights, remedies or privileges as may be granted to such other party by condominium documents, or at law or in equity.

# **ARTICLE IX: ACQUISITION OF UNITS**

At any foreclosure sale of a Unit, the Board of Directors may, with the authorization and approval by the affirmative vote of voting members casting not less than 75% of the total votes of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the members wherein said matter is voted upon, acquire in the name of the Association or its designee a Condominium Parcel being foreclosed. The term "foreclosure," as used in this section, shall mean and include any foreclosure of any lien, excluding the Association's lien for assessments. The power of the Board of Directors to acquire a Condominium Parcel at any foreclosure sale shall never be interpreted as any requirement or obligation on the part of the Board of Directors or of the Association to do so at any foreclosure sale. The provisions hereof are permissive in nature and for the purpose of setting forth the power in the Board of Directors to do so should the requisite approval of the voting members be obtained. Once general authority to purchase a Unit at a foreclosure sale is obtained, the Board of Directors shall not be required to obtain the specific approval of Unit Owners regarding the sum the Board of Directors determines to bid at such foreclosure sale unless the limit of such authority has been established in the original authorization.

# **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

The By-Laws may be altered, amended or added to at any duly called meeting of the Unit owners, provided:

- (A) Notice of the meeting shall contain a statement of the proposed amendment.
- (B) If the amendment has received the unanimous approval of the full Board of Directors, then it shall be approved upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at a meeting called for such purpose.
- (C) If the amendment has not been approved by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, then the amendment shall be approved by the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the votes cast at a meeting called for such purpose.
- (D) Said amendment shall be recorded and certified as required by the Condominium Act.
- (E) Notwithstanding the foregoing, these By-Laws may only be amended with the written approval when required of the parties specified in Section 7 of the Declaration of Condominium to which these By-Laws are attached.
- (F) No amendment to these By-Laws shall be made which affects any of the rights and privileges provided to the Developer in the Condominium documents without the written consent of the Developer.

#### **ARTICLE XI: NOTICES**

Whatever notices are required to be sent hereunder shall be posted, delivered or sent in accordance with the applicable provisions as to same as set forth in the Declaration of Condominium to which these By-Laws and other exhibits attached to said Declaration.

## **ARTICLE XII: INDEMNIFICATION**

The Association shall indemnify every director and every officer, his heirs, executors and administrators, against all loss, cost and expense reasonably incurred by him in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to which he may be made a party by reason of his being or having been a director or officer of the Association, including reasonable counsel fees, except as to matters wherein he shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for or guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled.

## **ARTICLE XIII: LIABILITY SURVIVES TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The termination of membership in the Condominium shall not relieve or release any such former owner or member from any liability or obligations incurred under or in any connected with the Condominium during the period of such ownership and membership, or impair any rights or remedies which the Association may have against such former owner and member arising out of or in any connected with such ownership and membership, and the covenants and obligations incident thereto.

# **ARTICLE XIV: LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Notwithstanding the duty of the Association to maintain and repair parts of the Condominium property, the Association shall not be liable for injury or damage by a latent condition in the property, nor for injury or damage caused by the elements or by other owners or persons.

## ARTICLE XV: PARLIAMENTARY RULES

Roberts' Rules of Order (latest edition) shall govern the conduct of the Association's meetings when not in conflict with the Florida Condominium Act, the Declaration of Condominium, or these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XVI: MORTGAGE REGISTER**

The Association, or its agents, may maintain a register of all mortgages and at the request of a mortgagee, the Association shall forward copies of all notices for unpaid assessments or violations served upon a Unit Owner to said mortgagee. If a register is maintained, the Association, or its agent, maintaining same may make such charge as it deems appropriate against the applicable Unit for supplying the information provided herein.

#### **ARTICLE XVII: RULES AND REGULATIONS**

In addition to the rules and regulations set forth in the Declaration of Condominium, the following rules and regulations, together with such additional rules and regulations as may hereafter be adopted, shall govern the use of the Units, Common Elements, Limited Common Elements, and any other Condominium Property, and also the conduct of all residents thereof. The Unit Owners shall, at all times, obey said rules and regulations and shall use their best efforts to see that they are faithfully observed by their families, guests, invitees, servants, lessees and persons over whom they exercise control and supervision. Said initial rules and regulations are as follows:

Section 1. The sidewalk, entrances and all of the Limited Common Elements and Common Elements must not be obstructed or encumbered or used for any purpose other than ingress and egress to and from the premises; nor shall any carriages, velocipedes, bicycles, wagons, shopping carts, benches, tables, or any other object of a similar type and nature be stored therein. Children shall not play

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or loiter upon the Common Elements except in such areas and under the rules and regulations as determined by the Association.

- Section 2. No fences shall be constructed by a Unit Owner within or surrounding said Unit or the Limited Common Elements adjoining or appurtenant to said Unit without the express written consent of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. The personal property of all Unit Owners shall be stored within their Condominium Units or in assigned storage space.
- Section 4. No garbage cans, supplies, recycling containers, or other articles shall be placed on the Common Elements and Limited Common Elements except as authorized by the Association, nor shall any linens, cloths, clothing, curtains, rugs, mops or laundry of any kind, or other articles, be shaken or hung from any of the windows, doors, porches, patios or entry ways, or exposed on any part of the Limited Common Elements or Common Elements. if applicable, fire exits shall not be obstructed in any manner, and the Limited Common Elements and Common Elements shall be kept free and clear of rubbish, debris, and other unsightly material.
- Section 5. Where applicable, no Unit Owner shall allow anything whatsoever to fall from the windows, porches, patios, entry ways or doors, nor shall such Owner sweep or throw any dirt or other substance from such Owner's Unit or Limited Common Elements onto the Common Elements or any portion of the Condominium Property.
- Section 6. No Unit Owner shall store or leave boats or trailers on the Condominium Property. Refuse and bagged garbage shall be deposited only in the area provided therefor.
- Section 7. Agents or employees of the Association shall not be sent off the Condominium Property by any Unit Owner at any time for any purpose. No Unit Owner or resident shall direct, supervise, or in any manner attempt to assert any control over the agents or employees of the Association.
- Section 8. The parking facilities shall be used in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Association. No vehicle which cannot operate on its own power shall remain on the Condominium Property for more than 24 hours, and no repair of vehicles shall be made on the Condominium Property. No more than two vehicles per Unit shall be permitted. Any and all overflow parking spaces located on the Condominium Property shall only be for the use of a guest of a Unit Owner or tenant of such Unit Owner, and no such guest shall be permitted to park a vehicle in the overflow parking area(s) without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors.
- Section 9. No Unit Owner shall make or permit any disturbing noises by himself, his family, servants, employees, agents, visitors, and licensees, nor do or permit anything by such persons that will interfere with the rights, comforts or convenience of the Unit Owners. No Unit Owner shall play upon or suffer to be played upon any musical instrument, or operate or suffer to be operated, a phonograph, television, radio or sound amplifier, in such manner as to disturb or annoy other occupants of the Condominium. All party(s) shall lower the volume as to the foregoing as of 11:00 p.m. of each day. No Unit Owner shall conduct or permit to be conducted, vocal or instrumental instruction at any time.
- Section 10. No awning, canopy, shutter, or other projection, shall be attached to or placed upon the outside walls or doors or roof of a Unit or building, without the written consent of the Board of Directors. Patios or porches may not be enclosed, which includes the screening of same, nor may anything be affixed to the walls within such patios or porches or entry ways except with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors of the Association, and said consent may be given as to certain Units and not given as to others.

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- Section 11. The type, color and design of chairs and other items of furniture and furnishings that may be placed and used on any entry way, patio or porch may be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 12. No cooking shall be permitted on any porch, patio or entryway nor on the limited common elements nor on the Condominium Property, except in such area, if any, designated by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, cooking with the use of an outdoor barbecue grill is allowed on the porch of a Unit, provided that when such grill is not in use it shall be stored out of sight from the public.
- Section 13. No inflammable, combustible, or explosive fluid, chemical or substance, shall be kept in any Unit or Limited Common Element assigned thereto or storage areas, except such as are required for normal household use.
- Section 14. Each Unit Owner who plans to be absent from his Unit during the hurricane season must prepare his Unit prior to his departure.
- Section 15. Food and beverage may not be consumed outside of a Unit, except for such areas as are designated by the Board of Directors.
- Section 16. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt or amend rules and regulations governing the details of the operation, use, maintenance, management and control of the Units, Common Elements or Limited Common Elements or other property of the Condominium or services made available to the Unit Owners. A copy of any additional rules and regulations adopted from time to time, as herein provided, shall from time to time be posted in a conspicuous place and/or copies of same shall be furnished to each Unit Owner.
- Section 17. In the event of any conflict between the rules and regulations adopted or from time to time amended and the Condominium documents or the Florida Condominium Act, the latter shall prevail. If any unreconciled conflict should exist or hereafter arise with respect to the interpretation of these By-Laws and the Declaration of Condominium, the provisions of said Declaration of Condominium shall prevail.

## **ARTICLE XVIII: ARBITRATION**

All issues or disputes which are recognized by the Florida Condominium Act or by administrative rules promulgated under the Florida Condominium Act as being appropriate or required for mediation or arbitration shall be resolved through such alternative resolution procedures instead of civil litigation.

# **ARTICLE XIX: EMERGENCY POWERS**

The following shall apply to the extent not viewed to be in conflict with the Florida Condominium Act:

- Section 1. In anticipation of or during any emergency defined in Section 6 below, the Board of Directors of the Association may:
- (A) Name as assistant officers persons who are not Board members, which assistant officers shall have the same authority as the executive officers to whom they are assistant, during the period of the emergency, to accommodate the incapacity of any officer of the Association; and
- (B) Relocate the principal office or designate alternative principal offices or authorize the officers to do so.
  - Section 2. During any emergency defined in Section 6 below:

- (A) Notice of a meeting of the Board of Directors need be given only to those Directors whom it is practicable to reach and may be given in any practicable manner, including by publication and radio; and
  - (B) The director or directors in attendance at a meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 3. Corporate action taken in good faith during an emergency under this Section to further the ordinary affairs of the Association:
  - (A) Binds the Association; and
  - (B) Shall have the presumption of being reasonable and necessary.
- Section 4. An officer, director, or employee of the Association acting in accordance with these emergency provisions is only liable for willful misconduct.
- Section 5. These emergency provisions shall supersede any inconsistent or contrary provisions of the By-Laws for the period of the emergency.
- Section 6. An emergency exists for purposes of this Article XIX if a quorum of the Association's directors cannot readily be assembled because of some catastrophic event.