- Section 2. <u>Election</u>. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the Members may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.
- Section 3. <u>Use of Proxy</u>. For election of members of the Board of Directors, Members shall vote in person at a meeting of the Members or by a ballot that the Member personally casts.

## ARTICLE VI

## **MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS**

- Section 1. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall have power to:
- (a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas and facilities, and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) suspend the voting rights and rights to use of the Common Areas of a Member during any period in which such Member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for infraction of published rules and regulations;
- (c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to the Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these By-laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;
- (d) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and
- (e) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deemed necessary, and to prescribed their duties.
- Section 2. <u>Duties</u>. It shall be the duty of the Association, by and through the Board of Directors, to:
  - (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to

present a statement thereof to the Members at the annual meeting of the Members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by one-fourth (1/4) of the Class A Members who are entitled to vote, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting or special meeting; all such records to be retained for at least seven (7) years;

- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
  - (c) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:
- (1) establish the annual Association Budget and fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;
- (2) send written notice of each annual budget to every Owner within ten (10) days after written request for same;
- (3) foreclose the lien against any Lot for which assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date or to bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same; and
- (d) issue or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. Reasonable charges may be made by the Board of Directors for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;
- (e) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;
- (f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;
- (g) cause the Common Areas to be maintained, and grounds maintenance, exterior painting, and roof replacement on the Lots; and
- (h) establish prior to the beginning of the fiscal year and prior to setting the assessments of the coming year, an annual budget for the Association, including maintenance of Common Areas, and to establish reserve accounts for replacement of those parts of the Common Areas which have a limited useful life span.
  - (i) initiate or defend litigation on behalf of the Association

Section 3. Meetings. A meeting of the Board of Directors occurs whenever a quorum of the Board gathers to conduct Association business. All meetings of the Board of Directors are open to all Members, except for meetings between the Board of Directors and its attorney with respect to proposed or pending litigation where the contents of the discussion would otherwise be governed by the attorney-client privilege. Notices of all Board of Directors meetings must be posted in a conspicuous place on the Property at least 48 hours in advance of a meeting, except in an emergency. In the alternative, if notice is not posted in a conspicuous place on the Property, notice of each Board of Directors meeting must be mailed or delivered to each Member at least 7 days before the meeting, except in an emergency. An assessment may not be levied at a Board of Directors meeting unless the notice of the meeting includes a statement that assessments will be considered and the nature of the assessments. Directors may not vote by proxy or by secret ballot at Board of Directors meetings, except that secret ballots may be used in the election of officers.

## ARTICLE VII

## OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

- Section 1. <u>Enumeration of Offices</u>. The officers of this Association shall be a president and vice-president, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution create.
- Section 2. <u>Election of Officers</u>. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members.
- Section 3. <u>Term.</u> The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.
- Section 4. <u>Special Appointments</u>. The Board of Directors may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine.
- Section 5. <u>Resignation and Removal</u>. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board of Directors. 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 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 6. <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaced.
- Section 7. <u>Multiple Offices</u>. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

# Section 8. <u>Duties</u>. The duties of the officers are as follows:

## President

(a) The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall sign all checks and promissory notes.

## Vice-President

(b) The vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board of Directors.

## Secretary

(c) The secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the Members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Members; keep appropriate current records showing Members of the Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board of Directors.

#### Treasurer

(d) The treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare or have prepared an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented

to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the Members.

## ARTICLE VIII

## **COMMITTEES**

The Association shall appoint a Nominating Committee, as provided in these By-Laws. In addition, the Board of Directors shall appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

## ARTICLE IX

## BOOKS AND RECORDS

- Section 1. The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.
- Section 2. Minutes of all meetings of Members and of the Board of Directors shall be kept in a businesslike manner and shall be available for inspection by Members, or their authorized representatives, and Board members at reasonable times. The Association shall retain these minutes for at least 7 years.
- Section 3. The Association shall maintain each of the following items, when applicable, which shall constitute the official records of the Association:
- (a) A copy of the plans, specifications, permits, and warranties for the improvements to the Common Areas, if any, but not including the construction drawings of the individual homes and lots.
- (b) A copy of the By-Laws of this Association and of each amendment to the By-Laws.
- (c) A copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, or other documents creating the Association, and of each amendment thereto.
  - (d) A copy of the Declaration and each amendment thereto.
  - (e) A copy of the current rules of the Association.