

Exhibit "B"
BYLAWS
OF
ABELIA MEADOWS HOA

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OF
ABELIA MEADOWS HOA

A South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation

Pursuant to the provisions of the South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act, the Board of Directors of ABELIA MEADOWS HOA a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, has or intends to adopt the following Bylaws for such corporation.

Article I
Name, Principal Office, and Definitions

1.1 Name.

The name of the corporation is ABELIA MEADOWS HOA ("Association").

1.2 Principal Office.

The principal office of the Association shall be located at 404 B Anderson Highway, Williamston, SC, or at such other place as may be designated by the Board.

1.3 Definitions.

The words used in these Bylaws shall be given their normal, commonly understood definitions. Capitalized terms shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for ABELIA MEADOWS filed in the Office of Register of Deeds for *Greenville* County, South Carolina, as it may be supplemented and amended ("Declaration"), unless the context indicates otherwise.

The words used in these Bylaws shall be referred to as the "Bylaws" and the Articles of Incorporation of the Association as the "Articles". The terms used in these Bylaws shall have the same definitions and meanings as those set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Pearson Commons, as amended, the same having been originally recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for *Greenville* County, South Carolina in *Plat. Book: 1459*, beginning at Page: *45* (the "Declaration"), unless herein provided to the contrary, or unless the context otherwise requires. The term "Governing Documents" means the Declaration, any Amended and/or Supplemental Declaration, the Articles, these Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations of the Association, if any, and all exhibits to any of the foregoing, all as they may be amended from time to time. References to the "Act" shall mean the South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1994 effect as of the date these Bylaws are adopted by the Board of the Association,

The provisions of these Bylaws are applicable to the Association which operates business affairs of the Association, enforces the Governing Documents, and operates the Common Areas of the development known as Abelia Meadows located in Anderson County, South Carolina.

Article II
Association: Membership, Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies

2.1 Members.

Each Owner of a Unit (as defined in the Declaration) shall be a Member of the Association. The Association shall have two classes of membership as more fully set forth in the Declaration, the terms of which pertaining to membership are incorporated by this reference subject to such terms and conditions as set forth in the Declaration and these Bylaws.

2.2 Notice of Ownership.

In order to confirm Membership, upon purchasing a Unit in Abelia Meadows, the Owner of such Unit shall promptly furnish to the Association a legible copy of the instrument conveying ownership to the Owner, which copy shall be maintained in the records of the Association.

2.3 Place of Meetings.

Association meetings shall be held at the Association's principal office or at such other suitable place convenient to the Members as the Board may designate.

2.4 Annual Meetings.

The first Association meeting, whether a regular or special meeting, shall be held on such day and at such time as the Board, by majority vote, shall determine. Meetings shall be of the Members. Subsequent regular annual meetings shall be held each year at a time set by the Board. Meetings may be held by mail or by such other means as shall be permitted under South Carolina law, including, but not limited to any other technology or medium like zoom or google meetings, now existing or hereafter devised.

2.5 Special Meetings.

The President may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the Association if so, directed by resolution of the Board or upon a petition signed by at least thirty-three percent (33%) of the voting interest of the Members. The notice of any special meeting shall state the date, time, and place of such meeting and the purpose thereof. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting, except as stated in the notice. Notice shall meet the requirements set forth in Section 2.6. Special meetings may be held by mail or by such other means as shall be permitted under South Carolina law, including, but not limited to any other technology or medium like zoom or google meetings, now existing or hereafter devised.

2.6 Notice of Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to mail or to cause to be delivered to the Owner of each Unit (as shown in the records of the Association) a notice of each annual or special meeting of the Association stating the time and place where it is to be held and in the notice of a special meeting, the purpose thereof. If an Owner wishes notice to be given at an address other than the Unit, the Owner shall designate by notice in writing to the Secretary such other address. The mailing or delivery of a notice of meeting in the manner provided in this Section shall be considered service of notice. Notices for annual and special meetings shall be served at least fifteen (15) days but not more than sixty (60) days in advance of such meeting.

If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered upon the earliest of: (a) the date received; (b) five (5) days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by its postmark, if mailed with first class postage affixed; (c) the date shown on the return receipt, if mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and signed by or on behalf of the addressee; or (d) thirty (30) days after its deposit in the United States mail, as evidenced by the postmark, if mailed with other than first class, registered, or certified postage affixed; or (e) sent to the email address provided by the owner. Notices of meetings may be sent by mail or by such other means as shall be permitted under South Carolina law, including, but not limited to, overnight courier service, facsimile, internet form submission, or by any other technology or medium, now existing or hereafter devised, provided in every such case the Association retains proof of transmission and receipt.

2.7 Waiver of Notice.

Waiver of notice of a meeting of the Members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Member may, in writing, waive notice either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a Member shall be deemed waiver by such Member of notice of the time, date, and place thereof, unless such Member specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance also shall be deemed a waiver of notice of all business transacted at such meeting unless an objection on the basis of lack of proper notice is raised before the business is put to a vote.

2.8 Adjournment of Meetings.

If any meeting of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the Members who are present at such meeting, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the time the original meeting was called. At any such adjourned meeting, the necessary quorum shall be fifty (50%) percent of the votes represented by the Members who were present either in person or by proxy at the original meeting, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.

2.9 Voting.

The Declaration shall set forth the Member's voting rights; such voting rights provisions

are specifically incorporated by this reference.

The Declarant shall have the right to disapprove (veto) actions of the Board, any committee appointed by the Board, and the Members as provided in the Declaration. This Section 2.9 may not be amended so long as the Declarant owns property within the Subdivision unless express written consent of the Declarant is obtained.

Only Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote on any issue or matter presented to the Members for approval. In order to be in good standing, a Member must be current in the payment of all Assessments levied against the Member's Lots and not subject to any suspension of voting privileges as a result of disciplinary proceeding conducted in accordance with the Declaration. The Association shall not be obligated to conduct a hearing in order to suspend a Member's voting privileges based on the nonpayment of Assessments.

Any vote of the Members on a matter that would be cast at an annual, regular or special meeting maybe taken, without a meeting, by ballot, written or electronic, delivered to every Member by the Association. The ballot shall set forth, with specificity, the matter to be voted upon and provide thereon a place to vote for or against such matter. Approval by written or electronic ballot without a meeting shall be effective only when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present had the matter been considered at a meeting, and the number voting for the matter equals or exceeds the number of votes required to approve it had the matter been considered at a meeting at which the requisite quorum is present. Once a written or electronic ballot is received by the Association, it may not be revoked.

A solicitation of votes by ballot shall (i) indicate the record date for Members eligible to vote; (ii) indicate the number of returned ballots voting for or against the matter that is required to satisfy the quorum requirement; (iii) state the required number of votes or percentage voting in favor of the matter required to approve it (except in the case of election of Directors, which shall be by plurality); and (iv) state the date and time by which a Member's completed ballot must be received by the Secretary in order to be counted in the vote to be taken. A Member's signed ballot shall be delivered to the Secretary by hand delivery, by U.S. mail, or by such other means as shall be permitted under South Carolina law, including, but not limited to and if allowed, overnight courier service, facsimile and e-mail transmission, internet form submission, or by any other technology or medium, now existing or hereafter devised, provided in every such case the sender retains proof of transmission and receipt.

2.10 Authority of Person Voting.

The Board shall have the authority to determine, in its sole discretion, whether any person claiming to have authority to vote on behalf of or as a Member has such authority. If the Member is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, or similar entity, the Association may require the person purporting to vote on behalf of such Member to provide reasonable evidence that such person (the "Representative") has authority to vote for such Member. Unless the authority of the Representative is challenged in writing at or before the time of voting, or is challenged orally at the time of voting, the Association may accept such Representative as a person authorized to vote for such Member, regardless of whether evidence of such authority is provided.

2.11 Proxies.

At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing, dated, and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of each meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon the conveyance by the Member of such Member's Unit, or upon receipt of notice by the Secretary of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a Member, or of written revocation, or upon the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date of the proxy.

2.12 Majority.

As used in these Bylaws, the term "majority" shall mean those votes of the Members, or other group as the context may indicate, totaling more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes of Members at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

2.13 Quorum

At all meetings of Members, regular or special, the presence, in person or by proxy, of at least sixty percent (60%) of the total eligible vote of the Association shall constitute a quorum. The Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum.

2.14 Conduct of Meetings.

The President shall preside over all Association meetings, and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and record in the minute book all resolutions adopted and all other transactions occurring at such meetings. Further, Roberts Rules of Order (latest edition) shall govern the conduct of corporate proceedings when not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, these By-Laws or the statutes of the State of South Carolina.

2.15 Action Without a Meeting.

Any action to be taken at a meeting of the Members, or which may be taken at a meeting of the Members, may be taken without a meeting if written consents setting forth the action so taken are signed by Members holding at least eighty percent (80%) of the Association's voting power. Action taken without a meeting shall be effective on the date that the last consent is executed or, if required, the date Declarant consents to the action unless a later effective date is specified therein. Each signed consent shall be delivered to the Association and shall be included in the minutes of the meetings of the Members filed in the permanent records of the Association.

Article III

Board of Directors: Number, Powers, Meetings

A. Composition and Selection.

3.1 Governing Body; Composition.

The business and affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. Each director shall have one equal vote. Except with respect to directors appointed by Declarant during the Declarant Control Period, the directors shall be Members of the Community; provided, however, that no two persons being co-Owners of any one Unit may serve on the Board at the same time. In the case of a Member which is not an individual, any officer, director, partner, member or manager of a limited liability company, or trust officer of such Member shall be eligible to serve as a director unless a written notice to the Association signed by such Member specifies otherwise; however, no Member may have more than one such representative on the Board at any one time, even if such Member owns more than one Unit, except in the case of directors appointed by Declarant. Owners not in good standing with the Association and whose dues are not paid current are not allowed to serve as a director.

3.2 Number of Directors

The initial Board shall consist of three (3) directors designated in the Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Board shall consist of three (3) directors, as provided in Section 3.4 below, but shall remain an odd number.

3.3 Nomination and Election Procedures.

Except with respect to directors appointed by Declarant during the existence of the Class B Membership, nomination for election to the Board of Directors may be made upon motion or other procedure adopted therefor by the Board. Notice to the Members of the meeting shall include the names of all those who are nominees at the time the notice is sent. Nominations to be placed on the ballot may also be solicited by the Board from the membership, and if the election is to take place at a meeting and not solely by written ballot, nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. All candidates shall have reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to Members and to solicit elected directors shall be nominated from the floor at a meeting of the Members and may also be nominated by a nominating committee, if such a committee is established by the Board. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the Members and to solicit votes.

3.4 Election and Term of Office.

(a) During Existence of Class B Membership. The Declarant shall have the sole and exclusive right to appoint and to remove the directors of the Association until the first to occur of the following:

- (i) When Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Property; or
- (ii) twenty-five (25) years after this Declaration is Recorded; or
- (iii) upon Declarant's surrender in writing of the authority to appoint and

remove directors and officers of the Association.

Notwithstanding its right to appoint and remove officers and directors of the Association, Declarant reserves the right to approve or disapprove specified actions of the Association as provided in Section 3.18 herein.

(b) Subsequent to the Existence of Class B Membership. Upon termination of the Class B Membership, directors shall be elected by the Members and hold office as follows:

(i) The Association shall call a special meeting to be held at which Members shall elect three (3) directors to serve until the next annual meeting of the Members. At the next annual meeting of the Members following termination of Class B Membership, the Members shall elect two (2) directors for an initial term of two (2) years and one (1) director for an initial term of one (1) year. At the expiration of the initial term of office of each director, a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years. The directors shall hold office until their respective successors shall have been elected by the Association.

(ii) Thereafter, directors shall be elected at the Association's annual meeting. Each Member shall cast the entire vote assigned to his Unit for each position to be filled. There shall be no cumulative voting. That number of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. Directors may be elected to serve any number of consecutive terms.

3.5 Removal of Directors and Vacancies.

Any officer may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the Board, but not from the Board, if the officer is also a Board member. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, 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 effective.

This Section shall not apply to directors appointed by Declarant. Declarant shall be entitled to appoint or remove Directors at any time during the Declarant Control Period. Thereafter, Declarant may appoint a successor to fill any vacancy on the Board resulting from the death, disability, or resignation of a director it has appointed.

B. Meetings.

3.7 Regular Meetings.

The Board may hold regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least annually at such place, date and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. The Board shall select a location convenient to the Property. Should a regularly scheduled meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day that is not a legal holiday, excluding Saturday and Sunday. Board need not give notice of a meeting to any director who has signed a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding the meeting.

3.8 Special Meetings.

The Board may hold special meetings when called by written notice signed by the President, the Vice President, or any two (2) directors. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each director by: (a) personal delivery; (b) first class mail, postage prepaid; (c) telephone communication, either directly to the director or to a person at the director's office or home who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the director; or (d) facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic communication device, with confirmation of transmission. All such notices shall be given at the director's address as shown on the Association's records. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited into a United States mailbox at least six (6) business days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, or electronic communication shall be delivered or communicated at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time set for the meeting. Notices of such meetings shall also be delivered to the Members contemporaneously with the directors' notices.

3.9 Waiver of Notice.

The transactions of any Board meeting, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if (a) a quorum is present; and (b) either before or after the meeting each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting also shall be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.

3.10 Telephonic Participation in Meetings.

Members of the Board or any committee the Board designates may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section shall constitute presence at such meeting.

3.11 Quorum of Board of Directors.

A majority of the Directors then in office (but not less than two (2)) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act performed or decisions made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Directors, if any action taken is approved by a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

3.12 Compensation.

Directors shall not receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such. The Association may reimburse any director for expenses incurred on the Association's behalf.

Nothing herein shall prohibit the Association from compensating a director, or any entity with which a director is affiliated, for services or supplies he or she furnishes to the Association in a capacity other than as a director pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Association, provided that such director makes his or her interest known to the Board prior to entering into such contract and a majority of the Board, excluding the interested director, approves such contract.

3.13 Conduct of Meetings.

The President shall preside over all Board meetings, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of Board meetings, recording all Board resolutions and all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings.

3.14 Executive Session.

With approval of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting in which a quorum for the transaction of business has been established, the Board may adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss or vote upon the following matters: existing or potential litigation, mediation, arbitration or administrative proceedings; personnel or employment or related matters; contracts to purchase or provide goods or services and other commercial transactions to purchase or provide goods or services currently being negotiated, including the review of bids or proposals, if premature general knowledge of those matters would place the Association at a disadvantage; to prevent public knowledge of the matter to be discussed if the Board determines that public knowledge would violate the privacy of any person; or business of a similar nature. Any executive session of the Board shall be closed to the Members. The nature of business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.

3.15 Action Without a Formal Meeting.

Any action to be taken at a meeting of the directors, or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

C. Powers and Duties.

3.16 Powers.

The Board shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for managing the business and affairs of the Association and for performing all responsibilities and exercising all of the Association's rights as set forth in the Governing Documents and as provided by law. The Board may do or cause to be done all acts and things not limited by the Governing Documents or South Carolina law to be done and exercised exclusively by the Members.

3.17 Duties.

The Board's duties shall include, without limitation:

- (a) Maintenance. Perform the maintenance described in the Declaration;
- (b) Insurance. Maintain insurance as required by the Declaration;
- (c) Discharge of Liens. Discharge by payment, if necessary, any lien against the Common Areas and assess the cost thereof to the Member or Members responsible for the existence of the lien (after notice and hearing as required by these Bylaws);
- (d) Assessments. Fix, levy, collect and enforce Assessments as set forth in the Declaration;
- (e) Expenses and Obligations. Pay all expenses and obligations incurred by the Association in the conduct of its business including, without limitation, all licenses, taxes, or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association;
- (f) Records. Cause to be kept minutes of annual and special meetings of Members and to present such minutes to the Members at the next annual meeting of the Members; and to keep adequate and correct books and records of account, minutes of proceedings of its Board and committees, and a roll of its Members giving their names and addresses and classes of membership;
- (g) Supervision. Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
- (h) Review of Financial Records. Review at least a quarterly a current reconciliation of the Association's operating and reserve accounts, the current year's actual reserve revenues and expenses compared to the current year's budget, an income and expense statement for the Association's operating and reserve accounts and an accounts receivable aging report. In addition, the Board shall review the latest account statements prepared by the financial institutions where the Association has its operating and reserve accounts. For purposes herein, "reserve accounts" shall mean monies that the Association's Board has identified for use to defray the future repair or replacement of, or additions to, the improvements to the Common Areas, which the Association is obligated to maintain.
- (i) Reserve Account Withdrawal Restrictions. Require that at least two (2) signatures are needed for the withdrawal of monies from the Association's reserve accounts, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Board. One (1) signature may be that of the Association's manager or such manager's designee.
- (j) Reserve Account Fund Management. The Board shall not expend funds designated as reserve funds for any purpose other than the repair, restoration, replacement, or maintenance of, or litigation involving the repair, restoration, replacement, or maintenance of, the improvements to the Common Areas which the Association is obligated to repair, restore, replace, or maintain and for which the reserve fund was established without the approval of a majority of the votes.
- (k) Manager. Employ a manager;

(l) Adopt Rules. Adopt rules in accordance with the Declaration, including rules setting aside Common Area parking spaces as handicapped or disabled parking only, and adopt rules limiting the number of cars that will be permitted to be parked in the Common Area parking spaces;

(m) Assess, Lien and Fine. Levy and collect Assessments and impose fines as provided in the Declaration.

(n) Enforcement. Enforce the Governing Documents.

(o) Contracts. Contract for goods and/or services in accordance with the Declaration.

(p) Delegation. Delegate its authority and powers to committees, officers or employees of the Association or to a manager employed by the Association. The Board may not delegate the authority to procure insurance except only to the extent delegation is made to procure the insurance selected by the Board. Further, the Board may not delegate the authority to make capital expenditures for additions or improvements chargeable against the reserve funds; to conduct hearings concerning compliance by an Owner or his tenant, lessee, guest or invitee with the Declaration or rules and regulation promulgated by the Board, or to make a decision to levy monetary fines, impose Specific Assessments against individual Lots, temporarily suspend an Owner's rights as a Member of the Association or otherwise impose discipline following any such hearing; to make a decision to levy Assessments; or to make a decision to bring suit, record a claim of lien, or institute foreclosure proceedings for default in payment of Assessments. Any such delegation shall be revocable by the Board at any time. The members of the Board, individually or collectively, shall not be liable for any omission or improper exercise by the manager of any such duty, power or function so delegated by written instrument executed by a majority of the Board.

(q) Borrowings. Borrow money (i) for the purpose of improving the Property, or any portion thereof, (ii) for constructing, repairing, maintaining or improving any facilities located or to be located within the Property, (iii) for providing services authorized herein, and, (iv) to give as security for the payment of any such loan a mortgage or other security instrument encumbering all or any portion of the Common Areas or other assets of the Association; provided, however, that the lien and encumbrance of any such security instrument given by the Association will be subject and subordinate to any and all rights, interests, options, licenses, easements, and privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of the Declarant, any Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when such Mortgage is executed or given. In addition, the Board shall be authorized to borrow money from the Declarant and execute a promissory note and other debt instruments to evidence such borrowing.

(r) Other Powers. In addition to any other power contained herein or in the Declaration, the Association may exercise the powers granted to a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation as enumerated in the Act or otherwise provided for in the Declaration.

3.18 Prohibited Acts. The Board shall not take any of actions prohibited of it under the Declaration except with the approval of a majority of the votes of the Members voting in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present, and prior to the expiration or termination

of the Class B Membership, the approval of the Declarant.

3.19 Right of Declarant to Disapprove Actions.

During Declarant Annexation Period as set forth in the Declaration, Declarant shall have a right to disapprove any action, policy, or program of the Association, the Board, and any committee which, in Declarant's sole judgment, would tend to impair rights of Declarant or any builders approved by Declarant under the Declaration or these Bylaws, interfere with the development or construction of any portion of the Community, or diminish the level of services the Association provides.

(a) The Association shall give Declarant written notice of all meetings and proposed actions approved at meetings (or by written consent in lieu of a meeting) of the Association, the Board, or any committee. Such notice shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery at the address it has registered with the Secretary of the Association, which notice complies as to the Board meetings with Sections 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, and 3.10 and which notice shall, except in the case of the regular meetings held pursuant to the Bylaws, set forth in reasonable particularity the agenda to be followed at said meeting; and

(b) The Association shall give Declarant the opportunity at any such meeting to join in or to have its representatives or agents join in discussion from the floor of any prospective action, policy, or program which would be subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein.

No action, policy, or program subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein shall become effective or be implemented until and unless the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) above have been met.

Declarant, its representatives, or agents shall make its concerns, thoughts, and suggestions known to the Board and/or the members of the subject committee. Declarant, acting through any officer, director, agent or authorized representative, may exercise its right to disapprove at any time within ten (10) days following the meeting at which such action was proposed or, in the case of any action taken by written consent in lieu of a meeting, at any time within ten (10) days following receipt of written notice of the proposed action. This right to disapprove may be used to block proposed actions, but shall not include a right to require any action or counteraction on behalf of the Board, the Association, or any committee. Declarant shall not use its right to disapprove to reduce the level of services which the Association is obligated to provide or to prevent capital repair or any expenditure required to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

3.20 Management.

The Board may employ for the Association a professional management company at such compensation as the Board may establish, to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize. The Board may delegate such powers as are necessary to perform the manager's assigned duties but shall not delegate policy-making authority. Declarant or an affiliate of Declarant may be employed as managing agent or manager.

The Board may delegate to one of its members the authority to act on the Board's behalf on all matters relating to the duties of the managing agent or manager, if any, which might arise between Board meetings.

3.21 Accounts and Reports.

The following management standards of performance shall be followed unless the Board by resolution specifically determines otherwise:

- (a) accrual or cash accounting, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, but shall not be a combination of the two shall be employed;
- (b) accounting and controls should conform to generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) the Association's cash accounts shall not be commingled with any other accounts;
- (d) the managing agent shall accept no remuneration from vendors, independent contractors, or others providing goods or services to the Association, whether in the form of commissions, finder's fees, services fees, prizes, gifts, or otherwise; anything of value received shall benefit the Association;
- (e) the managing agent shall disclose to the Board promptly any financial or other interest which the managing agent may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association;
- (f) an annual report consisting of at least the following shall be made available to all Members within one-hundred twenty (120) days after the close of the fiscal year: (1) a balance sheet; (2) an operating (income) statement; and (3) a statement of changes in financial position for the fiscal year. Such annual report shall be prepared on an audited, reviewed, or compiled basis, as the Board determines, by an independent public accountant; however, upon written request of any holder, guarantor, or insurer of any first Mortgage on a Unit, the Association shall provide an audited financial statement at the sole expense of the Requestor. During the Declarant Control Period, the annual report shall include certified financial statement.

3.21 Borrowing.

The Association shall have the power to borrow money for any legal purpose; however, the Board shall obtain Member approval in the same manner provided in Section 9.2 of the Declaration for Special Assessments if the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of making discretionary capital improvements and the total amount of such borrowing, together with all other debt incurred within the previous twelve (12) month period, exceeds or would exceed twenty percent (20%) of the Association's budgeted gross expenses for that fiscal year. No Mortgage lien shall be placed on any portion of the Common Area without the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Members representing at least eighty percent (80%) of the total

vote in the Association.

3.22 Right to Contract.

The Association shall have the right to contract with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions. This right shall include, without limitation, the right to enter into common management, operational, or other agreements with residential or nonresidential owners' associations within the outside the Community; however, any common management agreement shall require the Board's consent.

3.23 Enforcement.

In addition to such other rights as are specifically granted under the Declaration, the Board shall have the power to impose reasonable monetary fines, which shall constitute a lien upon the Unit of the violator, and to suspend an Owner's right to vote for violation of any duty imposed under the Governing Documents. In addition, the Board may suspend any services the Association provides to an Owner or an Owner's Unit if the Owner is more than thirty (30) days delinquent in paying any assessment or other charges owed to the Association. In the event that any occupant, tenant, employee, guest or invitee of a Unit violates the Governing Documents and a fine is imposed, the Association shall first assess the fine against the occupant, tenant, employee, guest, or invitee; however, if the occupant does not pay the fine within the time period the Board sets, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Association. The Board's failure to enforce any provision of the Governing Documents shall not be deemed a waiver of the Board's right to do so thereafter.

(a) Notice. Prior to imposition of certain sanctions requiring notice under the Declaration, the Board, or its delegate, shall serve the alleged violator with written notice describing (i) the nature of the alleged violation; (ii) the proposed sanction to be imposed; (iii) a period of not less than ten (10) days within which the alleged violator may present a written request for a hearing to the Board; and (iv) a statement that the proposed sanction shall be imposed as contained in the notice unless a challenge is begun within ten (10) days of the notice. If a timely challenge is not made, the sanction stated in the notice shall be imposed; however, the Board may, but shall not be obligated to, suspend any proposed sanction if the violation is cured within the ten (10) day period. Such suspension shall not constitute a waiver of the right to sanction future violations of the same or other provisions and rules by any Person.

(b) Hearing. If a hearing is requested within the allotted ten (10) day period, the hearing shall be held before the Board in executive session. The alleged violator shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of proper notice shall be placed in the minutes of the meeting. Such proof shall be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice, together with a statement of the date and manner of delivery, is entered by the officer, director or agent who delivered such notice. The notice requirement shall be deemed satisfied if the alleged violator or its representative appears at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing and the sanction, if any, imposed.

(c) Additional Enforcement Rights. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article, the Board may elect to enforce any provision of the Governing Documents by self help (specifically including, but not limited to, towing vehicles that are in violation of parking rules) or, following compliance with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Article XIII of the Declaration, if applicable, by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both, without the necessary compliance with the procedure set forth above. In any such action, to the maximum extent permissible, the Owner or Person responsible for the violation of which abatement is sought shall pay all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred. Any entry onto a Unit for purposes or exercising this power of self help shall not be deemed as trespass.

3.24 Board Standards.

While conducting the Association's business affairs, the Board shall be protected by the business judgment rule. The business judgment rule protects a director appointed by Declarant from personal liability so long as the director: (i) serves in a manner the director believes to be in the best interests of the Association and the Members; or (ii) serves in good faith. The business judgment rule protects a director not appointed by Declarant from liability for actions taken or omissions made in the performance of such director's duties, except for liability for wanton and willful acts or omissions.

In fulfilling its governance responsibilities, the Board's actions shall be governed and tested by the rule of reasonableness. The Board shall exercise its power in a fair and nondiscriminatory manner and shall adhere to the procedures established in the Governing Documents.

The burden of proof in any challenge to an action or inaction by a director shall be on the party asserting liability.

The operational standards of the Board and any committee the Board appoints shall be the requirements set forth in the Governing Documents or the minimum standards which Declarant, the Board, and the Architectural Review Committee may establish. Such standard shall, in all cases, meet or exceed the standards set by Declarant and the Board during the Declarant Control Period. Operational standards may evolve as the needs and demands of the Community change.

3.25 Board Training Seminar.

Each director is encouraged to complete a board training seminar within such director's first three (3) months of directorship. Such seminar shall educate the directors about their responsibilities and duties. The seminar may be in live, video or audio tape, or other format.

Article IV Officers

4.1 Officers.

The Association's officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Secretary shall be elected from among the Board members; other officers may, but need not be Board members. The Board may appoint such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have such authority and perform such duties as the Board prescribes. The same person may hold any two (2) or more offices, except the offices of the President and Secretary. It is anticipated, but not required, that the same person will hold the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Moreover, the Secretary shall be responsible for preparing minutes of all directors' and Members' meetings and for authenticating records of the corporation.

4.2 Election and Term of Office.

The Board shall elect the officers of the Association at the first Board meeting following each annual meeting of the Members, to serve until their successors are elected.

4.3 Removal and Vacancies.

The Board may remove any officer whenever in its judgment the Association's interests will be served, and may fill any vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, for the unexpired portion of the term.

4.4 Powers and Duties.

The Association's officers shall each have such powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices, as well as such powers and duties as the Board may specifically confer or impose. The President shall be the Association's chief executive officer. The Secretary shall prepare, execute, certify, and Record amendments to the Declaration as provided in Section 16.3 of the Declaration. The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the preparation of the budget as provided for in the Declaration and may delegate all or part of the preparation and notification duties to a finance committee, management agent or both.

4.5 Resignation.

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, 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.

4.6 Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks, Etc.

All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks and other Association instruments shall be executed by at least two (2) officers or by such other person or persons as a Board resolution may designate.

4.7 Compensation.

Officers' compensation shall be subject to the same limitations as directors' compensation under Section 3.12.

Article V Committees

The Board may appoint such committees as it deems appropriate to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as the Board may designate by resolution. Each committee shall operate in accordance with the terms of such resolution.

Article VI Miscellaneous

6.1 Fiscal Year.

The Association's fiscal year shall be the calendar year unless the Board establishes a different fiscal year by resolution.

6.2 Parliamentary Rules.

Except as may be modified by Board resolution, Robert's Rules of Order (the then current edition) shall govern the conduct of Association proceedings when not in conflict with South Carolina law or the Governing Documents.

6.3 Conflicts.

If there are conflicts between the provisions of South Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, and these Bylaws, the provisions of South Carolina law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws (in that order) shall prevail.

6.4 Books and Records.

(a) Inspection by Members and Mortgagees. The Board shall make available for inspection by any holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage on a Unit, any Member, or the duly appointed representative of any of the foregoing, at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her interest in a Unit: the Declaration, Bylaws, and Articles of Incorporation, including any amendments, any Supplemental Declarations, the Rules and Regulations, the membership register, books of account, and the minutes of meetings of the Members, the Board and committees. The Board shall provide for such inspection to take place at the Association's office or at such other place within the Community as the Board shall designate.

(b) Rules for Inspection. The Board shall establish rules with respect to: (i) notice to be given to the custodian of the records; (ii) hours and days of the week when such an inspection may be made; and (iii) charges for reproducing copies of documents requested, if such request be granted.

(c) Inspection by Directors. Every director shall have the absolute right, at any reasonable time, to inspect all Association books, records, and documents and the physical properties the Association owns or controls. The director's right of inspection includes the right to make a copy of relevant documents at the Association's expense.

6.5 Notices.

Unless the Declaration or these Bylaws otherwise provide, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under the Declaration or 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:

(a) if to a Member, at the address which the Member has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary or, if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Unit of such Member; or

(b) if to the Association, the Board, or the managing agent, at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, or at such other address as shall be designated by notice in writing to the Members pursuant to this Section.

6.6 Amendment.

(a) By Declarant. During the Declarant Control Period, Declarant unilaterally may amend these Bylaws for any purpose. Thereafter, Declarant or the Board unilaterally may amend these Bylaws at any time, and from time to time, if such amendment is necessary: (i) to bring any provision into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation, or judicial determination; (ii) to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on the Units; or (iii) to enable any institutional or governmental lender, purchaser, insurer, or guarantor of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to make, purchase, insure, or guarantee mortgage loans on the Units; provided, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Unit unless the Owner shall consent thereto in writing.

(b) By Members Generally. Except as provided above, these Bylaws may be amended only by the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Members representing greater than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total vote in the Association, and the consent of Declarant, so long as Declarant during Declarant Annexation Period. In addition, the approval requirements set forth in Article XVII of the Declaration shall be met, if applicable. Notwithstanding the above, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause.

(c) FHA/VA Approval of Amendments. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (if it is guaranteeing Mortgages in the Community or has issued a project approval for the guaranteeing of such Mortgages) and/or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(if it is then insuring any Mortgage in the Community or has issued a project approval for the insuring of such Mortgages) shall have the right to veto amendments to these Bylaws during the Declarant Control Period.

(d) Validity and Effective Date of Amendments. Amendments to these Bylaws shall become effective upon Recordation, unless the amendment specifies a later effective date. Any procedural challenge to an amendment must be made within one year of its Recordation or such amendment shall be presumed to have been validly adopted. In no event shall a change of conditions or circumstances operate to amend any provisions of these Bylaws. The Secretary shall prepare, execute, certify, and Record amendments to these Bylaws.

No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any of Declarant's rights or privileges without its written consent during the Declarant Annexation Period.

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