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BEDFORD AT LAKE CATHERINE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. INC. (A Florida Corporation Not-For-Profit)

In order to form a corporation not-for-profit, under and in accordance with Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, we, the undersigned hereby associate ourselves into a corporation not-for-profit, for the purpose and with the powers hereinafter set forth and to that end, we do, by these Articles of Incorporation, certify as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME

- 1. Name. The name of this corporation shall be BEDFORD AT LAKE CATHERINE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Association"). The initial address of the Association shall be 10385 Ironwood Road, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.
- 2. <u>Definitions</u>. The words used in these Articles shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for the Association, ("Declaration").

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Association is organized is to engage as a non-profit organization in protecting the value of the property of the Members of the Association, to exercise all the powers and privileges, and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration which is to be recorded in the public records of Palm Beach County, Florida, including, without limitation, the establishment and enforcement of the payment of assessments and other charges contained therein, and to engage in such other lawful activities as may be to the mutual benefit of the Members and their property.

ARTICLE III

POWERS

The Association shall have the following powers which shall be governed by the following provisions:

- 1. Common Law and Statutory Powers. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit, which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles, the Declaration, or the By-Laws of the Association.
- 2. Necessary Powers. The Association shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in the Declaration, except as limited by these Articles, and all powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate and administer the Properties pursuant to the Declaration, including but not limited to the following:
- A. To make and collect assessments against Members to defray the costs and expenses of the Association property.
- B. To use the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- C. To own, maintain, repair, replace, operate and convey the property of the Association in accordance with the Declaration, and to maintain and operate the water management system as permitted by the South Florida Water Management District, including all lakes, retention areas, culverts and related appurtenances, if any.
- D. To purchase insurance upon the property of the Association and insurance for the protection of the Association and its members, in the amounts required by the Declaration.
- E. To dedicate or to transfer all or any part of the Association's property to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be approved by not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the Members, and approved by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the institutional mortgagees holding mortgages encumbering Units.
- F. To reconstruct the improvements to the Association's property after casualty, and to further improve the Association's properties, as provided in the Declaration.
- G. To make and amend reasonable Rules and Regulations regarding the use of the property of the Association in accordance with the requirements set forth in the By-Laws.
- H. To contract for the management of the Association property and to delegate to such contractors all powers and duties of the Association except such as are specifically required by the Declaration to have the approval of the Board or the Membership. Any such contract may not exceed one (1) year, and must provide for termination by either party without cause and without payment of a termination fee on ninety (90) days written notice.

- I. To employ personnel for reasonable compensation to perform the services required for proper operation and administration of the Association property.
- J. To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws, and the Rules and Regulations for the use of the Association's property as same may be promulgated, modified, or amended from time to time by the Association.
- K. To pay taxes and assessments, which are liens against any part of the Association's property.
- L. To pay the cost of all power, water, sewer, waste collection, and other utility services rendered to the property of the Association.
- M. To enter any Unit at a reasonable time and upon reasonable notice to make emergency repairs, to avoid waste, or to do such other work reasonably necessary for the proper protection, preservation, or maintenance of Association Property, but such right or authority shall not be exercised in an arbitrary or capricious manner.
- N. To grant such permits, licenses, and easements over the Common Areas for utilities, roads, and other purposes reasonably necessary or useful for the proper maintenance or operation of the common areas.
- O. To do such other things as may be necessary in order to perform the duties and to exercise the powers provided for the Association in the Declaration.
- 3. Funds and Title to Properties. All funds and the titles of all properties acquired by the Association and their proceeds shall be held in trust for the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, and the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV

<u>MEMBERS</u>

- 1. <u>Members</u>. The members of the Association shall consist of all of the record owners of Units in Bedford at Lake Catherine.
- 2. Change of Membership. Change of membership in the Association shall be established by recording in the public records of the County, a deed or other instrument establishing a record title to a Unit at Bedford at Lake Catherine, and the delivery to the Association of a copy of such instrument. The

owner designated by such instrument thus becomes a member of the Association and the membership of the prior owner is terminated as of the date of execution of such instrument.

- 3. Transfer of Membership. The share of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except upon transfer of title of his Unit.
- 4. <u>Voting</u>. The owner of each Unit shall be entitled to one vote as a member of the Association. The exact number of votes to be cast by Members and the manner of exercising voting rights, shall be determined by the By-Laws; subject, however, to the terms and conditions of the Declaration.

ARTICLE V

TERM

The term for which this Association is to exist shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VI

INCORPORATORS

The names and residences of the Incorporators to these Articles are as follows:

NAME ADDRESS

Charles H. Hathaway 10385 Ironwood Road

Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33410

Robert S. Kairalla 10385 Ironwood Road

Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33410

William E. Shannon 10385 Ironwood Road

Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33410

ARTICLE VII

<u>OFFICERS</u>

1. Officers. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a President, one (1) or several Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer and, if elected by the Board, as Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer, which officers shall be subject to the directions of the Board.

Election of Officers. The Board shall elect the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, and as many other Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall from time to time determine appropriate. Such officers shall be elected annually by the Board at the first meeting of the Board following the "Annual Members' Meeting" (as described in the By-Laws); provided, however, such officers may be removed by such Board and other persons may be elected by the Board as such officers in the manner provided in the By-Laws. The President shall be a Director of the Association, but no other officer need be a The same person may hold two (2) offices, the duties Director. of which are not incompatible; provided, however, the offices of President and Vice President shall not be held by the same person, nor shall the same person hold the office of President who holds the office of Secretary or Assistant Secretary.

Officers shall be elected by the Board at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the Members, provided, however, until the Transfer Date the Developer shall have the right to approve all of the officers elected. The following persons shall serve as the initial officers.

President

Charles H. Hathaway

Vice President

Robert S. Kairalla

Secretary

William E. Shannon

Treasurer

William E. Shannon

ARTICLE VIII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. <u>Directors</u>. The affairs of the Association will be managed by a Board consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors. The number of Directors on the Board until the Transfer Date shall be three (3). Thereafter, the number of Directors shall be five (5). After the Developer elects to divest itself of control of the Association, Directors must be members of the Association.
- 2. Term of Directors. After the Transfer Date, members of the Board shall serve for a term of two (2) years; provided, however, that two (2) members of the Board elected on the Transfer Date shall serve for an initial terms of one (1) year and the other three (3) members of the Board elected on the Transfer Date shall serve for initial terms of two (2) years. Thereafter the terms of no more than three (3) Board members will end each year.

- 3. Election of Directors. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual Members' meeting in the manner determined by the By-Laws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board shall be filled in the manner provided by the By-Laws.
- 4. Transfer Date. The first election of Directors shall not be held until 120 days after the Developer has closed all of the sales of the Units contemplated under the general plan of development, or until the Developer elects to terminate control of the Association, whichever shall first occur. The Directors named as the first Board, including any replacement members, shall serve until the first election of Directors, and any vacancies in their number occurring before the first election shall be filled by the remaining Directors.
- 5. <u>First Board</u>. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the first Board are as follows:

NAME ADDRESS

Robert S. Kairalla 10385 Ironwood Road

Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33410

Charles H. Hathaway 10385 Ironwood Road

Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33410

William E. Shannon 10385 Ironwood Road

Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33410

ARTICLE IX

INDEMNIFICATION

Every Director, Committee member, and officer of the Association (and the Directors, Committee members, and officers as a group) shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees (at all trial and appellate levels and whether or not suit be instituted) reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him or them in connection with any proceeding, litigation or settlement in which he may become involved by reason of his being or having been a Director, Committee member, or officer of the Association. The foregoing provisions for indemnification shall apply whether or not he is a Director, Committee member, or officer at the time such expenses and/or liabilities are incurred. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of a settlement, the indemnification provisions herein shall not be automatic and shall apply only when the Board approves such settlement and authorizes reimbursement for the costs and expenses of the settlement as in the best interest of the Association. In instances where a Director, Committee

member, or officer admits or is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties, the indemnification provisions of these Articles shall not apply. Otherwise, the foregoing rights to indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any and all rights of indemnification to which a Director, Committee member, or officer may be entitled whether by statute or common law.

ARTICLE X

BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Association may be adopted, amended, altered, or rescinded as provided therein; provided, however, that at no time shall the By-Laws conflict with these Articles or the Declaration, and provided further, that no amendment, alteration, or rescission may be made which adversely affects the rights and privileges of any Institutional Mortgagee, without the prior written consent of the Institutional Mortgagee so affected, and provided further that until the Transfer Date no amendments, alterations or rescissions of the By-Laws shall be effective unless the Developer shall have joined in and consented thereto in writing. Any attempt to amend, alter, or rescind contrary to these prohibitions shall be of no force or effect.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

- 1. Amendments Prior to Recording. Prior to the recording of the Declaration amongst the public records of the County, these Articles may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by all of the Incorporators to these Articles and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. The instrument amending these Articles shall identify the particular Article or Articles being amended, give the exact language of such amendments, and a certified copy of each such amendment shall always be attached to any certified copy of these Articles.
- 2. Amendments After Recording. After the recording of the Declaration amongst the public records of the County, these Articles may be amended in the following manner:
- A. Notice of the subject matter of the proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting (whether of the Board or of the Membership) at which such proposed amendment is to be considered; and

- B. A resolution approving the proposed amendment may be first passed by either the Board or the Membership. After such approval of a proposed amendment by one of said bodies, such proposed amendment must be submitted to and approved by the other of said bodies. Approval by the Membership must be by a vote of a majority of the Members present at a meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present and approval by the Board must be by a majority of the Directors present at any meeting of the Directors at which a quorum is present.
- 3. Amendment by Reference to Title. No Article shall be revised or amended by reference to its title or number only. Proposals to amend existing Articles shall contain the full text of the Articles to be amended; new words shall be inserted in the text underlined, and words to be deleted shall be lined through with hyphens. However, if the proposed change is so extensive that this procedure would hinder, rather than assist, the understanding of the proposed amendment, it is not necessary to use underlining and hyphens as indicators of words added or deleted, but instead a notation must be inserted immediately preceding the proposed amendment in substantially the following language: "Substantial re-wording of Article. See Article for present text." Non-material errors or omissions in the Article amendment process shall not invalidate an otherwise properly promulgated amendment.
- 4. <u>Institutional Mortgagees</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article, there shall be no amendment to these Articles which shall abridge, amend or alter the priority of any Institutional Mortgagee, or the validity of any mortgage held by such Institutional Mortgagee without the prior written consent therefor by such Mortgagee.
- 5. <u>Developer</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article, there shall be no amendment to these Articles which shall abridge, amend or alter the rights of Developer, including the right to designate, to select, or to approve the selection of the Directors as provided in the Declaration and By-Laws, without the prior written consent of the Developer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporators their signatures, this day of	have hereunto affixed, 19				
Char	rles H. Hathaway				
Robe	ert S. Kairalla				
Will	Liam E. Shannon				
STATE OF FLORIDA) :	•				
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)					
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared CHARLES H. HATHAWAY, ROBERT S. KAIRALLA and WILLIAM E. SHANNON, to me known to be the persons described as Incorporators in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and they acknowledged before me that they executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.					
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporators their signatures, this day of	have hereunto affixed				
	Notary Public				
My Commission Expires:					

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING A REGISTERED OFFICE AND A REGISTERED AGENT FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

BEDFORD AT LAKE CATHERINE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at the City of Palm Beach Gardens, County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, has named CHARLES H. HATHAWAY located at 10385 Ironwood Road, City of Palm Beach Gardens, County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of the Act relative to keeping open said office.

BY:				
	Charles	Η.	Hathaway	

BY-LAWS

OF

BEDFORD AT LAKE CATHERINE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME, PRINCIPAL OFFICE, AND DEFINITIONS

- 1. Name. The name of the Association shall be Bedford at Lake Catherine Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Association").
- 2. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Association shall be located in Palm Beach County, Florida. The Association may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Florida, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require.
- 3. <u>Definitions</u>. The words used in these By-Laws shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Bedford at Lake Catherine, ("Declaration"), unless the context shall prohibit.

ARTICLE II

ASSOCIATION: MEMBERSHIP, MEETINGS, QUORUM, VOTING, AND PROXIES

- 1. <u>Membership</u>. The qualification of Members, the manner of their admission to membership, and the termination of such membership shall be as set forth in the Articles.
- 2. Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Members as may be designated by the Board either within the Property or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.
- 3. Annual Meetings. The first meeting of the Members, whether a regular or special meeting, shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation of the Association. Subsequent regular annual meetings shall be set by the Board so as to occur at least thirty (30) but not more than ninety (90) days before the close of the Association's fiscal year on a date and at a time set by the Board.
- 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Membership shall be held at any place within the County, whenever called by the President or Vice President or by a majority of the Board. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting upon a petition signed by the Members representing at least ten (10%) percent of the total votes of the

Association. 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 of Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of the Members shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting. If mailed, the notice of the meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Member at his address as it appears on the records of the Association. The post office certificate of mailing shall be retained as proof of such The notice shall be signed by an officer of the mailing. Association. In the case of a special meeting or when required by statute or these By-Laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice.
- 6. 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 of any meeting of the Members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a Member or alternate 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 at a special meeting shall also be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted thereat unless objection to the calling or convening of the meeting, of which proper notice was not given, is raised before the business is put to a vote.
- 7. 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 alternate, 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 the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted. If a time and place for reconvening the meeting is not fixed by those in attendance at the original meeting or if for any reason a new date is fixed for reconvening the meeting after adjournment, notice of the time and place for reconvening the meeting shall be given to Members in the manner prescribed for regular meetings.

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, provided that Members or their alternates representing at least twenty-five (25%) percent of the

total votes of the Association remain in attendance, and provided further that any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the Members required to constitute a quorum.

Voting. Each Unit shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any Association matter requiring a vote of the Members. to which any Unit is entitled shall not be divisible, and shall be cast by the Member designated and entitled to cast the vote according to the terms and provisions of this Section. event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any one Except as otherwise provided in this Article, each Member who is designated and entitled to cast the vote for any lot shall be named in a voting certificate signed by all Owners of such Unit and filed with the Association. the event any such In voting certificate is not filed with the Association, the vote to which such Unit is entitled shall not be considered in determining whether a quorum is present, or for any other purpose, and the total number of authorized votes in the Association shall be reduced accordingly until such certificate is filed, except if the Unit is owned jointly by a husband and If the Unit is owned jointly by a husband and wife, the provisions of subsection (D) below shall be applicable. A voting certificate shall be valid until revoked by the Owners of, or until a transfer of title to, the Unit to which the voting certificate pertains.

Voting rights shall be established as follows:

- A. In the event an Owner is one person, that person's right to vote shall be established by the recorded title to his Unit.
- B. In the event a Unit is owned by more than one person or entity, those persons or entities shall sign a voting certificate designating one of them for the purpose of casting the vote that is appurtenant to their Unit.
- C. In the event a Unit is owned by an entity, or an entity is designated as the Owner entitled to cast the vote for a Unit, such entity shall designate a partner, officer, fiduciary, or employee of the entity to cast the vote that is appurtenant to the Unit. The voting certificate for such Unit shall be signed by any duly authorized partner or officer of the entity.
- D. Nothwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Bylaws, in the event a Unit is owned jointly by a husband and wife, the following provisions shall be applicable to the casting of the vote that is appurtenant to their Unit:
- (i) The husband and wife may, but shall not be required to, designate one of them as the voting member;

- (ii) In the event the husband and wife do not designate either of them as the person entitled to cast the vote that is appurtenant to their Unit, and if both persons are present at any regular or special meeting of the Members and are unable to concur in their decision upon any subject requiring a vote of the Members, such husband and wife shall lose their right to vote on that particular subject at that particular meeting; and
- (iii) In the event the husband and wife do not designate as the person entitled to cast the vote appurtenant to their Unit, and only one of them is present at any meeting, the member present may cast the vote to which their Unit is entitled, without establishing the concurrence of the absent member.
- 9. Proxies. "Proxy" is defined to mean an instrument containing the appointment of a person who is substituted by a Member to vote for him, and in the Member's place and stead. Proxies shall be in writing and shall be valid only for the particular meeting designated in the proxy and any adjournments of such meeting. In no event shall any proxy be valid for a period longer than 90 days after the date of the meeting designated in the proxy. A proxy must be filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting in order to be effective. Any proxy may be revoked prior to the time a vote is cast according to such proxy.
- 10. <u>Majority</u>. As used in these By-Laws, the term "Majority" shall mean those votes, owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total number.
- 11. Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws or in the Declaration, the presence in person, by alternate, or by proxy of the Members representing one-third (1/3) of the total vote of the Association shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association. Any provision in the Declaration concerning quorums is specifically incorporated herein. If any meeting of the Membership cannot be organized because a quorum is not in attendance, the Members who are present, either in person or by Proxy, may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present. In the case of the meeting being postponed, the notice provisions for the adjournment shall be as determined by the Board.
- 12. Conduct of Meetings. The President, or his designated alternate, shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and the Secretary, or his designated alternate, shall keep the minutes of the meeting, record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting, and record all transactions occurring at the meeting. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept in a businesslike manner and shall be available for inspection by the Members and the Board at all reasonable times.

- 13. Action Without A Meeting. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Members, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Members, may be taken by written agreement in lieu of a meeting, provided written notice of the matter or matters to be agreed upon is given to the Membership at the addresses and within the time periods set forth herein or duly waived in accordance herewith. The decision of the majority of the Membership (as evidenced by written response to be solicited in the notice) shall be binding on the Membership, provided a quorum of the Membership submits a response. The notice shall set forth a time period during which time a response must be made by a Member.
- 14. <u>Voting Certificate and Ledger</u>. All voting certificates shall be filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall keep all voting certificates and shall prepare and maintain a ledger listing, by Unit, each Member who is designated to vote on behalf of such Unit.
- 15. <u>Secret Ballot</u>. At any time prior to a vote upon any matter at any meeting of Members, any Member may require that a vote be made by secret written ballot.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: NUMBER, POWERS, AND MEETINGS

1. Composition and Selection.

- A. Governing Body: Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, each of whom shall have one (1) vote. After the Transfer Date, the Directors shall be members or spouses of such Members; provided, however, no person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time. In the case of an Owner which is a corporation or partnership, the person designated in writing to the secretary of the Association as the representative of such corporation or partnership shall be eligible to serve as a Director.
- B. <u>Number of Directors</u>. The number of Directors in the Association shall be not less than three (3) nor more than five (5), as provided below. The initial Board shall consist of three (3) members as identified in the Articles. The Board shall determine the number of Directorships for the succeeding year at the Board meeting prior to the annual Members' meeting.
- 2. <u>Nomination of Directors</u>. Nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board not less than thirty (30) days prior to each annual Members' meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election .

to the Board as it shall in its discretion determine, but in no event less than the number of positions to be filled. Nominations shall be permitted from the floor. All nominees and candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the Members and to solicit votes.

3. Election and Term of Office. The provisions of the Articles setting forth the terms of the Directors service is incorporated herein be reference. The Directors shall hold office until their respective successors have been elected by the Association. Directors may be elected to serve any number of consecutive terms.

4. Removal of Directors and Vacancies.

- A. A Director elected by the Membership may be removed from office for any reason deemed by the members to be in the best interests of the Association, upon the affirmative vote or the agreement in writing of a majority of the Members at a special meeting of the Members. A meeting of Members to so remove a Director elected by them shall be held, subject to the notice provisions hereof, upon the written request of ten percent (10%) of the Members. However, before any Director is removed from office, he shall be notified in writing at least two (2) days prior to the meeting at which the motion to remove him will be made, and such Director shall be given an opportunity to be heard at such meeting, should he be present, prior to the vote on his removal.
- B. The Members shall elect, at a special meeting or at the Annual Members' Meeting, persons to fill vacancies on the Board caused by the removal of a Director elected by the Members.
- C. A Director designated by the Developer as provided in the Articles may be removed only by the Developer in its sole discretion and without any need for a meeting or vote. The Developer shall have the unqualified right to name a successor for any Director designated and thereafter removed by it or for any vacancy on the Board as to a Director designated by it, and the Developer shall notify the Board as to any such removal or vacancy and the name of the successor Director and of the commencement date for the term of such successor Director.
- D. Any Director elected by the Membership who has three consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings or who is delinquent in the payment of any assessment or other charge due the Association for more than thirty (30) days may be removed by a majority of the Directors present at a regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present, and a successor may be appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. In the event of the death, disability, or resignation of a Director, a vacancy may be declared by the Board and it may appoint a successor.

5. Meetings.

- A. Organization Meetings. The first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the Membership shall be held within ten (10) days thereafter at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board. No further notice of the organizational meeting shall be necessary, providing that a quorum shall be present at such organizational meeting.
- B. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be communicated to Directors not less than two (2) days prior to the meeting; provided, however, notice of a meeting need not be given to any Director who has signed a waiver or a written consent to holding of the meeting. Notice of any meeting where assessments against Members are to be considered for any reason shall specifically contain a statement that assessments will be considered and the nature of any such assessments.
- Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by written notice signed by the President or Vice President of the Association or by any three (3) 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 one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery; (b) written notice by first class mail, postage prepaid; (c) by 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) by telegram, charges prepaid. All such notices shall be given at the Director's telephone number or sent to the Director's address as shown on the records of the Association. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited into a United States mailbox at least two days (2) before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, or telegraph shall be delivered, telephoned, or given to the telegraph company at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time set for the meeting.
- D. Waiver of Notice. The transactions of any meetings of the Board, 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 shall also be deemed given to any Director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.

- Quorum of the Board. At all meetings of the Board. a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board. 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 at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting. If any meeting of the Board cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the Directors who are present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice. The notice provisions for the reconvened meeting shall be as determined by the Board.
- F. <u>Compensation</u>. No Director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such unless approved by Members representing a majority of the total vote of the Association at a regular or special meeting of the Association; provided any Director may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association upon approval of a majority of the other Directors.
- G. Conduct of Meetings. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of meetings of the Board, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board, and all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings. Minutes of all Board meetings shall be kept in a businesslike manner and shall be available for inspection by the Members and the Board at all reasonable times.
- H. Open Meetings. Except for actions taken without a formal meeting, all meetings of the Board shall be open to all Members, but Members other than Directors may not participate in any discussions or deliberation unless permission to speak is requested on his or her behalf by a Director. In such case, the President may limit the time any Member may speak. In the event a Member not serving as a Director or not otherwise invited by the Directors to participate in the meeting attempts to become more than a mere observer at the meetings or conducts himself in a manner detrimental to the carrying on of the meeting, then any Director may expel said Member from the meeting by any reasonable means which may be necessary to accomplish said Member's expulsion. Also, any Director shall have the right to exclude from any meeting of the Board any person who is not able to provide sufficient proof that he is a Member, unless said person has been specifically invited by any of the Directors to participate in such meeting.

- I. 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.
- 6. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The Board shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do all acts and things as are not by the Declaration, Articles, or these By-Laws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the Members or the Membership generally.

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

In addition to the duties imposed by these By-Laws or by any resolution of the Association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board shall have the power to and shall be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:

- A. Preparation and adoption of an annual budget in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner to the Common Expenses;
- B. Making assessments to defray the Common Expenses, establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments, and establishing the period of the installment payments of the annual assessment; provided, unless otherwise determined by the Board, the annual assessment for each Member's proportionate share of the Common Expenses shall be payable in equal quarterly installments, each such installment to be due and payable in advance on the first day of each quarter for said quarter;
- C. Providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all of the Common Areas, and maintaining and operating the surface water management system as permitted by the South Florida Water Management District including all lakes, retention areas, culverts and related appurtenances, if any;
- D. Designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the maintenance, operation, repair, and replacement of the Association, its property, and the Common Areas and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and materials to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;

- E. Collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association; provided, any reserve fund may be deposited, in the Directors' best business judgment, in depositories other than banks;
 - F. Making and amending rules and regulations;
- G. Opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- H. Making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to or alterations of the Common Areas in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration and these By-Laws after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;
- I. Enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws, and the rules and regulations adopted by it and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association;
- J. Obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- K. Paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its Members and not chargeable directly to specific Owners;
- L. Keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred;
- M. Making available to any prospective purchaser of a Unit, any Owner of a Unit, any first Mortgagee, and the holders, insurers, and guarantors of a first Mortgage on any Unit, current copies of the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, rules governing the Unit and all other books, records, and financial statements of the Association; and
- N. Permitting utility suppliers to use portions of the Common Area reasonably necessary to the ongoing development or operation of the Property.

7. Management Agent.

A. The Board may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize. The Board may delegate to the

managing agent or manager, subject to the Board's supervision, all of the powers granted to the Board by these By-Laws, other than the powers set forth above. The Developer, or an affiliate of the Developer, may be employed as managing agent or manager.

- B. No management contract may have a term in excess of one (1) year and must permit termination by either party without cause and without termination fee on ninety (90) days' or less written notice.
- 8. Accounts and Reports. The following management standards of performance will be followed unless the Board by resolution specifically determines otherwise:
- A. Accrual accounting, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, shall be employed;
- B. Accounting and controls should conform to the federal income tax basis of accounting;
- C. Cash accounts of the Association shall not be commingled with any other accounts;
- D. No remuneration shall be accepted by the managing agent from vendors, independent contractors, or others providing goods or services to the Association, whether in the form of commissions, finder's fees, service fees, prizes, gifts, or otherwise; anything of value received shall benefit the Association:
- E. Any financial or other interest which the managing agent may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association shall be disclosed promptly to the Board;
- F. Commencing at the end of the month in which the first Unit is sold and closed, financial reports shall be prepared for the Association at least quarterly containing:
- (i) An income statement reflecting all income and expense activity for the preceding period on an accrual basis;
- (ii) A statement reflecting all cash receipts and disbursements for the preceding period;
- (iii) A variance report reflecting the status of all accounts in an "actual" versus "approved" budget format;
- (iv) A balance sheet as of the last day of the preceding period; and
- are delinquent in paying the quarterly installments of assessments at the time of the report and describing the status

of any action to collect such installments which remain delinquent (A quarterly installment of the assessment shall be considered to be delinquent on the fifteenth (15th) day of the first month of each quarter unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors).

- 9. <u>Borrowing</u>. The Board shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of maintenance, repair or restoration of the Common Areas without the approval of the Members. The Board shall also have the power to borrow money for other purposes; provided, the Board shall obtain Member approval in the same manner provided in the Declaration for special assessments in the event that the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of modifying, improving, or adding amenities and the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed five (5%) percent of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year.
- 10. Rights of the Association. In accordance with the Articles and By-Laws, the Association shall have the right to contract with any person for the performance of various duties and functions. Such agreements shall require the consent of a majority of all the Directors.
- Enforcement. The Board shall have the power to impose reasonable fines, which shall constitute a lien upon the property of the violating Owner, and to suspend an Owner's right to vote for violation of any duty imposed under the Declaration, these By-Laws, or any rules and regulations duly adopted hereunder; provided, however, nothing herein shall authorize the Association or the Board of Directors to limit ingress and egress to or from a Unitt or to suspend an Owner's right to vote for nonpayment of In the event that any occupant of a Unit violates assessments. the Declaration, By-Laws, or a rule or regulation and a fine is imposed, the fine shall first be assessed against the occupant; provided, however, if the fine is not paid by the occupant within the time period set by the Board, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Association. The failure of the Board to enforce any provision of the Declaration, By-Laws, or any rule or regulation shall not be deemed a waiver of the right of the Board to do so thereafter.
- A. Notice. Prior to imposition of any sanction hereunder, 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 to the Covenants Committee, if any, or Board of Directors for a hearing; 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.

- B. Hearing. If a hearing is requested in a timely manner, the hearing shall be held by the body seeking to impose the sanction affording the Owner 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 delegate who delivered such notice. The notice requirement shall be deemed satisfied if the alleged violator 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. The Board or the Covenants Committee 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.
- C. <u>Appeal</u>. Following a hearing before the Covenants Committee, the violator shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Board. To perfect this right, a written notice of appeal must be received by the manager, President or Secretary of the Association within thirty (30) days after the hearing before the Covenants Committee.
- D. Additional Enforcement Rights. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the Association, acting through the Board, may elect to enforce any provision of the Declaration, these By-Laws, or the rules and regulations of the Association by self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking rules and regulations) or by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both without the necessity of compliance with the procedure set forth above. In any such action, to the maximum extent permissible, the Owner or occupant responsible for the violation of which abatement is sought shall pay all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

1. Officers. Executive officers of the Association shall be the President, who shall be a Director, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary and, if the Board so determines, an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Board. Any officer may be removed without cause from office by vote of the Directors at any meeting of the Board. The Board shall, from time to time,

elect such other officers and assistant officers and designate their powers and duties as the Board shall find to be required to manage the affairs of the Association. Officers shall not receive compensation for their services. The compensation, if any, of all other employees of the Association shall be fixed by the Board. This provision shall be preclude the Board from employing an officer as an employee of the Association or preclude the contracting with an officer for the management of the Association.

- A. The President, who shall be a Director, shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall have all of the powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of the President of a corporation not-for-profit including, but not limited to, the power to appoint committees from among the Members at such times as he may, in his discretion, determine appropriate to assist in conducting the affairs of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the Membership.
- B. The absence or disability of the President, a Vice President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President. The Vice President(s) shall also generally assist the President and exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Board. In the event there shall be more than one Vice President elected by the Board, then they shall be designated "First", "Second", etc. and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Presidency in such order.
- C. The Secretary shall cause to be kept the minutes of all meetings of the Board and the Membership, which minutes shall be kept in a businesslike manner and shall be available for inspection by Members and Directors at all reasonable times. He shall have custody of the seal of the Association and shall affix the same to instruments requiring a seal when duly signed. He shall keep the records of the Association, except those of the Treasurer, and shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of Secretary of the Association as may be required by the Board or the President. The Assistant Secretary, if any, shall perform the duties of the Secretary when the Secretary is absent and shall assist the Secretary.
- D. Treasurer shall have custody of all of the property of the Association, including funds, securities and evidences of indebtedness. He shall keep the assessment rolls and accounts of the Members; he shall keep the books of the Association in accordance with good accounting practices; and he shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall perform the duties of the Treasurer whenever the Treasurer is absent and shall otherwise assist the Treasurer.

- 2. Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the Members. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.
- 3. Removal. Any officer may be removed by the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association will be served thereby.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks, Etc. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least one (1) officer or by such other person or persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

- 1. <u>General</u>. Committees are hereby authorized to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Each committee shall operate in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board.
- 2. <u>Covenants Committee</u>. In addition to any other committees which may be established, the Board may appoint a Covenants Committee consisting of at least three (3) and no more than seven (7) members. Acting in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws, and resolutions the Board may adopt, the Covenants Committee, if established, shall be the hearing tribunal of the Association and shall conduct all hearings pursuant to these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall determined by the Board.

- 2. <u>Parliamentary Rules</u>. 'Except as may be modified by Board resolution, <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> (current edition) shall govern the conduct of Association proceedings when not in conflict with Florida law, the Articles, the Declaration, or these By-Laws.
- 3. <u>Conflicts</u>. If there are conflicts between the provisions of Florida law, the Articles, the Declaration, and these By-Laws, the provisions of Florida law, the Declaration, the Articles, and the By-Laws (in that order) shall prevail.

4. Books and Records.

- A. <u>Inspection by Members and Mortgagees</u>. The Declaration and By-Laws, membership register, books of account, and minutes of meetings of the Members, the Board, and committees shall be made available for inspection and copying by any Mortgagee, Member, or by his or her duly appointed representative at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her interest as a Member at the office of the Association or at such other place within the Property as the Board shall prescribe.
- B. Rules of Inspection. The Board shall establish reasonable 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) Payment of the cost of reproducing copies of documents requested.
- C. <u>Inspection by Directors</u>. Every Director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a Director includes the right to make extracts and a copy of relevant documents at the expense of the Association.
- 5. Notices. Unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under these By-Laws 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, if any, or at such other address as shall be designated by notice in writing to the Members pursuant to this paragraph.

6. Amendments.

- A. Prior to the conveyance of the first Unit, Developer may unilaterally amend these By-Laws. After such conveyance, the Developer may unilaterally amend these By-Laws so long as it still owns property submitted to the Declaration for development as part of the Property and so long as the amendment has no material adverse effect upon any right of any Member.
- B. Thereafter and otherwise, these By-Laws may be amended only by the affirmative vote (in person or by alternate) or written consent, or any combination thereof, of voting Members representing a majority of the total votes of the Association. However, 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. No By-Law shall be revised or amended by reference to its title or number only. Proposals to amend existing By-Laws shall contain the full text of the By-Laws to be amended; new words shall be inserted in the text underlined, and words to be deleted shall be lined through with hyphens. However, if the proposed change is so extensive that this procedure would hinder, rather than assist, the understanding of the proposed amendment, it is not necessary to use underlining and hyphens as indicators of words added or deleted, but instead a notation must be inserted immediately preceding the proposed amendment in substantially the following language: "Substantial re-wording of By-Law. See By-Law ____ for present text." Nonmaterial errors or omissions in the By-Law amendment process shall not invalidate an otherwise properly promulgated amendment.
- D. No modification or amendment to these By-Laws shall be adopted which would affect or impair the priority of any Mortgagee, the validity of the mortgage held by such Mortgagee, or any of the rights of the Developer, without their prior written consent.
- 7. Arbitration. Internal disputes arising from the operation of the Association among Owners, the Board, or their agents and assigns may be resolved by voluntary binding arbitration. Any party to such an arbitration may seek enforcement of the final decision of the arbitrator in a court of competent jurisdiction.

- 8. <u>Captions and Headings</u>. The captions and headings pertaining to the articles and sections of these By-laws are solely used for ease of reference and in no way shall such captions or headings define, limit or in any way affect the substance of any provisions contained in these By-laws.
- 9. <u>Severability</u>. In the event any of the terms or provisions contained in these By-laws shall be deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such term or provision shall be severable from these By-laws and the invalidity or unenforceability of any such term or provision shall not affect or impair any other term or provision contained in these By-laws.
- 10. Number and Gender. Whenever used in these By-laws, the singular number shall include the plural, the plural number shall include the singular, and the use of any one gender shall be applicable to all genders.
- 11. Governing Laws. The terms and provisions contained in these By-laws shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

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