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**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF
SABAL DUNES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.**

1. GENERAL. These are the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Sabal Dunes Neighborhood Association, Inc., hereinafter the “Association”, a corporation not for profit organized under the laws of Florida as a community association for the purpose of operating a residential community known as Sabal Dunes. All prior Bylaws are hereby revoked and superseded in their entirety.

1.1 Principal Office. The principal office of the Association shall be at such location within Lee County, Florida, as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

1.2 Seal. The seal of the Association shall be inscribed with the name of the Association, the year of its organization, and the words “Florida corporation not for profit”. The seal may be used by causing it, or a facsimile of it, to be impressed, affixed, reproduced or otherwise placed upon any document where a seal may be required.

1.3 Definitions. The definitions set forth in Article I of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Sabal Dunes, to which these Bylaws are attached as Exhibit “A”, shall apply to terms used in these Bylaws, unless the context clearly requires another meaning.

2. MEMBERS. The Members of the Association are the record owners of legal title to the thirty-three (33) Units within Sabal Dunes. In the case of a Unit being subject to an agreement for deed, the purchaser in possession shall be deemed the Owner of the Unit solely for purposes of determining use rights. If a Unit is subject to a life estate, the life tenant is deemed the Unit Owner, and joint life tenants are deemed joint owners for the purposes of this provision. Membership becomes effective upon the occurrence of the last to occur of the following events.

(A) Approval of the transfer of ownership by the Board of Directors as provided for in Section 9 of the Declaration.

(B) Recording in the public records of a deed or other instrument evidencing legal title to the Unit in the Member.

(C) Delivery to the Association of a copy of the recorded deed or other instrument evidencing title.

(D) Delivery to the Association, if required, of a written designation of primary occupant.

The failure to comply with the prerequisites set forth in (B)-(D) above shall not release the Owner from the obligation to comply with the Association documents, but shall otherwise preclude such

Owner from obtaining the benefits of membership, including, without limitation, the right to receive notices and the right to vote on Association matters.

2.1 Voting Rights; Voting Interests. The Members of the Association are entitled to one (1) vote for each Unit owned by them. The total number of votes (“voting interests”) is equal to the total number of Units. The vote of a Unit is not divisible. The right to vote may be denied because of delinquent assessments pursuant to Florida Law. If a Unit is owned by one natural person, the right to vote is established by the record title to the Unit. If a Unit is owned jointly by two or more natural persons, who are not husband and wife, or if the Owner of a Unit is not a natural person or is a trustee, the vote of that Unit shall be cast by the Unit’s primary occupant, designated as set forth in Section 9 of the Declaration.

2.2 Approval or Disapproval of Matters. Whenever the decision of an Owner is required upon any matter, whether or not the subject of an Association meeting, such decision may be expressed by any person authorized to cast the vote of such Unit at an Association meeting as stated in Section 2.1 above, unless the joinder of all record Owners is specifically required.

2.3 Change of Membership. Following written approval of the Association as elsewhere required herein, a change of membership in the Association shall be established by the new Member’s membership becoming effective as provided for in Section 2. above, and the membership of the prior Owner shall thereby be automatically terminated.

2.4 Termination of Membership. Termination of membership in the Association does not relieve or release any former Member from liability or obligation incurred under or in any way connected with the Association during the period of his membership, nor does it impair any rights or remedies the Association may have against any former Owner or Member arising out of or in any way connected with such ownership and membership and the covenants and obligations incident thereto.

3. MEMBERS MEETINGS; VOTING.

3.1 Annual Meeting. There shall be noticed an annual meeting of the members in each calendar year. The annual meeting shall be held in Lee County, Florida, each year at a date, time, and place designated by the Board of Directors, for the purpose to hear reports of the officers and transact any other business authorized to be transacted by the Members.

3.2 Special Members' Meetings. Special members' meetings must be held whenever called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors, and may also be called by Members having at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting interests. Such requests shall be in writing, shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting, and shall be signed by all of the Members making the request. The business at any special meeting shall be limited to the items specified in the notice of meeting.

3.3 Notice of Meetings. Notices of all meetings of the members must state the time, date, and place of the meeting and, if required by Florida law, include an agenda for the meeting. The notice must be mailed to each member at the address which appears on the books of the Association, or may be furnished by personal delivery or by electronic transmission in the manner set forth in Section 617.0141, Florida Statutes, to the extent that a Member has consented to receive notices by electronic transmission and has not revoked such consent. Any such consent to receiving electronic transmissions shall be deemed revoked if: the Association is unable to deliver by electronic transmission two (2) consecutive notices given by the Association in accordance with such consent; and such inability becomes known to the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or other authorized person responsible for the giving of notice. However, the inadvertent failure to treat such inability as a revocation does not invalidate any meeting or other action. Notice of a meeting called to recall a member or members of the Board of Directors shall not be given by electronic transmission. The member bears the responsibility for notifying the Association of any change of address, facsimile number or electronic mail address. The notice must be mailed, delivered, or electronically transmitted at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting. If ownership of a lot has been transferred or the Association is not notified of such transfer after notice has been mailed, no separate notice to the new owner is required. Notice of any meeting may be waived in writing by any person entitled to receive such notice. Attendance at any meeting by a member constitutes waiver of notice by that member, unless the member objects to the lack of notice at the beginning of the meeting.

3.4 Quorum. A quorum at a Members' meeting shall be attained by the presence, either in person (by being physically present, or present in whole or in part, by telephone, real-time videoconferencing, similar real-time electronic, videotelephony, video communications or other such video platform services or internet based virtual meeting platforms) or by proxy, of persons entitled to cast at least twenty percent (20%) of the votes of the entire membership.

3.5 Vote Required. The acts approved by a majority of the votes cast at a duly called meeting of the members, at which a quorum has been attained, shall be binding upon all lot owners for all purposes, except where a greater or different number of votes is expressly required by law or by any provision of the governing documents.

3.6 Electronic Voting. Pursuant to Section 720.317 of the Homeowners' Association Act, the Association may conduct elections and other member votes through an internet-based online voting system if a member consents, in writing, to online voting and if the following requirements are met:

(A) The Association provides each member with:

- (1) A method to authenticate the member's identity to the online voting system;
- (2) For elections of the Board of Directors, a method to transmit an electronic ballot to the online voting system that ensures the secrecy and integrity of each ballot; and
- (3) A method to confirm, at least 14 days before the voting deadline, that the member's electronic device can successfully communicate with the online voting system.

(B) The Association uses an online voting system that is able to:

- (1) Authenticate the member's identity;
- (2) Authenticate the validity of each electronic vote to ensure that the vote is not altered in transit;
- (3) Transmit a receipt from the online voting system to each member who casts an electronic vote;
- (4) For elections of the Board of Directors, permanently separate any authentication or identifying information from the electronic election ballot, rendering it impossible to tie an election ballot to a specific member;
- (5) Store and keep electronic votes accessible to election officials for recount, inspection and review purposes.

(C) A member voting electronically pursuant to Section 720.317 of the Homeowners' Association Act shall be counted as being in attendance at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum. A substantive vote of the members may not be taken on any issue other than the issues specifically identified in the electronic vote, when a quorum is established based on members voting electronically pursuant to Section 720.317 of the Homeowners' Association Act.

(D) The Board of Directors must adopt a resolution that provides for and authorizes an online voting system pursuant to Section 720.317 of the Homeowners' Association Act. Such resolution must: provide that members receive notice of the opportunity to vote through an online voting system; establish reasonable procedures and deadlines for members to consent, in writing, to online voting; and establish reasonable procedures and deadlines for members to opt out of online voting after giving consent. Written notice of a meeting at which the resolution will be considered must be mailed, delivered, or electronically transmitted to the members and posted conspicuously in the Community at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting. Evidence of compliance with the fourteen (14) day notice requirement must be made by an affidavit executed by the person providing the notice and filed with the Association's official records.

(E) A member's consent to online voting is valid until the member opts out of online voting according to the procedures established by the Board of Directors pursuant to (D) above.

3.7 Proxy Voting. Members may cast their votes at a meeting in person or by proxy. A proxy shall be valid only for the specific meeting for which originally given and any lawful adjournment of that meeting. No proxy shall be valid for a period longer than ninety (90) days after the date of the first meeting for which it was given. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the person executing it. To be valid, a proxy must be in writing, dated, signed by the person authorized to cast the vote for the unit, specify the date, time, and place of the meeting for which it is given,

and must be delivered to the Secretary by the appointed time of the meeting or adjournment thereof. Any copy, facsimile transmission or other reliable reproduction of the original proxy may be substituted or used in lieu of the original proxy for any purpose for which the original proxy could be used if the copy, facsimile transmission, or other reproduction is a complete reproduction of the entire proxy. No proxy shall be valid if it names more than one person as the holder of the proxy, but the holder shall have the right, if the proxy so provides, to substitute another person to hold the proxy. Holders of proxies need not be members.

3.8 Adjourned Meetings. Any duly called meeting of the members may be adjourned to be reconvened at a later time by vote of the majority of the voting interests present, regardless of whether a quorum has been attained. When a meeting is so adjourned it shall not be necessary to give further notice of the time and place of its continuance if such are announced at the meeting being adjourned. Any business which might have been conducted at the meeting as originally scheduled may instead be conducted when the meeting is reconvened, but only if a quorum is then present.

3.9 Order of Business. The order of business at members' meetings shall be substantially as follows:

- (A) Call of the roll or determination of quorum
- (B) Reading or disposal of minutes of last members meeting
- (C) Reports of Officers
- (D) Reports of Committees
- (E) Election of Directors (annual meeting only)
- (F) Unfinished Business
- (G) New Business
- (H) Adjournment

3.10 Minutes. Minutes of all meetings of members and of the Board of Directors shall be kept in a businesslike manner and available for inspection by members or their authorized representatives at all reasonable times.

3.11 Parliamentary Rules. Roberts' Rules of Order (latest edition) may govern the conduct of the Association meetings when not in conflict with the law, with the Declaration, or with these Bylaws. The presiding officer may appoint a Parliamentarian whose decision on questions of parliamentary procedure shall be final. Any question or point of order not raised at the meeting to which it relates shall be deemed waived.

3.12 Action by Members Without Meeting. Except for the holding of the annual meeting and annual election of Directors, any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting if written consents or other instruments expressing approval of the action proposed to be taken are signed and returned by members having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all of the voting interests were present and voting. If the requisite number of written consents are received by the Secretary within ninety (90) days after the earliest date which appears on any of the consent forms received, the proposed action so authorized shall be of full force and effect on the date the requisite number of written consents are received, as if on the date the requisite number of written consents are received the action had been approved by vote of the members at a meeting of the members held on said date. Within thirty (30) days after the date the requisite number of consents is received, the Board shall send written notice of the action taken to all members who have not consented in writing. Nothing in this paragraph affects the rights of members to call a special meeting of the membership, as provided for by Section 3.2 above, or by law. If the vote is taken by the method described in this section, the list of lot owners on record with the Secretary at the time of mailing the voting material shall be the list of qualified voters.

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The administration of the affairs of the Association shall be by a Board of Directors. All powers and duties granted to the Association by law, as modified and explained in the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, and these Bylaws, shall be exercised by the Board, subject to approval or consent of the lot owners only when such is specifically required.

4.1 Number and Terms of Service. The number of Directors which shall constitute the whole Board of Directors shall be three (3). All Directors shall serve one (1) year terms. A Director's term will end at the annual election at which his successor is to be duly elected, unless he sooner resigns or is recalled as provided in Section 4.5 below. Directors shall be elected by the members as described in Section 4.3 below, or in the case of a vacancy, as provided in Section 4.4 below.

4.2 Qualifications. Each Director must be a lot owner or the primary occupant, or the spouse or non-spouse companion of the owner or primary occupant. A person who is delinquent in the payment to the Association of any assessment, fee, charge, or monetary obligation is not eligible for Board membership and may not be a candidate for the Board. Convicted felons must wait at least five (5) years after their civil rights have been restored before being eligible to be a candidate for the Board. Candidates must meet all other requirements and restrictions for candidacy provided for by the Homeowners' Association Act.

4.3 Elections. In each annual election the members shall elect by written, secret ballot as many Directors as there are regular terms of Directors expiring, unless the balloting is dispensed with as provided for by law.

(A) First Notice; Candidates. Not less than sixty (60) days before the election, the Association shall mail or deliver, or electronically transmit to lot owners who so consent, to each lot owner entitled to vote, a first notice of the date of the election. The first notice may be given by separate Association mailing or electronic transmission or included in another Association mailing, delivery, or electronic transmission, including regularly published newsletters. Any lot owner or other eligible person desiring to be a candidate may qualify as such by giving

written notice to the Association not less than forty (40) days before the annual election. Notice shall be deemed effective when received by the Association. A person must be eligible to be a candidate to serve on the Board of Directors at the time of the deadline for submitting a notice of intent to run in order to have his or her name listed as a proper candidate on the ballot or to serve on the Board of Directors. Candidates may not be nominated from the floor at the meeting at which the election is to be held.

(B) Second Notice; Candidate Information Sheets. If there are more candidates than there are Directors to be elected, balloting is required, and at least fourteen (14) days before the election, the Association shall mail, deliver, or electronically transmit to lot owners who so consent, a second notice of election to all lot owners entitled to vote in the contested election, together with a ballot which shall list all qualified candidates in alphabetical order, by surname. This notice may also include the notice of the annual meeting required by Section 3.3 above. Upon timely request of a candidate, an information sheet, no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches, which must be furnished by the candidate at least thirty-five (35) days before the election, must be included with the mailing, delivery, or transmission of the ballot, with the costs of mailing, delivery, or electronic transmission and copying to be borne by the association.

(C) Balloting. Where balloting is required, Directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast, provided that at least twenty percent (20%) of the eligible voters cast ballots. Proxies may not be used in the election. In the election of Directors, there shall be appurtenant to each lot as many votes for Directors as there are Directors to be elected, but no lot may cast more than one (1) vote for any candidate, it being intended that voting for Directors shall be non-cumulative. Tie votes may be broken by agreement among the candidates who are tied, by lot or by any other method required or permitted by law. If there is no agreement, the Association shall proceed with a runoff election pursuant to the rules adopted by the Division.

4.4 Resignation; Vacancies on the Board. Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Association, and unless otherwise specified therein, the resignation shall become effective upon receipt. If the office of any Director becomes vacant for any reason, a successor to fill the remaining unexpired term shall be appointed or elected as follows:

(A) Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining Directors, even though the remaining Directors constitute less than a quorum, or by the sole remaining Director. A Director elected or appointed to fill a vacancy shall be elected or appointed for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. If a vacancy is not so filled or if no Director remains, the replacement may be elected by the members or, on the petition of any member, by appointment of the Circuit Court of the county where the Community is located.

(B) If a vacancy occurs on the Board as a result of an increase in the number of Directors or a recall in which less than a majority of the Board members are removed, the vacancy may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum, to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the seat being filled.

(C) If vacancies occur on the Board as a result of a recall, and a majority or more of the Directors are removed, the vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Rule 61B-81, Florida Administrative Code, as amended from time to time, which provides procedures governing the conduct of the recall election as well as the operation of the Association during the period after a recall, but prior to the recall election.

(D) A vacancy that will occur at a specific later date, by reason of a resignation effective at a later date under Section 617.0807 of the Florida Statutes or otherwise, may be filled before the vacancy occurs. However, the new Director may not take office until the vacancy occurs.

4.5 Recall of Directors. Any or all Directors may be recalled, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the entire membership, either by a written petition or at a meeting called for that purpose no earlier than sixty (60) days after the Directors have been elected and no later than sixty (60) days before the next election. The recall of one or more Directors shall occur in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Chapter 61B-80 and Chapter 61B-81, Florida Administrative Code, as amended from time to time. If a meeting is held or a petition is filed for the removal of more than one (1) Director, the question shall be determined separately as to each Director sought to be recalled. If a special meeting is called by ten percent (10%) of the voting interests for the purpose of recall, the notice of the meeting must be accompanied by a dated copy of the signature list, stating the purpose of the signatures. The meeting must be held not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than sixty (60) days after the date of notice of the meeting.

4.6 Organizational Meeting. The organizational meeting of a new Board of Directors shall be held within ten (10) days after the election of new Directors, at such place and time as may be fixed and announced by the Directors at the meeting in conjunction with which they were elected.

4.7 Other Meetings. Meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place in Lee County, Florida, as shall be determined from time to time by the President or a majority of the Directors, or by petition of twenty percent (20%) of the total voting interests of the Association. Notice of meetings shall be given to each Director, personally or by mail, telephone, telegram, or electronic transmission at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting and as otherwise required by law.

4.8 Notice to Owners. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to members except for meetings between the Board and its attorney with respect to proposed or pending litigation where the contents of the discussion would otherwise be governed by the attorney-client privilege or meetings of the Board held to discuss personnel matters, and notices of all Board meetings, together with an agenda, shall be posted conspicuously in the community at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of each Board meeting, except in an emergency. Notice of any Board meeting where assessments are to be considered for any reason shall specifically contain a statement that assessments will be considered and the nature of assessments and the notice shall be provided to the owners by mail, delivery or electronic transmission or broadcast on closed-circuit cable television and conspicuously posted on the property at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Notice of any Board meeting where rules that regulate the use of lots in the community may be adopted, amended or revoked must be provided by mail, delivery or electronic transmission or broadcast on closed-circuit cable television to all members and conspicuously posted on the

property at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting. The notice must include a statement that changes to the rules regarding the use of lots will be considered at the meeting.

4.9 Waiver of Notice. Any Director may waive notice of a meeting before or after the meeting, and such waiver is deemed equivalent to the giving of notice. If all Directors are present at a meeting, no notice to Directors shall be required.

4.10 Quorum of Directors. A quorum at a Board meeting exists only when at least a majority of all Directors are present in person at a duly called meeting. Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board, or meeting of an executive or other committee, by conference telephone call or similar communicative arrangement whereby all persons present can hear and speak to all other persons. Participation in a meeting by such means is equivalent to presence in person.

4.11 Vote Required. The acts approved by a majority of those Directors present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum has been attained shall constitute the acts of the Board of Directors, except when approval by a greater number of Directors is required by the governing documents or by applicable statutes. A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to have voted in favor of any action taken, unless he voted against such action or abstained from voting because of an asserted conflict of interest, and the vote by each Director present on each matter voted upon shall be recorded in the minutes of each meeting. Directors may not vote by proxy or secret ballot at Board meetings, except that secret ballots may be used in the election or removal of officers.

4.12 Adjourned Meetings. The majority of those present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, regardless of whether a quorum has been attained, may adjourn the meeting to be reconvened at a specified later time. When the meeting is reconvened, provided a quorum is present, any business that might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted.

4.13 The Presiding Officer. The President of the Association, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Board of Directors. If neither is present, the presiding officer shall be selected by majority vote of those Directors present.

4.14 Compensation of Directors and Officers and Reimbursement of Expenses. Neither Directors nor officers shall receive compensation for their services as such. Directors and officers may be reimbursed for all actual and proper out-of-pocket expenses related to the proper discharge of their respective duties.

4.15 Committees. The Board of Directors may appoint from time to time such standing or temporary committees, including a search committee, as the Board may deem necessary and convenient for the efficient and effective operation of Sabal Dunes. Any such committee shall have the powers and duties assigned to it in the resolution creating the committee. Only committees assigned with the power to make final decisions requiring the expenditure of Association funds or committees vested with the power to approve or disapprove architectural decisions with respect to a specific Lot owned by a Member shall hold meetings that are open to Members, and such committees shall give notice and hold their meetings with the same formalities as are required for

Board Meeting Committees vested with the power to approve or disapprove architectural decisions with respect to a specified lot of residential property owned by a member of the community may not vote by proxy or secret ballot. Other committees may voluntarily post notices of their meetings and open such meetings to attendance by Members.

4.16 Emergency Powers. In the event of any "emergency" as defined in Paragraph 4.16(G) below, the Board of Directors may exercise the emergency powers described in this Section, and any other emergency powers authorized by Sections 617.0207, and 617.0303, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

(A) Conduct board meetings, committee meetings, elections, or membership meetings, in whole or in part, by telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication after notice of the meetings and board decisions is provided in as practicable a manner as possible, including via publication, radio, United States mail, the Internet, electronic transmission, public service announcements, conspicuous posting on the common area, or any other means the board deems appropriate under the circumstances. Notice of decisions may also be communicated as provided in this paragraph.

(B) Cancel and reschedule an Association meeting.

(C) Designate assistant officers who are not directors. If the executive officer is incapacitated or unavailable, the assistant officer has the same authority during the state of emergency as the executive officer he or she assists.

(D) Relocate the Association's principal office or designate an alternative principal office.

(E) Enter into agreements with counties and municipalities to assist counties and municipalities with debris removal.

(F) Implement a disaster or an emergency plan before, during, or following the event for which a state of emergency is declared, which may include, but is not limited to, turning on or shutting off elevators; electricity; water, sewer, or security systems; or air conditioners for Association buildings.

(G) Based upon the advice of emergency management officials or public health officials, or upon the advice of licensed professionals retained by or otherwise available to the board, determine any portion of the common areas or facilities unavailable for entry or occupancy by owners or their family members, tenants, guests, agents, or invitees to protect their health, safety, or welfare.

(H) Based upon the advice of emergency management officials or public health officials or upon the advice of licensed professionals retained by or otherwise available to the board, determine whether the common areas or facilities can be safely inhabited, accessed, or occupied. However, such determination is not conclusive as to any determination of habitability pursuant to the declaration.

(I) Mitigate further damage, injury, or contagion, including taking action to contract for the removal of debris and to prevent or mitigate the spread of fungus, including mold or mildew, by removing and disposing of wet drywall, insulation, carpet, cabinetry, or other fixtures on or within the common areas or facilities or sanitizing the common areas or facilities.

(J) Notwithstanding a provision to the contrary, and regardless of whether such authority does not specifically appear in the declaration or other recorded governing documents, levy special assessments without a vote of the owners.

(K) Without owners' approval, borrow money and pledge Association assets as collateral to fund emergency repairs and carry out the duties of the Association if operating funds are insufficient. This paragraph does not limit the general authority of the Association to borrow money, subject to such restrictions contained in the declaration or other recorded governing documents.

(2) The authority granted under subsection (1) is limited to that time reasonably necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Association and the parcel owners and their family members, tenants, guests, agents, or invitees, and to mitigate further damage, injury, or contagion and make emergency repairs.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1)(F)-(I), during a state of emergency declared by executive order or proclamation of the Governor pursuant to Section 252.36 of the Florida Statutes, an Association may not prohibit parcel owners, tenants, guests, agents, or invitees of a parcel owner from accessing the common areas and facilities for the purposes of ingress to and egress from the parcel when access is necessary in connection with:

(A) The sale, lease, or other transfer of title of a parcel; or

(B) The habitability of the parcel or for the health and safety of such person unless a governmental order or determination, or a public health directive from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been issued prohibiting such access to the parcel. Any such access is subject to reasonable restrictions adopted by the Association.

(4) An "emergency" exists for purposes of this Section during the time when a quorum of the Board cannot readily be assembled because of the occurrence or imminent occurrence of a catastrophic event, such as a hurricane, earthquake, act of war, civil unrest or terrorism, or other similar event. An "emergency" also exists during the period of time that civil authorities have declared that a state of emergency exists in, or have ordered the evacuation of, the area in which the Community is located, or have declared that area a "disaster area". A determination by any two (2) Directors, or by the President, that an emergency exists shall have presumptive validity.

5. OFFICERS.

5.1 Officers and Elections. The executive officers of the Association shall be a President, and a Vice-President, who must be Directors, a Treasurer and a Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors. Any officer may be removed with or without cause by vote

of a majority of all Directors at any meeting. Any person except the President may hold two (2) or more offices. The Board may, from time to time, appoint such other officers, and designate their powers and duties, as the Board shall find to be required to manage the affairs of the Association. If the Board so determines, there may be more than one Vice-President.

5.2 President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association; he shall preside at all meetings of the members and Directors, shall be *ex-officio* a member of all standing committees, shall have general and active management of the business of the Association, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. He shall execute bonds, mortgages and other contracts and documents requiring the execution of the Association, except where such are permitted by law to be otherwise signed and executed, and the power to execute is delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of the Association.

5.3 Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents, in the order of their seniority shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President; and they shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall assign.

5.4 Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the members and shall cause all votes and the minutes of all proceedings to be recorded in a book or books to be kept for the purpose, and shall perform like duties for the standing committees when required. He shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the President. He shall keep in safe custody the seal of the Association and, when authorized by the Board, affix the same to any instrument requiring it. The Secretary shall be responsible for the proper recording of all duly adopted amendments to the governing documents. Any of the foregoing duties may be performed by an Assistant Secretary if one has been designated.

5.5 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for Association funds and securities, the keeping of full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association, and the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall oversee the disbursement of Association funds, keeping proper documentation for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors, at meetings of the Board, or whenever they may require it, a full accounting of all transactions and of the financial condition of the Association. Any of the foregoing duties may be performed by an Assistant Treasurer, if one (1) has been designated.

5.6 Compensation of officers. No compensation shall be paid to any officer for services as an officer of the Association. This provision does not preclude the Board of Directors from employing officers as employees of the Association.

6. FISCAL MATTERS. The provisions for fiscal management of the Association set forth in the Declaration shall be supplemented by the following provisions:

6.1 Depository. The Association shall maintain its funds in such federally insured accounts at such financial institutions in the State of Florida as shall be designated from time to time by the

Board. Withdrawal of money from such accounts shall be only by such persons as are authorized by the Board. The Board may invest Association funds in interest-bearing accounts, money market funds, certificates of deposit, U.S. Government securities, and other similar investment vehicles.

6.2 Accounts of the Association. The Association shall maintain its accounting books and records according to generally accepted accounting principles. There shall be an account for each lot. Such account shall designate the name and mailing address of each lot owner, the amount and due date of each assessment or charge against the lot, the amounts paid, date of payment and the balance due.

6.3 Budget. The Treasurer shall prepare, and the Board of Directors shall adopt a budget of Association estimated revenues and expenses for each coming fiscal year. Once adopted, the Association shall provide to each member a copy of the annual budget or a written notice that a copy of the budget is available upon request at no charge to the member. The proposed budget shall be detailed and shall show the amounts budgeted by accounts and revenue and expense classifications. The estimated surplus or deficit as of the end of the current year shall be shown and all fees or charges for recreational amenities shall be set out separately.

6.4 Reserves. The Board may establish in the budget one or more restricted reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance. Contingency reserves for unanticipated operating expenses shall be included, if at all, in the operating portion of the budget. These funds may be spent for any purpose approved by the Board. The purpose of reserves is to provide financial stability and to avoid the need for special assessments. The amounts proposed to be so reserved shall be shown in the annual budget.

6.5 Assessments. Regular annual assessments based on the adopted budget shall be paid in quarterly installments in advance, due on the first day of January, April, July, and October of each year. Written notice of any increase in annual assessments shall be sent to all members prior to the beginning of the year the increase takes effect, but failure to send or receive such notice shall not excuse the obligation to pay. If an annual budget for a new fiscal year has not been adopted, or if notice of any increase has not been made, at the time the first quarterly payment for that year is due, it shall be presumed that the amount of such installment is the same as the last prior quarterly payment, and shall be continued at such rate until a budget is adopted and new quarterly installments are calculated at which time an appropriate adjustment shall be added to or subtracted from each unit's next due quarterly installment.

6.6 Special Assessments. Special assessments may be imposed by the Board of Directors when necessary to meet unusual, unexpected, unbudgeted, or non-recurring expenses, or for such other purposes as are authorized by the Declaration and these Bylaws. Special assessments are due on the day specified in the resolution of the Board approving such assessment. The total of all special assessments made coming due in any fiscal year shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total annual budget for that year, including reserves, unless a majority of the voting interests, present, in person or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose first consent. The notice of any special assessment must contain a statement of the purpose(s) of the assessment, and the funds collected must be spent for the stated purpose(s) or returned to the members as provided by law.

6.7 Fidelity Bonds. The President, Secretary and Treasurer, and all other persons who are authorized to sign checks or have access to Association funds, shall be bonded in such amounts as may be required by law or otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. The premiums on such bonds are a common expense.

6.8 Financial Reports. Not later than ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare and complete, or contract with a third party for the preparation and completion of, a financial report for the preceding fiscal year. Within twenty-one (21) days after the final financial report is completed by the Association or received from the third party, but not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of the fiscal year, the Association shall provide each member with a copy of the annual financial report or a written notice that a copy of the financial report is available upon request at no charge to the member in accordance with Chapter 720, Florida Statutes. These full reporting requirements of Section 720.303(7), Florida Statutes, may be waived if approved by at least a majority of the voting interests present in person or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose.

6.9 Audits. A formal, certified audit of the accounts of the Association, if required by law, by vote of a majority of the voting interests, or by a majority of the Board of Directors, shall be made by a certified public accountant, and a copy of the audit report shall be available to all owners.

6.10 Application of Payments and Co-Mingling of Funds. All money collected by the Association may be co-mingled in a single fund or divided into two or more funds, as determined by the Board of Directors. All payments on account by a unit owner shall be applied as to interest, delinquencies, costs and attorney's fees, other charges, and regular or special assessments, in such manner and amounts as the Board may determine.

6.11 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the Association shall begin on the first day of January of each calendar year. The Board of Directors may adopt a different fiscal year in accordance with law and the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

7. RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt and amend administrative rules and regulations governing the use, maintenance, management and control of the Common Areas, the Lots and the operation of the Association. Copies of such rules and regulations shall be furnished to each lot owner.

8. COMPLIANCE AND DEFAULT; REMEDIES. In addition to the remedies provided in Section 12 of the Declaration the following shall apply:

8.1 Fines; Suspensions. The Board of Directors may levy reasonable fines for the failure of the member or the unit's occupant, licensee, or invitee to comply with any provision of the Homeowners' Association Act, the Declaration, the Association Bylaws, or reasonable rules of the Association. fines and/or suspensions Fines shall be in amounts deemed necessary by the Board to deter future violations, but in no event shall any fine exceed the maximum amount allowed by law. Fines may not exceed \$1,000.00. The Board of Directors may suspend, for a reasonable period of time, the right of a member, or a member's lessee, guest, or invitee to use of common areas and facilities for a reasonable period of time to deter future violations. A Suspension cannot be imposed

to prevent access or utility services to the parcel. The procedure for imposing fines and/or suspensions shall be as follows:

(A) A fine or suspension may not be imposed by the Board of Directors unless the Board first provides at least 14 days written notice and an opportunity for a hearing to the member and, if applicable, the member's occupant, licensee, or invitee. The hearing must be held before a committee of other unit owners appointed by the board who are not officers, directors, or employees of the association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of an officer, director, or employee. If the committee, by majority vote, does not approve a proposed fine or suspension, the proposed fine or suspension may not be imposed. The role of the committee is limited to determining whether to confirm or reject the fine or suspension levied by the board. If the proposed fine or suspension levied by the board is approved by the committee, the fine payment is due 5 days after notice of the approved fine is provided to the parcel owner and, if applicable, to any occupant, licensee, or invitee of the parcel owner. The association must provide written notice of such fine or suspension by mail or hand delivery to the parcel owner and, if applicable, to any occupant, licensee, or invitee of the parcel owner.

(B) If a member is more than ninety (90) days delinquent in paying any fee, fine, or other monetary obligation due to the Association, the Association may suspend the right of a member or a Lot's occupant, licensee, or invitee to use common elements, common facilities, or any other Association property until the monetary obligation is paid. For such non-payment of monetary obligations, no notice or hearing is required. However, all suspensions imposed pursuant to this Paragraph (B) must be approved at a properly noticed Board Meeting

8.2 Correction of Health and Safety Hazards. Any violations of Association rules which creates conditions of the property which are deemed by the Board of Directors to be a hazard to the public health or safety may be dealt with immediately as an emergency matter by the Association, and the cost thereof shall be charged to the unit owner.

8.3 Mandatory Mediation. In the event of any dispute as defined in Section 720.311, Florida Statutes, between a Lot owner and the Association arising from the operation of the Community, the parties must submit the dispute to mandatory mediation. Nothing herein shall be construed to require mediation of disputes related to the levy or collection of fees or assessments.

8.4 Availability of Remedies. Each member, for himself, his heirs, successors and assigns, agrees to the foregoing provisions relating to default and abatement of violations regardless of the harshness of the remedy utilized by the Association and regardless of the availability of other legal remedies. It is the intent of all members to give the Association methods and procedures which will enable it to operate on a businesslike basis, to collect those monies due it and to preserve the right of the majority to enjoy the property free from unreasonable disruptions and annoyance.

8.5 Attorney's Fees. The Association has the right to assess, as an Individual Assessment, and Owner for any costs and attorney's fees incurred by the Association in efforts to cause the Owner, his or her family member, guest, or tenant, to come into compliance with the terms of the Governing Documents, whether or not a lawsuit is commenced. In any legal proceeding arising out of an alleged failure of a guest, tenant, residential Owner, officer, Director or the Association

to comply with the requirements of the law, or the Governing Documents, as they may be amended from time to time, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover the costs of the proceeding and such attorney's fees as may be awarded by the court, including appellate attorney fees and costs.

9. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

9.1 Proposal. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by a majority of the Board, or by written petition to the Board, signed by at least one-fourth (1/4th) of the voting interests.

9.2 Procedure. Upon any amendment or amendments to these Bylaws being proposed by said Board or lot owners, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the owners not later than the next annual meeting for which proper notice can still be given.

9.3 Vote Required. Except as otherwise provided by law, or by specific provision of the governing documents, a proposed amendment to these Bylaws shall be adopted if it is approved by a majority of the voting interests who are present and voting, in person or by proxy, at any annual or special meeting called for the purpose, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given to the members in accordance with law.

9.4 Recording; Effective Date. A copy of each adopted amendment shall be attached to a certificate reciting the facts of its adoption, which certificate shall be executed by officers of the Association with the formalities of a deed. The amendment shall be effective when the certificate and copy of the amendment are recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida. The certificate must identify the book and page of the Public Records where the Declaration was originally recorded.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

10.1 Gender. Whenever the masculine or singular form of a pronoun is used in these Bylaws, it shall be construed to mean the masculine, feminine or neuter; singular or plural, as the context requires.

10.2 Severability. Should any portion hereof be void or become unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the instrument shall remain in full force and effect.

10.3 Conflict. If any irreconcilable conflict between these Bylaws and the Declaration or Articles of Incorporation should exist or arise, the provisions of the Declaration or Articles of Incorporation shall prevail over the provisions of these Bylaw