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CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OF AMENDMENTS

**AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF MASTER COVENANTS,
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTION FOR GATEWAY GREENS COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR
GATEWAY GREENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS
OF
GATEWAY GREENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

THIS CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OF AMENDMENTS to the Declaration of Master Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., the Articles of Incorporation of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., and the Bylaws of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc. is made and executed this 17 day of April, 2025, by Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "Association").

WHEREAS, the original Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens, and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Gateway Greens were recorded at Official Records Book 1977, Page 1367 *et seq.* in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida, and subsequently re-recorded with all previously adopted and recorded amendments and supplements at Instrument No. 2018000141529 in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida (hereafter referred to as the "Governing Documents for Gateway Greens"); and

WHEREAS, the Association desires to amend and restate the Governing Documents for Gateway Greens; and

WHEREAS, the Association hereby certifies that a quorum of the voting interests of the entire membership of the Association were present in person or by proxy at the annual meeting of the Association members on **March 31, 2025**; and

WHEREAS, the Amended and Restated Declaration of Master Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., and the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., all as attached hereto and

incorporated herein as Composite Exhibit "A", were approved by a proper percentage of the Association's voting interests pursuant to the Governing Documents for Gateway Greens.

WITNESSES (TWO):

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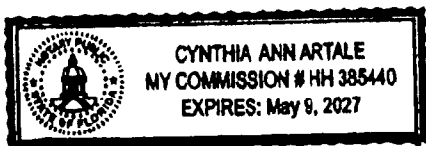
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COUNTY OF Lee

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared G. Edwin Tinkle II, President of GATEWAY GREENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., and Diane Sweeney, Secretary of GATEWAY GREENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., personally known to me or provided _____ identification, and who acknowledged before me that being duly authorized and executed the foregoing Certificate of Recording as the authorized agents for said corporation and that the same is the free act and deed of said corporation, and who did take an oath.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 17th day of April, 2025.



GATEWAY GREENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

[Signature]
By: G. Edwin Tinkle II
Title: President

Date: 4/17/25

[Signature]
Attest: Diane Sweeney
By: Diane Sweeney
Title: Secretary

[Signature]
Notary Public
CYNTHIA ANN ARTALE
(Printed Name of Notary)
My Commission Expires: 5/9/2027



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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS
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NOTE: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OF ENTIRE MASTER DECLARATION. FOR PRESENT TEXT SEE EXISTING MASTER DECLARATION.

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GATEWAY GREENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

NOW, THEREFORE, that on March 18, 1988, the original Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens, and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., were recorded in Official Records Book 1977, Page 1367 et. seq., of the Public Records of Lee County, Florida (hereafter, the "Public Records"); and subsequently re-recorded at Instrument No. 2018000141529 of the Public Records (the "Original Declaration"). That Original Declaration, as it has been amended from time to time, is hereby further amended and is restated in its entirety.

The land subject to this Declaration (hereinafter "Gateway Greens" or the "Property") is legally described in the aforementioned Original Declaration, the exhibits and amendments and supplements thereto. Said legal descriptions are hereby collectively re-recorded and attached hereto as Composite Exhibit "A". No additional land is being added by this instrument and no land is being removed by this instrument. The covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration (as defined in section 1.11 below) shall run with the land and be binding upon and go to the benefit of all present and future Owners in Gateway Greens. The acquisition of title to a Lot, Home or Unit or any other ownership interest in the Property, or the lease, occupancy or use of a portion of a Lot, Home or Unit in the Property, constitutes an acceptance and ratification of all provisions of this Declaration, as it may hereafter be amended from time to time, and an agreement to be bound by its terms.

All prior amendments and supplements to the Original Declaration, recorded in the Public Records, are shown by their recording information in Exhibit "B" hereto. To the extent that an amendment or supplement added land or property to Gateway Greens, or amended the Original Declaration in a manner that does not conflict with this Declaration, those amendments and supplements are incorporated herein by reference. However, in the event of a conflict between an amendment or supplement to the Original Declaration and this Declaration, this Declaration shall control.

1. DEFINITIONS. Defined words and terms, when used in this Declaration or in any Amendment or Supplement thereto, shall, unless the context shall otherwise clearly indicate, have the meanings specified below:

1.1 "Articles" means the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit "C", as amended from time to time.

1.2 "Assessment" or "Assessments" means a share of the funds required for the payment of the expenses of the Master Association which from time to time is assessed against the Members, including without limitation Regular, Special and Individual Assessments.

1.3 "Association" or "Master Association" or "GGCA" means Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, which is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Common Areas and amenities in Gateway Greens, with the exception of improvements belonging to the Country Club (as hereafter defined) and common areas and other improvements maintained by the Neighborhood Associations.

1.4 "Board of Governors" or "Board" means the Board of Governors of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc.

1.5 "Bylaws" means the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit "D", as amended from time to time.

1.6 "Charge" or "Fee" means any legal or equitable indebtedness to the Association incurred by, or on behalf of, a Unit Owner, other than assessments for Common Expenses. Said obligation may arise by oral or written contract, by law or equity, or may be created by the Governing Documents. Charges may include attorney's fees. Said charges may be secured by a lien against the Lot or Unit as provided in Section 3 of this Declaration.

1.7 "Committed Property" shall mean and refer to (a) those portions of GGC described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and (b) those portions of GGC, if any, which may hereinafter become Committed Property pursuant to the recordation of one or more "Supplements" (as that term is described in Article 2.3 hereof.)

1.8 "Common Area" means all real property and all improvements and fixtures thereon described herein and all improvements owned, leased or the use of which has been granted to the Association for the common use and enjoyment of its Members. The Common Areas of the Association include all land described above and subject to this Declaration save and except for the individual Lots and Units, and in the case of a Condominium or Homeowners Association operating a neighborhood within the Property, the appurtenant common elements and common area maintained by that association(s).

1.9 "Common Expenses" or "Operating Expenses" or "Capital Expenditures" means the expenses incurred by the Association in the course of performing its duties under the governing documents and the law. Common Expenses of the Association include the costs of (a) administration and management of the Association, (b) maintenance, Ownership and operation of the Common Areas, (c) any item designated as a Common Expense in this Declaration, (d) any material, service, tax, premium, assessment or charge reasonably or necessarily incurred by the Association arising from its ownership, operation, maintenance, management, administrative or other obligations set forth herein, in the Articles or Bylaws, or which are in furtherance of the purposes of the Association or that are incurred in discharge of any obligation expressly or impliedly imposed on the Association hereby.

1.10 “County” means Lee County, Florida.

1.11 “Declaration” means this Amended and Restated Declaration of Master Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., as amended from time to time. The term “Declaration” shall have the same meaning as the term “Master Declaration” and the term “Master Covenants”.

1.12 “Design Review Committee” or “DRC” means the Design Review Committee as established and empowered in Section 6 of this Declaration. The “Design Review Manual” or “DRM” refers to rules, standards, criteria and procedures governing exterior modifications to Common Areas, Lots, Homes, Units and common areas of Neighborhoods, as they may exist and be amended from time to time.

1.13 “Effective Date” means the date upon which this Amended and Restated Declaration is recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida.

1.14 “First Area Master Plan” shall mean and refer to that portion of Gateway as defined in the Gateway Development of Regional Impact Development Order, as amended from time to time.

1.15 “GATEWAY” shall mean and refer to those certain lands located in Lee County, Florida, with the general boundary of Interstate 75 to the west, Colonial Boulevard Extension to the north, State Road 82 to the east, and Daniels Road to the south, and certain land located to the west of Interstate 75, and such lands as may, from time to time, be added or subtracted from said lands.

1.16 “Gateway Golf & Country Club” or “Country Club” or “Golf Course” means and refers to the private country club within the Property that is privately owned, leased, licensed and/or operated by Gateway Golf Country Club, Inc., a Florida corporation d/b/a The Club at Gateway (hereinafter referred to as the “Golf Course Owner” or “Club Owner”). The property of the Country Club (hereinafter referred to as “Country Club Property”) includes without limitation clubhouses, tennis courts, pro shops, golf courses, driving ranges and golf maintenance facilities, all of which are maintained and operated by the Country Club. Only the Clubhouse Site is part of the Committed Property. The Country Club’s members (regardless of membership type), guests, vendors, suppliers and employees are all invitees of the Country Club and Club Owner and bound by the Governing Documents. The Golf Course is not Committed Property. The Clubhouse Site is defined and described in that certain Nineteenth Supplement to the Original Declaration, recorded at O.R. Book 3544, Page 1217 of the County Public Records, and re-recorded at O.R. Book 3556, Page 1521 of the County Public Records to include the legal description of the Clubhouse Site (hereinafter the “Nineteenth Supplement”). The Nineteenth Supplement, incorporated herein by reference, sets forth the provisions of the Declaration that are binding on the Clubhouse Site.

1.17 “Gateway Greens” or “GGCA” or “Gateway Greens Community” means and refers to certain real property within GATEWAY, in Lee County, Florida, which may from time to time be designated as Committed Property as that term is defined herein. The residential property

described in the First Area Master Plan which lies westerly of Gateway Boulevard and the Golf Course, is included in GGC. Not all of GGC is Committed Property under this Declaration.

1.18 "Governing Documents" means and includes this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations of the Association, and Policies and Resolutions of the Board of Governors, and all recorded exhibits thereto, all as amended from time to time. In the event of a conflict in the interpretation of the Governing Documents, they shall be applied in the order of priority as listed herein.

1.19 "GSD" or "CDD" shall mean and refer to the Gateway Services District, a community development district established by the State of Florida.

1.20 "Guest" means any person who is physically present in, or occupies a Lot, Home or Unit on a temporary basis. Owners are responsible for the conduct of their Guests and ensuring that their Guests abide by the Association's covenants, rules and restrictions as they exist from time to time.

1.21 "Individual Assessments" means any assessment levied only against a Lot, Home or Unit Owner for charges, expenses and professional fees incurred by the Association to correct maintenance obligations or other violations of the Governing Documents.

1.22 "Institutional Mortgagee" means:

(A) a lending institution having a first mortgage lien upon a Lot, Home or Unit, including any of the following institutions: a Federal or State savings and loan or building and loan association, a bank chartered by a state or federal government, a real estate investment trust, a pension and profit sharing trust, a mortgage company doing business in the State of Florida or a life insurance company; or

(B) a governmental, quasi-governmental or private agency that is engaged in the business of holding, guaranteeing or insuring residential mortgage loan (including without limitation the Federal National Mortgage Association), Governmental National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Housing Administration and Veterans Administration which holds, guarantees or insures a first mortgage upon a Living Unit.

(C) An "Institutional Mortgage" is a mortgage held by an Institutional Mortgagee encumbering a Lot, Home or Unit.

1.23 "Lease" or "Rental" means the grant by a residential Owner of a temporary right of use of the Owner's Unit or Home with or without valuable consideration.

1.24 "Lot", "Home", or "Unit" means the residential lots and living units located within the Property described in Exhibit "A" subdivided for residential use upon which a fee simple title to a Home or Unit has been conveyed to the Owner, or which is approved for construction of a Home or Unit, and is shown on the Plats or other description of the Property, but shall not include the Common Areas. The Lots, Homes and Units may be depicted and numbered on sketches or

surveys attached to other documents as recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida. There are currently 1,425 residential Lots with 1,418 Homes and Units built thereon, 6 undeveloped and vacant residential Lots, and 8 Country Club Units, for a total of 1,439 Units.

1.25 “Maintenance”, “Repair” and “Replacement.” Maintenance means the upkeep or preservation of the condition of the property. Repair means to mend, remedy, or restore to a sound or good state after decay, injury, dilapidation or partial destruction. Replace means to place again or restore to a former condition after substantial or full destruction.

1.26 “Members” means and refers to those persons who are entitled to Membership in the Association as provided in its Governing Documents.

1.27 “Neighborhood” shall mean and refer to any development of Homes or Units, business development or other sub-area development within the Committed Property, which has been designated as such by the developer(s) of GGC in a written instrument and which is within the Committed Property.

1.28 “Neighborhood Association” means any property Owners association, Homeowners’ association, condominium association or other such entity, their successors and assigns, responsible for administering a neighborhood within Gateway Greens. The covenants, rules and restrictions of a Neighborhood Association shall be subordinate to the Governing Documents, and in the event of a conflict between the Governing Documents and the documents or rules of a Neighborhood Association, the Governing Documents shall control.

1.29 “Neighborhood Common Area” shall mean and refer to all real property including any improvements and fixtures thereon, owned, leased or the use of which has been granted to a Neighborhood or Neighborhood Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners in such Neighborhood.

1.30 “Neighborhood Covenants” shall mean and refer to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, and other provisions imposed by a recorded instrument applicable to one or more specific Neighborhoods but not to all Neighborhoods.

1.31 “Occupy” when used in connection with a Home or Unit, means the act of staying overnight in a Home or Unit. **“Occupant”** is a person who occupies a Home or Unit.

1.32 “Owner” or “Unit Owner” means the record Owner of legal title to a Lot, Home or Unit.

1.33 “Primary Occupant” means the natural person approved for occupancy of a Home or Unit when title thereto is held in the name of two or more persons who are not husband and wife, or by a trustee or a corporation or other entity which is not a natural person. When used in reference to a Home or Unit owned in one of the forms listed above, the term “primary occupant” shall be synonymous with the term “Owner”. This defined term is directed at occupancy only. For example, if two (2) investors purchase a Home together, both of their Families cannot be approved for occupancy. One of the Owners (including the Owner’s family) must be designated as the Primary Occupant who will be the sole occupants.

1.34 "Property", "Properties", "Gateway Greens" or "Community" means all the real property that is subject to this Declaration.

1.35 "Rules and Regulations" or "Rules" means the rules, regulations, and policies governing the Property, including the Common Areas, Association Property, and the Lots, Homes and Units, that may be promulgated or amended by the Board from time to time by resolution.

1.36 "Special Assessments" means any assessment levied against a Lot, Home or Unit Owner for unforeseen or unbudgeted Common Expenses other than the regular assessment required by a budget adopted annually.

1.37 "Structure" means that which is built or constructed, or any piece of work artificially built or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner, the use of which requires a more or less permanent location on the ground. The term shall be construed as if followed by the words "or part thereof". The term includes, without limitation, all Homes, Units, swimming pools, spas, fences, flagpoles, antennas, basketball backboards, skateboard ramps, swing sets or other play equipment, and storage sheds.

1.38 "Vendors" and "Suppliers". Vendors are individuals and entities who perform commercial work or services at a Lot, Home, Home or on Common Areas. Suppliers are individuals and entities who deliver or provide commercial products or supplies to Lots, Homes, Units and Common Areas. Vendors and Suppliers are invitees of Owners or the Association (as the case may be).

2. ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

2.1 Purpose. The purpose of the Association shall be to hold title, operate, maintain and repair the Common Area, including, but not limited to roadways, sidewalks, gatehouse facilities, landscaping, entrance monuments and any improvements thereon, and medians in the streets within the Properties designated by the Board of Governors; to enforce restrictive covenants applicable to the Association; to adopt architectural guidelines and restrictions to be enforced as provided herein; to pay costs incident to these responsibilities and the costs of street lighting for the Common Area; the option to contract with cable television and internet companies and other bulk service providers; to take such other action as the Association is authorized to take pursuant to the Governing Documents or applicable law, as amended from time to time; and to communicate, publish and store covenants and guidelines on the Association's website.

2.2 Membership. Every Owner of record title to a Lot, Home or Unit shall be a Member of the Association, and by acceptance of a deed or other instrument evidencing his/her Ownership interest, each Owner accepts his/her Membership in the Association, acknowledges the authority of the Association as herein stated, and agrees to abide by and be bound by the provisions of the Governing Documents, as amended from time to time. Membership in the Association automatically terminates upon the sale or transfer of an Owner's title or interest in a Lot, Unit or Home.

2.3 **Voting Rights.**

(A) One (1) vote may be cast for each Lot, Home or Unit owned by a Member. The Golf Course Owner may cast eight (8) total votes (as stated in the Nineteenth Supplement). In the event that two (2) or more Members are the Owners of a Lot, Home or Unit, then the Member who shall be entitled to cast the vote shall be determined by the method in the Association's Bylaws.

(B) The votes of Members shall be cast at meetings of the Members by their representative (the "Representative") if the Lot, Home or Unit owned by such Member is operated, governed or administered by a Neighborhood Association. The Representative shall be the President of the Neighborhood Association or the President's written proxy. Such votes of the Members shall be cast by the Representative in the same manner as they were cast at a meeting of the members of such Neighborhood Association duly called and held in accordance with the articles and bylaws of such Neighborhood Association. The Representative shall, prior to voting such votes at a meeting of its members, supply the Master Association with an affidavit attesting to the outcome of such vote by the members of the Neighborhood Association. No member of a Neighborhood Association, except the Representative or the Representative's written proxy, may directly cast a vote at a meeting of the Members of the Master Association. The Master Association shall be under no duty or obligation to determine whether the manner for determining how such votes are cast is correct, fair or equitable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Members of the Master Association shall vote directly, and not through a Representative, for the election or recall of the Board of Governors as further provided in the Master Association's Bylaws.

2.4 Delegation of Management. The Association may contract for the management and maintenance of those portions of the Property it is required to maintain, and may authorize a licensed management company to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing functions which may include but are not limited to the submission of proposals, collection of assessments, keeping of records, enforcement of rules and maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Areas with funds made available by the Association for such purposes.

2.5 Powers and Duties. The powers and duties of the Association include those set forth in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, and in the Governing Documents, all as amended from time to time. Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, may be referenced throughout as the "Homeowners' Association Act", or the "Act". The Association may contract, sue or be sued with respect to the exercise or non-exercise of its powers and duties. For these purposes, the powers of the Association include, but are not limited to, the maintenance, management, and operation of the Common Areas. The Association has the power to enter into agreements to acquire leaseholds, Memberships and other Ownership, possessory, easement or use interests in lands or facilities for the use and enjoyment of the Owners.

2.6 Official Records. The Association shall maintain its official records as required by section 720.303(4) of the Act. The records shall be open to inspection by Members or their authorized representatives pursuant to section 720.303(5) of the Act. The right to inspect the records includes

a right to make or obtain photocopies at the reasonable expense of the Member seeking copies. The Association may adopt reasonable rules governing the frequency, time, location, notice and manner of inspection.

2.7 Purchase of Unit. The Association has the power to purchase a Lot, Home or Unit in Gateway Greens in connection with the foreclosure of an Association lien for assessments, charges or fines or any other foreclosure of an interest that affects the Association's lien and to hold, lease, mortgage, encumber or convey them with such power to be exercised by the Board of Governors without prior approval of the Members. In all other cases approval of the Members is required as provided in Section 2.8 below.

2.8 Interests in Real Property. The Association has the power to acquire property, both real and personal. The power to acquire personal property shall be exercised by the Board of Governors. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.7 above, the power to acquire, encumber or convey Ownership interests in real property shall be exercised by the Board of Governors only after approval by at least a majority (50%+1 vote) of the total voting interests in the Association.

2.9 Disposition of Personal Property. Any personal property owned by the Association, may be mortgaged, sold, or otherwise encumbered or disposed of by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Governors, without need for authorization by the Owners.

2.10 Roster. The Association shall maintain a current roster of names and mailing addresses of Owners, based upon information supplied by the Owners. Owners are responsible for notifying the Association of any change in their mailing address or names. All such notices shall be in writing. A copy of the official roster (as defined by section 720.303(4), Florida Statutes) shall be made available to any Member upon request. The roster shall include e-mail addresses for those Owners who consent in writing to receive official Association notices by e-mail, subject to applicable law. It is the obligation of each Owner to keep the Association informed as to his or her mailing address (including e-mail address if the Owner has provided consent as provided above) and contact information.

2.11 Acts of the Association. Unless the approval or affirmative vote of the Owners is specifically made necessary by some provision of the law or the governing documents, all approvals or actions permitted or required to be given or taken by the Association may be given or taken by its Board of Governors, without a vote of the Owners. The officers and Governors of the Association have a fiduciary relationship to the Owners. An Owner does not have the authority to act for or bind the Association by reason of being an Owner.

3. ASSESSMENTS and RESALE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION. The provisions of this section shall govern assessments and capital contributions payable by all Owners and buyers of Lots, Homes and Units, and the Common Expenses of the Association not directly attributable to one of the Lots, Homes or Units.

3.1 Covenant to Pay Assessments. Each Owner of a Lot, Home or Unit by the act of becoming an Owner covenants and agrees, and each subsequent Owner of any Lot, Home or Unit

(including any purchaser at a judicial sale), by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay the Association:

- (A) the Owner's share of annual assessments based on the annual budget adopted by the Board of Governors for budgeted Common Expenses of the Master Association;
- (B) the Owner's pro rata share of Special Assessments for capital improvements or other unanticipated or unbudgeted Master Association expenditures not provided for by annual assessments;
- (C) any charges properly levied against individual Owner(s) as provided in this Declaration which are not shared by other Owners (which are referred to as "Individual Assessments" throughout).

Assessments and charges shall be established and collected as provided herein and elsewhere in the Governing Documents. The Owner of each Lot, Home or Unit, regardless of how title was acquired, is liable for all assessments or installments thereon coming due while he is the Owner. Multiple Owners are jointly and severally liable. Except as provided in Section 3.11 below, whenever title to a Lot, Home Unit is transferred for any reason, the transferee is jointly and severally liable with the transferor for all unpaid assessments and charges against the transferor, regardless of when incurred, without prejudice to any right the transferee may have to recover from the transferor any amounts paid by the transferee. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments and charges provided for herein by waiver or non-use of the Common Areas, by abandonment, or otherwise. Except as provided elsewhere in the Governing Documents as to Institutional Mortgagees or as to Association-owned Lots, Homes or Units, no Owner may be excused from the payment of assessments unless all Owners are similarly excused. Assessments and other funds collected by or on behalf of the Master Association become the property of the Master Association. No Owner has the right to claim, assign or transfer any interest therein except as an appurtenance to the Owner's Lot, Home or Unit. No Owner can withdraw or receive distribution of the Owner's prior payments to the common surplus or Master Association reserves, except as otherwise provided herein or by law. Each Neighborhood Association shall have the obligation to collect the assessments for the Lots, Units or Homes that it administers or controls and pay same to the Master Association when such assessment is due in accordance with this Declaration. An Owner's failure to pay the Neighborhood Association the assessments due hereunder shall not relieve the Neighborhood Association's obligation to timely remit to the Master Association all assessments due hereunder. The Master Association may, in its sole discretion, elect to collect or not collect assessments directly from Owners.

3.2 Purposes of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used to promote the general welfare of the Owners and residents of Gateway Greens; to operate, maintain, repair, improve, construct, and preserve (on a non-profit basis) the Common Areas owned by the Association for the benefit of its Members, their guests, tenants and invitees; and to perform all other duties and responsibilities of the Association as provided in the governing documents. Common Expenses also include the funds necessary to provide reserve accounts for:

- (A) renovation or major repairs to the Common Areas;

(B) emergency and other repairs required as a result of storm, fire, natural disaster or other casualty loss; and

(C) capital improvements and deferred maintenance.

3.3 Share of Assessments, Regular, Special and Individual. The Owners of each Lot, Home or Unit shall be liable for an equal pro-rata share of the annual and special assessments levied by the Association for Common Expenses of the Master Association. All monetary fines assessed against an Owner pursuant to the Governing Documents, or any expense or charge of the Association attributable to or on behalf of an individual Owner pursuant to the Governing Documents, shall be an Individual Assessment and shall become a lien against such Owner's Lot, Home or Unit which may be foreclosed or otherwise collected as provided herein to the extent authorized by law. In the event that a Home or Unit is built on more than one (1) Lot, the Owner shall only be assessed and charged for bulk cable and internet service that is activated for the Home or Unit (i.e. the Owner will not be assessed for bulk cable and internet for multiple Lots if only a single Home or Unit is connected for service).

3.4 Special Assessments. Special Assessments include those assessments levied for capital improvements which include the costs (whether in whole or in part) of constructing or acquiring improvements for or on the Common Areas, or the cost (whether in whole or in part) of reconstructing or replacing such improvements. Special Assessments also include those assessments for unbudgeted Common Expenses where, in the sole discretion of the Board of Governors, the Board determines that the expense is proper and that a Special Assessment is necessary. Special Assessments levied against Owners and other parties responsible for assessments hereunder shall be paid in addition to regular annual assessments. Special Assessments will be billed directly to Neighborhood Associations and not individually to the Owners who are members of a Neighborhood Association. Special Assessments shall be paid in such installments or in a lump sum as the Board of Governors shall determine from time to time. Unless otherwise provided by the Act or other applicable law(s), Special Assessments may be levied by vote of the Board and shall not require approval of the Owners.

3.5 Capital Contribution Fees. There are two (2) types of capital contribution fees owed to the Master Association upon a sale of a Lot, Home or Unit.

(A) Initial Sale. The Master Association shall require the purchaser of a vacant Lot, at the time of commencing construction of a Home or Unit on the vacant Lot, to pay the Master Association an initial capital contribution fee. The amount of any such initial capital contribution shall be as determined at the sole discretion of the Board of Governors of the Master Association by Resolution, however in no event shall the amount exceed two (2) times more than the re-sale capital contribution owed by purchasers under section 3.5(B) below without approval from a majority of the Owners who are present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Further, the applicable amount of the initial capital contribution fee shall be the amount in effect when the bona fide purchase contract is fully executed and no change in the initial capital contribution fee shall apply to bona fide purchase contracts entered into before such change.

(B) Re-Sales. The Master Association shall require the purchaser on re-sale of a Lot, Home or Unit, at the time of closing the conveyance from seller to purchaser, to pay the Master Association a re-sale capital contribution fee. The amount of any such re-sale capital contribution shall be \$3,000.00, and the Board shall have the right to increase that amount by up ten percent (10%) annually without approval of the Owners. Any annual increase over 10% shall require approval from at least a majority of the Owners who are present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present. In any event, the re-sale capital contribution shall not exceed two (2) times the Regular annual assessment levied against Owners at the time of the conveyance. Further, the applicable amount of the re-sale capital contribution fee shall be the amount in effect when the bona fide purchase contract is fully executed and no change in the re-sale capital contribution fee shall apply to bona fide purchase contracts entered into before such change.

(C) The funds derived from capital contributions collected pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) above shall be used at the sole discretion of the Board of Governors in order to meet Common Expenses or other unbudgeted expenses of the Association. The capital contribution fees, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be an Individual Assessment hereunder and the personal obligation of the purchaser of the Lot, Home or Unit and shall be secured by a continuing lien. Said lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as provided herein for an assessment lien. For purposes of this Section, the term "conveyance" shall mean the transfer of record legal title to a Lot, Home or Unit by deed or other authorized means of conveyance, with or without valuable consideration, and shall also refer to a transfer of possession and beneficial Ownership by means of an agreement for deed. It does not refer to a transfer of title resulting from foreclosure of a lien, or death of the transferee, nor to a transfer of title (via trust or otherwise) to the transferor's spouse, domestic partner, or Family members without changing occupancy, solely for estate planning or tax reasons.

3.6 Lien. The Association has a lien on each Lot, Home and Unit for unpaid past due Master Association assessments, fines and charges, together with interest, late payment penalties, costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Association in the collections process and in enforcing this lien. The Association's lien shall relate back to the date the original declaration was recorded in the Public Records. The lien is perfected by recording a Claim of Lien in the public records of the County, which Claim of Lien shall state the description of the property encumbered thereby, the name of the record Owner, the amounts then due and the dates when due. The lien shall continue in effect until all sums secured by said lien have been fully paid, and the lien satisfied or discharged. The Claim of Lien shall secure all unpaid assessments, charges, and fines plus interests, late fees, costs and attorney fees which are due and which may accrue or come due after the recording of the Claim of Lien and before the entry of a final judgment of foreclosure. Upon full payment, the person making payment is entitled to a satisfaction of the lien. The Master Association's lien does not extend to any assessments or charges separately levied by a Neighborhood Association solely for expenses incurred by that Neighborhood Association.

3.7 Foreclosure of Lien. The Association may bring an action in its name to foreclose its lien for unpaid assessments or charges by the procedures and in the same manner as is provided in the

Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. All unpaid assessments, fines, charges, interest, late fees, attorney fees and costs also constitute a personal obligation of the Owners, and the Association may, in addition to any other remedy herein provided, bring an action at law against any Owner liable for such unpaid amounts. If final judgment is obtained, such judgment shall include interest on the assessments as above provided and reasonable attorney fees to be fixed by the court, together with the costs of the action, and the Association shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs in connection with any appeal of such action. If the Association holds title due to its foreclosure action or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, the Association will not be considered an "Owner" that is jointly and severally liable with any subsequent buyer for the payment of any monetary amounts due to the Association.

3.8 Priority of Liens. The Association's lien shall relate back to the date the Original Declaration was recorded in the County's public records and be superior to, and take priority over, any other mortgage, lien or interest recorded after that date except as provided for by law. Any lease of a Home or Unit shall be subordinate and inferior to the lien of the Association, regardless of when the lease was executed.

3.9 Application of Payments; Failure to Pay; Interest. Assessments, charges and installments thereon paid on or before thirty (30) days after the date due shall not bear interest, but all sums not so paid shall bear interest at 1.5% monthly or the highest rate allowed by law, calculated from the date due until paid. In addition to interest the Association may also charge an administrative late payment fee in an amount not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by law. Assessments, charges and installments thereon shall become due on the date established in the Bylaws or otherwise set by the Board of Governors for payment. Any restrictive endorsement or instruction on or accompanying a payment notwithstanding, all payments on account shall be applied first to interest, then, to late fees, then to costs (including but not limited to reasonable collection charges imposed by the management company, attorney and court), then to attorney's fees, then to fines (if allowed by law), then to other charges, and then to the oldest outstanding unpaid regular, special or individual assessments. No payment by check is deemed received until the check has cleared. The Association shall also have the right to require any tenant occupying the Home or Unit to pay rent directly to the Association until such time that all assessments and other charges owed to the Association are paid and current. Any tenant who fails to comply with a demand for rent from the Association shall be subject to eviction proceedings under Chapter 83, Florida Statutes. The Association may suspend the voting and use rights of a Member, or the Member's tenant, guest or invitee for the nonpayment of any monetary obligation that is delinquent in excess of ninety (90) days. A person who is delinquent in the payment of any fee, fine, or other monetary obligation to the Association is not eligible to run in an election for the Board, and any Board Member who becomes delinquent on any monetary obligation to the Association in excess of ninety (90) days is no longer eligible to serve and shall be deemed to have resigned and abandoned his or her seat.

3.10 Acceleration. If any special assessment or installment of a regular assessment becomes more than sixty (60) days past due, the Association shall have the right to accelerate the due date of the entire unpaid balance of the Home or Unit's assessments for that fiscal year. The due date for all accelerated amounts shall be the date the Claim of Lien was recorded in the public records. In the event a delinquency continues into the next fiscal year after acceleration, the Association

shall be entitled to accelerate the assessment for each fiscal year in which the Owner remains more than thirty (30) days past due. The Association's Claim of Lien shall secure payment of the entire accelerated obligation, together with interest on the entire balance, attorney fees and costs as provided by law; and said Claim of Lien shall not be satisfied or released until all sums secured by it have been paid. The right to accelerate shall be exercised by sending to the delinquent Owner a notice of the exercise, by certified or registered mail to the Owner's last known address and shall be deemed given upon mailing of the notice.

3.11 Removal of Property. After the Association successfully performs a foreclosure on a Lot, Home or Unit and is issued a Certificate of Title, if the Owner does not remove personal property from the foreclosed premise, such property will be deemed forfeited to the Association and the Association may authorize removal and may sell or donate such forfeited property after ten (10) days written notice by certified mail addressed to the Owner at the last known address or at such address on record as provided to the Association. Such remedy shall be in addition to all other remedies available to the Association under applicable laws, rules and regulations including the right to compel removal of the property and right to impose any and all fines.

3.12 Certificate as to Assessment, Mortgagee Questionnaire. Within ten (10) days after request by an Owner or Institutional Mortgagee, the Association shall provide a certificate (sometimes referred to as an "estoppel letter") stating whether all assessments and other monies owed to the Association by the Owner with respect to the Home or Unit have been paid. Any person other than the Owner who relies upon such certificate shall be protected thereby. The Association or its authorized agent may charge a reasonable fee for the estoppel letter, which shall be due upon preparation of the letter. If the Association elects to respond to a mortgagee questionnaire the Association may charge a reasonable fee (in addition to any charge for an estoppel letter), plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred for doing so.

3.13 Mortgage Foreclosure. If an Institutional Mortgagee of a first mortgage acquires title to a Lot, Home or Unit as a result of foreclosure of the mortgage, or as the result of a deed given in lieu of foreclosure, such acquirer of title shall be liable for the share of regular, special and individual assessments attributable to the Lot, Home or Unit, or to the former Owner, which came due prior to the mortgagee's acquisition of title, plus interest, late fees, attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Association in the collections process, and the Association will not be considered jointly and severely liable for the payment of any monetary amounts with any subsequent buyer if the Association holds title due to its foreclosure action or by deed in lieu of foreclosure. Any unpaid share of assessments for which such acquirer is exempt from liability becomes a Common Expense collectible from all Owners, including such acquirer and the Owner's successors and assigns. All other persons or entities acquiring title to a Lot, Home or Unit as the result of a foreclosure or other Court ordered sale shall be obligated to pay all past due charges, assessments, interest, late fees, attorney's fees and costs regardless of whether or not the Association has filed a lien and the Association will not be considered jointly and severely liable for the payment of any monetary amounts with any subsequent buyer if the Association holds title due to its foreclosure action or by deed in lieu of foreclosure. No Owner or acquirer of title to a Lot, Home or Unit by foreclosure, or by a deed in lieu of foreclosure, may be excused from the payment of any charges, assessments, interest, late fees, attorney's fees and costs coming due after title is acquired.

4. EASEMENTS AND COMMON AREAS. The following easements are hereby granted and/or reserved and Common Areas described:

(A) Easements for the performance of all its duties and responsibilities over, across and through the Property are hereby reserved for the Association and its agents, managers, employees, licensees and invitees.

(B) Easements over, across and through the Property are hereby granted to the Association for access to their exterior portions of each Home and Unit for the purpose of providing necessary maintenance as determined by the Association.

4.1 Appurtenant Easements. Subject to the restrictions found elsewhere in this Section 4, the Owner of each Lot, Home or Unit, their guests, lessees and invitees, shall have as an appurtenance to their Lot, Home or Unit a perpetual nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress over, across and through the Common Areas, for the use and enjoyment of all recreational facilities, such use and enjoyment to be shared in common with the other Owners of Lots, Homes and Units, their guests, lessees and invitees, subject to the provisions of this Declaration.

4.2 Interior Roadway Easements. The roadways are subject to the rules and regulations as the Association imposes, however, each Owner of a Lot, Home or Unit shall have an easement for ingress and egress over said roadway system. The Association shall have the right to establish parking regulations and to enforce such regulation by all lawful means.

4.3 Utility Easements.

(A) A perpetual easement shall exist upon, over, under and across the Property for the purpose of maintaining, installing, repairing, altering and operating all utilities including but not limited to sewer lines, water lines, waterworks, sewer works, force mains, lift stations, water mains, sewer mains, water distribution systems, sewage disposal systems, effluent disposal systems, pipes, valves, gates, pipelines, cable television and all machinery and apparatus appurtenant thereto as may be necessary for the installation and maintenance of utilities servicing all Owners of Lots, Homes and Units and the Common Areas. All such easements shall be of a size, width and location so as to minimize and not unreasonably interfere with the use of any improvements which are now, or will be, located upon the Property.

(B) The Association reserves the right, and the power, to declare and file of record, additional easements granting the full free right, power and authority to lay, operate and maintain all utilities facilities that the Association or GSD is responsible for pursuant to this Declaration, as amended or supplemented. This reserved easement right shall be through, in, over and under a strip of land up to seven (7) feet in width from all sides, front and rear lines of any Lot, Common Area or Neighborhood Common Area, and no Structure shall be placed on such seven (7) foot strip. The duration of any such easement shall be as set forth in an instrument of record. Said easement and the rights granted shall not be inconsistent with the then existing improvements on the applicable portions of the Lot, Common Area or Neighborhood Common Area.

(C) The Association further reserves the right to impose upon the Common Area and Neighborhood Common Area such easements and cross-easements for ingress and egress and the installation, maintenance, construction or repair of facilities, including, but not limited to, electric power, telephone, golf cart crossings, governmental purposes, sewer, water, gas, drainage, irrigation, lighting, television transmission, security, garbage and waste removal and the like as it deems to be in the best interests of, and necessary and proper for GGC, the Property or the Golf Course.

4.4 Buffer Areas, Open Space, Drainage and Storm Water Management Systems. The buffer areas and open space are Common Areas. The maintenance, operation and preservation of the buffer areas and open space are the responsibility of the Master Association. The GSD owns and shall be responsible to maintain and operate the drainage and Storm Water Management Systems within the Common Area, including but not limited to the utilities and water and sewer system aspects thereof. The GSD shall own, operate, and maintain the Storm Water Management System as permitted by the South Florida Water Management District, including without limitation, all ponds, retention areas, culverts, and related appurtenances. GSD's ownership of said facilities is vested in that certain quit claim deed from the Master Association, recorded May 30, 2014 at Instrument Number 2014000114068 of the County Public Records. The GSD, and the Association and Owners as beneficiaries of the Storm Water Management System, are hereby provided the right to legally enforce the warranties, covenants, and assurances provided herein. The Storm Water Management System, including all water management and drainage aspects of all easements and rights of way, as well as any other covenants creating obligations of performance with respect to the drainage systems, will be continuously maintained by the GSD.

4.5 Subordination. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing to the contrary, it is understood that these covenants and restrictions are subordinate, and will be subordinate without the necessity of any other instrument, to any existing easement or easements to any public or quasi-public utility for the installation and maintenance of service lines in the Common Areas.

4.6 Extent of Easements. The rights and easements of enjoyment created hereby shall be subject to the following:

(A) the right of the Association, in accordance with its Bylaws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving and/or maintaining the Common Areas and providing the services herein, and, to aid thereof, to mortgage said properties;

(B) the right of the Association to impose rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas and Association property;

(C) the right of the Association to a non-exclusive easement over, across and through the exterior portions of each Lot, Home or Unit as necessary to meet the Association's maintenance responsibilities; and

(D) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any Common Areas by an Owner's tenants, guests or invitees.

4.7 Encroachments. Any Owner of a Lot, Home or Unit in the Property which contains an existing structure which encroaches upon another Lot, Home or Unit, or the Common Areas, shall have a valid and perpetual easement for the encroachment and maintenance of same, as long as it stands and exists.

4.8 Country Club Property. The Country Club Property and Golf Course is privately owned, leased, licensed and/or operated by the Club Owner and is not part of the Common Areas. Only the "Clubhouse Site" is part of the Committed Property, as further stated in section 1.7 of this Declaration. The Country Club has the exclusive right to determine from time to time, in its sole discretion and without notice or approval of any change, how and by whom the Country Club Property shall be used. The Country Club Property is held and is subject to an easement (the "Club Easement of Enjoyment") for the use of the Country Club Property in accordance with its membership plan documents and all improvements now or hereafter located thereon, which Club Easement of Enjoyment shall be appurtenant to and shall run forever with the title to each Lot, Home and Unit, for the benefit of the Owners. The Nineteenth Supplement (as defined in Section 1.17 of this Declaration) sets forth the provisions of the Original Declaration which were binding on the Clubhouse Site as part of the Committed Property. Those provisions of the Original Declaration (specifically Articles 6 and 7) are hereby restated in this Section 4.8 in their entirety with respect to only the Clubhouse Site and the Club Owner's obligations to pay assessments to the Association and the Club Owner's voting rights in the Association. The Club Owner and Clubhouse Site is also subject to Section 3 of this Declaration (assessment obligations) and Section 2.3 of this Declaration (voting rights). Further, as an Owner with the obligation to pay assessments and voting rights in the Association hereunder, the Club Owner and the Committed Property shall be subject to the requirements of the Act and also the Association's legal right to promulgate reasonable rules, regulations and policies with respect to the operation of the Association and its Common Area. By way of example, if a member or invitee of the Country Club fails or refuses to comply with the Act, the Governing Documents, or the Association's reasonable rules, regulations and policies with respect to the safe and proper use of the Association's Common Area (in the same manner that applies to other Owners and Members of the Association), the Club Owner and/or its members and invitees shall be liable for an Individual Assessment that may be levied by the Association's Board pursuant to Section 3 of this Declaration. Further, the Association reserves the right to impose fines and suspensions against the Club Owner, the Clubhouse Site and members and invitees of the Country Club as authorized by the Act.

The Country Club also reserves the following powers:

- (A) To exercise all the rights described herein and elsewhere in Country Club's bylaws, rules and Membership plan documents or allowed by law in regard to the Country Club Property.
- (B) To grant easements over the Common Areas, Lots, Homes and Units on the Property to permit the doing of every act necessary and proper to the playing of golf. These acts shall include, but not be limited to, the recovery of golf balls from any area of the Property, the flights of golf balls over and upon the Property, the use of necessary and usual equipment upon the Golf Course, the usual and common noise level created by the playing

of the game of golf, together with all of the other common and usual activity associated with the operation of the Country Club's golf course and golf facilities.

(C) To determine from time to time, in its sole discretion and without notice or approval of any change, how and by whom the Country Club Property shall be used.

4.9 Errant Golf Balls. All persons owning, occupying, using or entering on the country club property, or common areas, lots, homes and units near or adjacent to the golf course are hereby notified that there is a possibility that errant and misdirected golf shots may result in injury or damage to persons or property. Neither the Association, any director, officer, employee nor agent thereof shall be liable for any such injury or damage including without limitation, as to the design of the golf course or any property adjacent or nearby the golf course or as to any maintenance of any of the foregoing. Accordingly, all persons owning, occupying, using or entering upon any common area, lot, home or unit within, adjacent to or near the golf course assumes the risk of injury or damage from such errant golf balls.

4.10 Irrigation of Golf Course. All Owners within Gateway Greens hereby acknowledge and agree to the irrigation of the Golf Course and golf facilities located within GGC with water pumped from the ponds and drainage areas by the Club, pursuant to a permit issued by the SFWMD.

4.11 Right to Modify Easements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Association has the power without the joinder of any Owner, to grant, modify or relocate easements in any portion of the Common Area or Association property, as the Board shall deem necessary or desirable for the Association. Such easements, or the relocation of existing easements, may not prevent or unreasonably interfere with the use of the Common Areas, Lots, Homes and Units.

4.12 Public Facilities. In order to supplement the public facilities and services that may be furnished by any local governmental agency, and in order to provide additional facilities and services that may not be otherwise available, the Association is hereby authorized and empowered by all of the Owners, when the Association in its sole discretion deems necessary or desirable, to act on their behalf to contract for the installation of a water plant and supply system, irrigation water system, a gas system, a sewage disposal plant and sanitary sewer system, storm sewers, gutters, burbs, bike paths and sidewalks, street lighting and any other facilities or services customarily furnished or provided by local governmental agencies. No Owner shall install any potable or irrigation well or draw irrigation water from any pond, lake or drainage area without the written approval of the Association and GSD.

5. MAINTENANCE.

5.1 Association Maintenance. The Association is responsible for the maintenance, operation, repair, replacement, insurance, protection and control of all Common Areas, including but not limited to, the roadways, guardhouse facilities, bridges, perimeter walls, monuments, and any improvements thereon, and shall keep the same in good, safe, clean, attractive and sanitary condition, and in good working order at all times. There shall be no material alterations of or substantial additions to the Common Areas costing more than five percent (5%) of the

Association's annual budget in any given year unless first approved by a majority of the Voting Interests voting in favor, in person or by proxy, of the expenditure at a duly called meeting of the Members of the Association at which a quorum is present. However, if work that is reasonably necessary to meet the Association's maintenance, repair and replacement obligations described herein, or is otherwise budgeted in the Association's capital reserve study (as the same is updated from time to time), also constitutes a material alteration or substantial addition, no prior Membership approval is required. For the purposes of interpreting this section 5.1, a "material alteration or substantial addition" is an improvement or change that materially or appreciably changes the use, function or appearance of the Common Areas.

5.2 Owner Maintenance. The individual Lot, Home and Unit Owners or, as applicable, any Neighborhood Association, shall have the maintenance, repair and replacement responsibility of all property to which they hold title or which constitutes the common elements or common areas of the Neighborhood Association including but not limited to the following:

(A) All grounds, green areas, structures, roads, sprinkler systems and other improvements located on an individual Lot, Home, Unit, or Neighborhood Association common area.

(B) Lots, Homes, Units and Neighborhood Association common areas shall be kept in a neat and well maintained condition at all times, free from debris and rubbish and the lawn areas and other landscaping shall be regularly mowed and maintained.

(C) Specific Maintenance Standards.

i. Roofs and exteriors of Homes and Units, including driveways and walkways, must be cleaned on a regular basis to remove and discourage mold growth and accumulation of dirt. Owners are responsible to ensure that roofs are cleaned on a timely basis in order to keep Gateway Greens looking clean and well maintained. The timing of roof and driveway cleaning is based on a number of factors, such as weather, light conditions, surrounding trees and color. The decision of whether a roof, driveway or walkway is unreasonably dirty and/or moldy and is in need of immediate cleaning shall be made by the Board of Governors or Association manager, in their sole and absolute discretion.

ii. Owners shall apply mulch or other ground cover approved in the DRM on a periodic basis to ensure that all landscaped areas on a Lot remain in a neat and attractive condition at all times.

iii. Owners shall trim trees, bushes and hedges on a periodic basis in order to maintain a clean, healthy and attractive appearance of said plantings at all times. Should a tree or other planting on a Lot become dead, diseased or otherwise unsightly, the Owner is solely responsible for the immediate repair, replacement or treatment. The decision of whether a tree or planting requires repair, replacement, removal or treatment shall be made by the Board of Governors or Association manager, in their sole and absolute discretion.

5.3 Enforcement of Maintenance. If the Owner of a Lot, Home or Unit, or as applicable a Neighborhood Association, fails to maintain the Lot, Unit, Home or common areas as required above, the Master Association shall have the right to institute legal proceedings to enforce compliance, or may take any and all other steps necessary to remedy such violation, including but not limited to entering the property, with or without consent of the Owner or Neighborhood Association, to perform the maintenance that is deemed necessary by the Association in its sole discretion. Before taking such corrective action, the Association shall provide a single written notice and at least thirty (30) days' notice to the Owner or Neighborhood Association describing the required action. If the Owner or Neighborhood Association fails to take the required action after said 30-day period, the Association shall send a second and final notice with fifteen (15) days' notice before taking correction action. The Association's right of entry as provided above is limited to Neighborhood Association common areas, vacant Lots, and the exterior portions of a Home or Unit and shall not permit or obligate the Association to enter the interior of a Home or Unit. The Association may repair, replace or maintain any item which constitutes a hazard to other property or residents, prevents the Association from fulfilling its maintenance responsibilities, or which has a materially adverse effect on the appearance of the Property. Any expenses so incurred by the Association shall be billed directly to the Owner of the Lot, Home Unit or Neighborhood Association to which such services are provided, and shall be an individual assessment, secured by a lien as provided in Section 3.3 above.

5.4 Negligence; Damage Caused by Condition in Unit. Each Owner shall be liable for the expenses of any maintenance, repair or replacement of Common Areas, other Lots, Homes or Units, or personal property made necessary by the act or negligence of the Owner and/or the Owner's family, guests, employees, agents, or lessees.

5.5 GSD Maintenance – Ponds, Canals and Secondary Drainage

The provisions of this section 5.5 shall govern the maintenance of the canals, ponds and secondary drainage facilities located on the Committed Property, whether or not same is part of the Association's Common Area.

(a) Application of herbicide for aquatic weed control on ponds and canals on the Committed Property shall in all instances be performed by or through the GSD, and the Association has no responsibility for same.

(b) The cost and expense of applications of herbicides for aquatic weed control, in excess of the normal GSD application thereof (as determined by the GSD), for canals and ponds located upon the Committed Property, shall be an Association Common Expense. The Association shall have the right to approve such additional applications of herbicides before the GSD performs an additional application that it determines to be necessary.

(c) The cost and expense of maintaining and clearing all "secondary drainage facilities" (as same are defined by the GSD) on Committed Property shall be a Common Expense and the cost and expense, and the cost and expense of maintaining and clearing drainage facilities not on

Committed Property, but which are necessary for the proper functioning and operation of the “secondary drainage facilities” on the Committed Property shall be a Common Expense.

(d) The Association, in its sole discretion, may but is not obligated to enter into an agreement with the GSD regarding the matters set forth in this section 5.5.

6. DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE. The architectural review and control functions of the Association shall be administered and performed by the Design Review Committee (the “DRC”), which shall consist of at least five (5) persons (but not more than seven), who shall be Members of the Association, and at least one of whom shall also be a Member of the Board of Governors. All Members of the DRC shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Governors. A majority of the DRC Members present at any duly advertised DRC meeting shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting of the DRC, and the action of a majority present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the DRC. Any vacancy occurring on the DRC because of death, resignation, or other termination of service of any Member thereof, shall be filled by the Board of Governors. The Members of the DRC shall receive no compensation for services other than reimbursement for actual expenses approved in advance by the Board incurred by them in the performance of their duties hereunder. The DRC shall, with the prior approval of the Board of Governors, have the power to engage the services of professionals for compensation for purposes of aiding the DRC in carrying out its functions.

6.1 DRC Approval. Any modifications, alterations, installations or additions to the exterior of a Lot, Home, Unit or common area made by an Owner or Neighborhood Association requires DRC written approval. Certain exterior modifications, changes and replacements are considered as “minor” and do not require advance approval from the DRC. Those minor-type items are listed in the DRM as it may be amended from time to time, and the Owner is solely responsible to inspect the DRM and confirm whether an alteration, change or replacement is considered as “minor” before proceeding with work. The Owner or Neighborhood Association shall be responsible for insurance, maintenance, repair and replacement of modifications, installations or additions and the cost of removing and replacing or reinstalling such modifications if their removal by the Association becomes necessary in order to maintain, repair, replace or protect other parts of the Property for which the Association is responsible.

6.2 Powers and Duties of the DRC; DRC Procedure and Enforcement Rights.

The powers and duties of the DRC, procedures to be followed in the DRC review process, enforcement rights of the DRC and Association, and other applicable standards, specifications and criteria shall be stated in the Association’s Design Review Manual (or DRM) as it is promulgated and published by the Board and/or DRC from time to time. No changes or amendments to any DRC rules, regulations, standards or policies shall be made without first obtaining approval from the Board of Governors.

6.3 Superiority of Master Architectural Guidelines. Notwithstanding any provisions contained elsewhere to the contrary, and it being deemed to be in the best interests of Gateway Greens and all Owners collectively that architectural guidelines be uniform and consistent throughout the Property, the terms of this Section and the Association’s Architectural Planning

Criteria shall be superior in all respects to any other architectural restrictions, guidelines or provisions contained in the governing documents of the Neighborhood Associations.

6.4 No Liability of DRC Members. Neither the DRC nor any Member or agent thereof, shall be liable to the Association or any Owner or any other person or entity for any loss, damage, or injury arising out of or in any way connected with the performance or nonperformance of the DRC's duties hereunder, unless due to the willful misconduct or bad faith of a Member, and only that Member shall be liable therefore. The DRC shall review and approve or disapprove all plans submitted to it for any proposed improvement, alteration, or addition solely on the basis of aesthetic considerations and the overall benefit or detriment which would result to the immediate vicinity and to the Property. The DRC shall take into consideration the aesthetic aspects of the architectural designs, placement of buildings, landscaping, color schemes, exterior finishes, materials and other features governed by this Declaration and the DRM, but shall not be responsible for reviewing, nor shall its approval of any plan or design be deemed approval of, any plan or design from the standpoint of structural safety or conformance with building or other codes.

6.5 Attorney's Fees. For all purposes necessary to enforce this Section 6 and the DRM, the Association shall be entitled to collect reasonable attorney fees, costs and other expenses against the Owner, whether or not litigation is instituted, and the Board may assess such amounts in the form of an individual assessment for noncompliance.

7. ASSOCIATION'S SUPERIOR RIGHTS AND POWERS; CONFLICT.

7.1 Ownership in Gateway Greens. In taking title to a Lot, Home or Unit, each Owner becomes subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration. In the case of any inconsistencies between the terms of this Declaration and any governing documents of a Neighborhood Association or other recorded covenants, the terms of the more restrictive provision shall control unless such terms are prohibited by or conflict with this Declaration, in which event the terms of this Declaration shall control.

7.2 Supremacy of Declaration; Authority to Enforce Other Governing Documents. In addition to the rights and obligations conferred upon the Association pursuant to this Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws of the Association, the Association shall be entitled to exercise or require the exercising of any of the rights contained in any governing documents of the Neighborhood Associations within Gateway Greens. Further all such other associations and all committees thereof within Gateway Greens shall also be subject to all superior rights and powers conferred upon the Association pursuant to this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Master Association. No Neighborhood Association or other association within Gateway Greens shall take any action in derogation of the rights of, or contrary to, the interests of the Master Association.

8. USE RESTRICTIONS. The following rules and standards apply to all Lots, Units, Homes and other property within Gateway Greens and shall be enforced by the Association pursuant to Section 12 hereof.

8.1 Home.

8.1(a) Each Lot, Home and Unit shall be occupied by only one Family at any time. Each Lot, Home and Unit shall be used as a personal residence and for no other purpose.

8.1(b) However, “no impact” or “low impact” Home based businesses in and from a Lot, Home or Unit are allowed. Such uses are expressly declared customarily incident to residential use. Examples of businesses which are prohibited and are considered “impact” businesses are businesses or commercial activity or ventures that create customer or employee traffic to and from the Home, create noise audible from outside the Home, or generate fumes or odors noticeable outside the Home, including but not limited to, a Home day care, adult care facility, beauty salon/barber, mechanic, and/or animal breeding. Signs and other advertising material visible from the street are prohibited. No business or commercial activity shall be conducted in or from any Home which entails visitation of the Home by clients, customers, suppliers, employees or other business invitees, or door-to-door solicitation of residents or the storage of inventory. In the event there is any disagreement or ambiguity as to whether an activity constitutes “no impact”, “low impact” or “impact”, the Board of Governors shall classify the activity in its discretion, and its decision shall be final.

8.2 Minors. All persons under eighteen (18) years of age shall be the responsibility of and supervised by an adult Owner(s) or the adult(s) residing in a Home or Unit.. Owners shall be jointly and severally responsible with any other adult who may have primary responsibility for the act(s) of their minor.

8.3 Operation of Motor Vehicles on Common Area. Any person that does not have a valid, current driver’s license is prohibited from operating any motor vehicle on the roadways in Gateway Greens and other Common Areas unless said person is under the direct supervision of another person that has a valid, current driver’s license. All vehicles including golf carts must be registered through the Association’s access control system.

8.4 Pets. The keeping of pets is a privilege not a right. Pets shall at all times, whenever they are outside of the Home or Unit or in the Common Areas, be carried or confined on a leash and under the control of the responsible person(s). Invisible fences are not permitted unless approved by the DRC. Pets shall not be allowed to become a source of unreasonable nuisance or a danger to other residents and their families and invitees. The Board of Governors, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to (a) declare whether a pet is an unreasonable nuisance or danger to the Gateway Greens Community; and (b) require that such a pet be removed from the Gateway Greens Community. Any Owner or other person who keeps or maintains a pet shall, in exchange for and in consideration of the privilege to keep the pet, hereby indemnify and hold the Association free and harmless from any loss, claim or liability of any kind or character of whatever nature arising from or related to the keeping or maintaining of such pet. The foregoing shall not restrict or impose any right of a Neighborhood Association from establishing more stringent or specific standards for pets.

8.5 Nuisances. No Owner shall use the Owner's Lot, Home or Unit, or permit it to be used, in any manner which constitutes or causes an unreasonable amount of annoyance, harassment, abuse or nuisance to the occupant of another Lot, Home or Unit, or which would not be consistent with the maintenance of the highest standards for a first class residential community, nor permit the premises to be used in a disorderly or unlawful way. The use of each Common Area, Lot, Home and Unit shall be consistent with existing laws, local ordinances, and the Governing Documents, and occupants shall at all times conduct themselves in a peaceful and orderly manner. Damage to Association Common Area shall constitute a nuisance for the purposes of this section. No solicitation will be allowed at any time within the Community. Other specific conduct which shall constitute a nuisance shall include, without limitation, unreasonable levels of noise in violating of applicable ordinance(s), repeated misuse of the Common Areas including without limitation speeding and other violations of Association traffic and Access Control rules, foul odors, running water on to a neighboring Lot or Home, operating loud equipment for an unreasonable amount of time, and conducting a business on a Lot or in a Home in violation of applicable zoning ordinances. The Board of Governors' determination as to what constitutes a nuisance or annoyance shall be dispositive and shall control without regard to any legal definition of such terms. Should the Association incur legal or management expenses with respect to a nuisance or other improper conduct of an Owner (or the Owner's family, lessees, guests or invitees) that is deemed by the Board to be unreasonably detrimental or disruptive to the Association or its Members, including without limitation pre-litigation "cease and desist" or other notices of violation, said expenses shall be an Individual Assessment against the responsible Owner and secured by a lien.

8.6 Signs. Except as provided herein no Owner or person may post signs of any type whatsoever in Gateway Greens. The temporary posting or display of one (1) "For Sale", "Open House", or other similar sign shall be permitted with the prior approval of the DRC. The Board or DRC shall adopt specifications in the DRM regarding the size, shape, content, location, number and duration of permissible signs. Owners who own a Lot that sits on a street corner or pond may be permitted to post or display up to two (2) signs with prior approval of the DRC. Owners may post security/alarm signs issued by the security/alarm service provider. The Board or its DRC may also allow other types of signs as it deems permissible from time to time and adopt specifications regarding same. Notwithstanding anything else, "For Rent" signs are specifically prohibited under all circumstances. The Association shall have the right to remove any unapproved sign without prior notice to the Owner, and the Owner shall be responsible for any costs so incurred which shall be an individual assessment.

8.7 Garages. In order to maintain a harmonious and aesthetic appearance, garage doors in Gateway Greens shall remain closed except when in actual use or otherwise when reasonably necessary to remain temporarily open. From midnight until 6:00 a.m., garage doors shall remain closed. Owners are responsible for contacting GGCA Access Control if they anticipate any issue with meeting the above guidelines on time of use. Owners will be notified of violations up to two (2) instances in any twelve (12) month period before the Association shall impose fines or other enforcement remedies under the Governing Documents. No garage shall be enclosed or converted to living quarters or other use inconsistent with this section, unless permitted by applicable governmental code and approved in advance by the DRC

8.8 Lots and Lot Structures. Other than one single Family Home or Unit, and related garage, no structure, trailer, house trailer, tent, shack, shed, barn, pergola, fountain, statute, entrance signage, gates, clubhouses, or other outbuilding shall be used or placed on any Lot or in the common areas of Neighborhood Associations at any time either temporarily or permanently without the approval of the DRC and the Board of Governors.

8.9 Setback Lines. All building and structures erected or constructed shall conform to (a) the Lee County land development code and applicable County setback limitations and (b) any prior amendment or supplement to this Declaration governing setbacks within a particular Lot or Neighborhood, and shall further be subject to approval by the DRC and Board of Governors.

8.10 Motor Vehicles and Boats.

- (a) No major maintenance or mechanical repairs of vehicles or boats are permitted on the Property except within an enclosed garage or in the case of an emergency. Examples of "major" maintenance or mechanical repairs include, without limitation, lubricant fluid changes, cooling system fluid exchanges, servicing of brakes or transmission, services requiring the vehicle to be jacked up (except for a routine tire change) or any other major engine, structural or body work.
- (b) No boats, ATV's, golf carts, swamp buggies, dune buggies, go carts, wave runners, jet skis, motorcycles, mopeds, trailers, motor homes, travel trailers, campers or recreational vehicles shall be parked overnight (midnight to 6:00 a.m.) anywhere on the Property except within an enclosed garage and further in accordance with the Association's rules and regulations for vehicles as they may be amended from time to time. Temporary parking of the above-listed types of vehicles in an Owner's driveway outside of the period of midnight to 6:00 a.m. is permitted,
- (c) No commercial vehicles shall be permitted to be parked anywhere on the Property except within an enclosed garage (unless such vehicle is necessary for a commercial delivery, in the actual construction or repair of a Structure, or for ground or landscape maintenance). As used herein the term "commercial vehicle" means (a) any commercial motor vehicle as defined in section 321.01(25), Florida Statutes, as may be amended; and (b) trucks, vans, including but not limited to "panel vans" lacking windows on all sides, and other vehicles which are used primarily for business purposes including but not limited to any vehicle which displays a company name or logo on its exterior, is adorned with signs, flags, advertisements or any type of lettering or graphics of a commercial nature, or any vehicle with racks, ladders, staging, or other equipment or attachments of a commercial nature, including supplies used for commercial purposes, on or visible in the vehicle. However, pursuant to section 720.3075, as may be amended, the Association may not prohibit an Owner from parking a personal vehicle or his or her work vehicle, including a pickup truck, in the Owner's driveway or designated parking space(s).
- (d) Vehicle covers on vehicles parked outside an enclosed garage are not permitted for more than seven (7) consecutive days without the vehicle being in use.

- (e) No vehicle or equipment, regardless of type, shall be parked on lawns, unpaved areas, or other areas that are not designated for parking pursuant to the Governing Documents or subdivision plat. Overnight parking in streets and roadway within Gateway Greens is only permitted in accordance with the Association's rules and regulations, as they may be amended from time to time, and shall require prior approval and a parking pass from the Association's access control personnel.
- (f) The Association shall have the right to tow any vehicle violating the law, this Section, the rules or regulations, or other restriction contained in the Governing Documents and the cost of towing shall be the obligation of the Owner of the vehicle, and if not promptly paid, shall be an Individual Assessment against the property secured by a lien.

8.11 Window Coverings and Storm Protection. Hurricane shutters and hurricane window film are not prohibited; however, the DRC may adopt uniform specifications and guidelines covering the type, style, installation, duration and color of hurricane shutters. Electronic hurricane or storm shutters may be installed on a permanent basis only after approval in writing by the DRC, which approval shall be subject to the stipulation that the shutters shall remain in the open position until an official "hurricane watch" or "hurricane warning" for Lee County has been posted by the National Weather Service. The stipulation shall also provide that the shutters will be reopened within 48 hours of the termination of the "hurricane watch or warning". The DRC shall have the authority to allow certain types of hurricane or storm shutters to remain in the closed position during certain months of the year, subject to rules and other conditions set forth in the DRM as it exists from time to time. DRC specifications for hurricane protection must comply with applicable building codes and Florida Statutes, and the DRC may not deny applications for hurricane protection that confirm to the adopted DRC specifications and guidelines.

8.12 Landscaping. Except for areas maintained by the Association, all common areas maintained by Neighborhood Associations and all areas of Lots, Homes and Units not covered by structures, walkways or paved parking facilities shall be maintained by their Owners as lawn or landscaped areas to the roadways edge of any abutting streets and to the waterline of any abutting ponds, canals or water management areas. Stone, gravel or paving may not be used as a substitute for grass in a lawn. All lawn and landscaping shall be kept in good condition by the Owner or association, if applicable. Lawns must be regularly cut and mulched areas regularly mulched. The landscaping on Lots, Homes and Units, including without limitation the trees, shrubs, lawns, flowerbeds, walkways and ground elevations, shall be maintained by the Owner thereof in a well-groomed manner. Such grooming shall include but not be limited to regularly cutting, trimming, watering and fertilizing. Mulched areas must be regularly mulched. Upon fifteen (15) days written notice to the Owner or Neighborhood Association (as the case may be), the Association shall have the irrevocable right to enter upon any common area, Lot, Home or Unit and perform lawn, landscaping or other maintenance which the Owner has failed to perform. Said action shall not be deemed a trespass. The cost of such maintenance shall be charged to the Owner or Neighborhood Association as an Individual Assessment and if said charge is not paid within thirty (30) days shall be secured by a lien against the Lot, Home or Unit.

8.13 Guest Occupancy. There is no limit on the number of days or overnights that family members of an Owner(s) can occupy a Home or Unit when the Owner(s) is not present. For non-family members of an Owner(s), occupancy of a Home or Unit when the Owner(s) is not present is limited to fourteen (14) days or overnights in any twelve (12) month period. This restriction on non-family members shall not apply to health care providers, hospice care, foreign exchange students, or child care providers (i.e. nanny or au pair) who may occupy a Home or Unit more than 14 days or overnights in any 12-month period.

8.14 General.

(A) No towels, garments, rugs, etc., may be hung from windows, railings or other parts of the Homes or Units. No clotheslines or drying yards shall be located so as to be visible from neighboring Homes or Units, an adjacent Common Area, or the Golf Course.

(B) No weeds, underbrush or other unsightly growths shall be permitted to grow or remain upon any part of the Property and no refuse pile or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or remain anywhere thereon.

(C) Trash, garbage, recycling, and other waste shall be kept only in sanitary containers which shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and screened from view from neighboring Lots, Homes and Units and the interior roadways except when out for pick-up. Recycle and trash bins shall not be put on the curb for pick-up prior to 5:00 p.m. the night before the scheduled pick-up and shall be removed from the curb no later than 6:00 p.m. the day of pick-up. Placement of trash and recycle bins shall otherwise conform with applicable County regulations. No Lot, Home, Unit or common area in a Neighborhood Association shall be used as dumping ground for rubbish, trash, waste or yard/horticultural waste matter (i.e., lawn clippings, tree branches/brush, palm fronds, leaves etc.). No incinerator or outdoor burning shall be permitted. In the case of yard/horticulture waste, Owners are responsible for the County's pick up and disposal standards (i.e. bagging, bundling). Yard and horticulture waste may only be kept at the curb for pick up within twenty-four (24) hours of the scheduled pick-up time by County waste management.

(D) No antenna of any kind shall be placed or erected upon any Unit or affixed in any manner to the exterior of any building other than a satellite antenna less than one meter in diameter, an aerial designed to receive over-the-air television broadcast, or an antenna designed to receive multi-channel, multi-point distribution service which may be installed only at a location on a Home or Unit approved by the DRC. In approving the installation and location of any antenna the DRC and Board shall comply with state and federal laws.

(E) No wall or fence shall be constructed without prior approval from the DRC. No hedge or shrubbery abutting the Lot lines shall be permitted without prior approval of the DRC. No wall, fence, hedge or shrubbery shall be constructed on any Lot until its height, length, type, design, composition, material and location is first approved by the DRC. Any dispute as to these features and restrictions shall be resolved by the DRC, whose decision shall be final. Any wall or fence approved by the DRC shall be maintained in good

condition and repair, and any hedges or shrubbery approved by the DRC shall be regularly groomed and in good condition.

(F) All recreational facilities, accessory structures and other similar improvements constructed or placed in or on Neighborhood common area or on a Lot, Home or Unit, including but not limited to swimming pools, spas, tennis courts, ramps, jungle gyms, playground type structures, play houses, tree forts, platforms, basketball hoops/backboards, dog houses or any other structure of a similar type, kind or nature shall be allowed only upon written approval of the DRC in advance of placement or construction. The Owner is responsible to keep all such recreation facilities maintained in a good manner. If upon inspection, if the Owner has not maintained any approved recreation facility(s), the Board may order them removed and the Owner shall be responsible for any expenses incurred as an Individual Assessment.

(G) Energy saving devices and equipment, including without limitation solar panels, window tinting and clothes lines, are permitted provided they are installed and maintained in accordance with the DRM as they exist from time to time. The Association shall have the authority to regulate the location, appearance, installation and placement of solar panels and collectors provided such regulations and restrictions comply with applicable law.

(H) Oil tanks, bottled gas tanks, swimming pool equipment and housings, permanent generators and sprinkler pumps and other such outdoor equipment must be underground or placed in sight-screened, walled-in or fenced-in areas so they shall not be readily visible from any adjacent street or Lot. In addition, the Association may require that adequate landscaping be installed around these facilities and maintained by Owner. Any gas tank with a volume over 20 pounds must be installed underground and with proper permits. No unenclosed storage area shall be permitted on any Lot. No enclosed storage area shall be constructed or erected which is separated from the Home. Non-permanent or portable emergency equipment is exempt from the requirements of this paragraph.

(I) All exterior lighting of a Lot, Home or Unit shall be conforming to the APC as they exist from time to time. The DRC may require mailbox lighting and lighting adjacent to the street lines of a Lot. Game court lighting shall only be permitted upon conditions specified by the DRC, including without limitation designation of the hours of illumination.

8.15 Driveways. All Lots, Homes and Units, if applicable, shall have a paved driveway of stable and permanent construction. All driveways shall be made of concrete or pavers unless otherwise approved by the DRC in advance and in writing. Any top coating, painting, seal coating or other driveway modifications must be consistent with the DRC's standards and specifications and approved in writing by the DRC before application or installation.

8.16 Water Management, Retention and Drainage Areas. The water management, retention and drainage areas (ponds) are not part of the Common Areas. Except as provided herein the maintenance, repair and replacement of the water management, retention and drainage areas are the obligation of the GSD. Such maintenance shall include removal of aquatic weeds and debris. Swimming or bathing in water retention areas shall be prohibited. Docks or other structures may

not be erected in water retention areas without the prior written approval of the Board of Governors and GSD. All other uses of water retention areas shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Board of Governors and GSD.

Neither the Association nor any of its officers, governors, committee members, employees, management agents, agents, contractors or subcontractors (collectively the "Listed Parties") shall be liable or responsible for maintaining or assuring the safety, water quality or water level of/in any pond, canal, creek, stream, river or other water body within the properties, except as such responsibility may be specifically imposed by, or contracted for with, an applicable governmental or quasi-governmental agency or authority. Further, none of the Listed Parties shall be liable for any property damage, personal injury or death occurring in, or otherwise related to, any water body, and all persons using same do so at their own risk.

All owners and users of any portion of the property located adjacent to or having a view of any of the aforesaid water bodies shall be deemed, by virtue of their acceptance of the deed to or use of, such property, to have agreed to release the Listed Parties from all claims for any and all changes in the quality and level of the water in such bodies.

All persons are hereby advised that from time to time alligators and other wildlife may habituate or enter into water bodies with or nearby the properties and may pose a threat to persons, pets and property, but that the Listed Parties are under no duty to protect against, and do not in any manner warrant or insure against, any death, injury or damage caused by such wildlife.

8.17 Air Conditioning Units. All air conditioning Units shall be shielded and hidden so that they are not readily visible from any adjacent street, or adjacent Lot, Home or Unit. Wall air conditioning Units may be permitted only upon prior approval of the DRC. With the exception of an emergency, window air conditioning Units shall not be permitted on any Lot, Home or Unit. [Emergency conditions excepted]

8.18 Irrigation and Sewer. All Lots, Homes and Units shall be connected to the municipal sewer system. No Owner shall install any potable or irrigation well or draw irrigation water from any lake or drainage area.

8.19 Garage, Estate Sales. Estate sales shall be approved in advance by the Association's access control personnel. Not more than one (1) estate sale shall be approved in any twelve (12) month period unless the Owner can demonstrate an unreasonable hardship. One (1) garage sale per year will be permitted in the Gateway Greens Community on a day that is pre-approved by the Association (same day for any Owners wishing to have a garage sale). Otherwise, garage sales on any other day are prohibited.

8.20 Ponds. Boats of any kind and swimming in the ponds are prohibited. The Board, in its sole discretion, and provided there is no objection from the GSD, may permit fishing on the ponds and may adopt reasonable rules and regulations concerning the same.

8.21 Mailboxes and Post Lamps. All mailboxes and post lamps shall conform to the standards and designs approved by the DRC in the DRM or Neighborhood Association Documents, as they

exist from time to time. Mailboxes and lampposts shall be maintained in a good, neat and clean condition.

8.22 Electronic Monitoring Systems. In order to preserve the tranquility and peacefulness for all Owners and the Community, no audible (from the exterior of the Unit or Home) siren, horn, bell or other noisemaking device shall be permitted in connection with an electronic monitoring or alarm system. All electronic monitoring or alarm systems shall use silent or inaudible alarms (i.e. electronic notice to a central station). This section shall not prohibit alarm/monitoring installed in the interior of a Home or Unit.

8.23 Windows and Sliding Doors Facing Golf Course. All windows and sliding doors on a Home or Unit which face the Golf Course shall be of tempered glass or "Lexan" or other similar material. The choice of such material shall be up to the Owner. No "mirrored" window or sliding door shall be permitted.

9. INSURANCE. In order to protect adequately the Association and its Members, insurance shall be carried and kept in force at all times in accordance with the following provisions:

9.1 Association; Required Coverage. The Association shall maintain adequate property insurance covering all the Common Areas and all Association property. The Association shall also provide adequate general liability insurance. The amounts of coverage shall be determined annually by the Board of Governors. The insurance carried by the Association shall afford at least the following provisions:

(A) **Property.** Loss or damage by fire, extended coverage (including windstorm), vandalism and malicious mischief, and other hazards covered by the standard "All Risk" property contract.

(B) **Liability.** Premises and operations liability for bodily injury and property damage in such limits of protection and with such coverage as are determined by the Board of Governors, with cross liability endorsement to cover liabilities of the Owners as a group to an Owner.

(C) **Automobile.** Automobile liability for bodily injury and property damage for all owned and non-owned motor vehicles when used for Association business, in such limits of protection and with such coverage as may be determined by the Board of Governors.

(D) **Compensation.** Workers' Compensation insurance if required by law.

(E) **Governors and Officers Liability Coverage.** Adequate liability coverage for claimed errors and omissions of Governors, officers, volunteers and committees that serve at the pleasure of the Board.

(F) **Crime and Cyber.** Crime coverage for direct loss of Association funds through malfeasance, dishonesty or social engineering, and cyber coverage for economic damages arising through a failure of network security or privacy controls.

9.2 Duty to Insure. Each Owner is responsible for insuring the real and personal property within the Owner's own Lot, Home or Unit. Each Owner recognizes that he or she bears financial responsibility for any damage to their property or liability to others that would otherwise be covered by such insurance liability including all risk, flood, liability, etc.

9.3 Duty to Reconstruct. If any Neighborhood common area, Lot, Home or Unit or other improvement is destroyed or damaged as a result of fire, windstorm, flood, tornado, hurricane or other casualty, the Owner or Neighborhood Association (as the case may be) shall cause repair or replacement to be commenced within ninety (90) days from the date that such damage or destruction occurred, and to complete the repair or replacement within nine (9) months thereafter. All such repairs or replacements must restore the improvements to substantially their original character, design and condition, shall utilize and conform with the original foundation and appearance of the original improvements except as otherwise approved by the DRC. The Board of Governors may, in its sole and exclusive discretion, extend the time periods or a "variance" for reconstructions contained herein, provided the Owner or Neighborhood Association first demonstrates an unreasonable hardship.

9.4 Failure to Reconstruct. If the Owner or Neighborhood Association fails to commence or complete construction to repair or replace any damaged or destroyed improvements within the time periods provided for in Section 9.3 above, the Association shall give written notice of default. If after thirty (30) days the responsible party has not made satisfactory arrangements to meet the Owner's obligations, the Association shall be deemed to have been granted the right, as such Owner's attorney-in-fact, to commence and/or complete the repairs sufficient to substantially restore the improvements to their original condition, according to the plans and specifications of the original improvements. If the Association exercises the rights afforded to it by this section, which shall be in the sole discretion of the Board of Governors, the Owner shall be deemed to have assigned to the Association any right he may have to insurance proceeds that may be available because of the damage or destruction of the improvement. The Association shall have the right to recover from the Owner any costs not paid by insurance, and shall have a lien on the Neighborhood common area, Lot, Home or Unit to secure payment.

9.5 Association Insurance; Duty and Authority to Obtain. The Board of Governors shall obtain and keep in force the insurance coverage which it is required to carry by law and under this Declaration, and may obtain and keep in force any or all additional insurance coverage as it deems necessary. The name of the insured shall be the Association and the Owners without naming them, and their mortgagees, as their interests shall appear. To the extent permitted by law, the Association may self-insure.

9.6 Optional Coverage. The Association may purchase and carry other such insurance coverage as the Board of Governors may determine to be in the best interests of the Association and its Members.

9.7 Description of Coverage. A detailed summary of the coverage included in the Association's policies, and copies of the policies, shall be available for inspection by Members or their authorized representatives as provided by applicable law.

9.8 Waiver of Subrogation. If available and where applicable, the Board of Governors shall endeavor to obtain insurance policies which provide the insurer waives its right to subrogation as to any claim against the Owners, or their respective servants, agents or guests, except for any claim based upon gross negligence evidencing reckless, willful or wanton disregard for life or property.

9.9 Insurance Proceeds. All insurance policies purchased by the Association shall be for the benefit of the Association, the Owners and their mortgagees as their interests may appear, and all proceeds shall be payable to the Association. The duty of the Association shall be to receive such proceeds as are paid, and to hold the same in trust, and disburse them for the purposes stated herein and for the benefit of the Owners and their respective mortgagees in the following share:

(A) **Common Areas.** Proceeds on account of damage to Common Areas shall be held in as many undivided shares as there are Lots, Homes and Units, the shares of each Owner being the same as the Owner's share in the Common Areas.

(B) **Mortgagee.** If a mortgagee endorsement has been issued as to a Home or Unit, the shares of the mortgagee and the Owner shall be as their interests appear. In no event shall any mortgagee have the right to demand application of insurance proceeds to any mortgage or mortgages which it may hold against Lots, Homes or Units, except to the extent that insurance proceeds exceed the actual cost of repair or restoration of the damaged building or buildings. Except as otherwise expressly provided, no mortgagee shall have any right to participate in determining whether improvements will be restored after casualty.

9.10 Distribution of Proceeds. Proceeds of insurance policies received by the Association shall be distributed to or for the benefit of the Owners in the following manner: The proceeds shall be paid to defray the costs of reconstruction or repair by the Association. Any proceeds remaining after defraying cost shall be applied to the Association's retained earnings or Operating Surplus.

9.11 Association as Agent. The Association is hereby irrevocably appointed as agent for each Owner to adjust all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by the Association for damage or loss to the Lots, Homes, Units or Common Areas.

9.12 Damage to Common Areas. Where loss or damage occurs to the Common Areas or Association property, it shall be mandatory for the Association to repair, restore and rebuild the damage caused by the loss, and the following procedures shall apply:

(A) The Board of Governors shall within ninety (90) days obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair and restoration, and shall negotiate and contract for repair and reconstruction, to be completed thence within nine (9) months. However, if the repairs are so extensive that additional time is needed to complete the repairs, the Board of Governors shall have in its exclusive discretion the ability to extend the time for completion.

(B) If the proceeds of insurance and available reserves are insufficient to pay for the cost of repair and reconstruction of the Common Areas, the Association through the Board shall

promptly declare an emergency, and upon determination of the deficiency, levy a special assessment against all Owners for the deficiency without approval from the Owners. The special assessment shall be added to other funds available for repair and restoration of the property.

10. LEASING OF UNITS. In order to foster a stable residential Community and prevent a motel-like atmosphere, the leasing of Homes and Units by their Owners shall be restricted as provided in this Section.

10.1 Restrictions and Procedures.

(A) All leases of Homes and Units must be in writing. An Owner may only lease the entire Home or Unit to a single family. Tenants are prohibited from sub-leasing any portion of the Home or Unit to any third party. No Owner may lease to any third party any single room, such as a bedroom, within the Owner's Home Unit. Daily or weekly usage or occupancy arrangements, such as Airbnb or VRBO, are not permitted regardless if the arrangement is considered a license and not a lease. If such an arrangement is for occupancy of at least thirty (30) days, the Owner shall still comply with the procedure for leases stated in section (B) below.

(B) All of the provisions of the Governing Documents and the rules and regulations of the Association shall be applicable and enforceable against any person occupying a Home or Unit as a lessee or guest to the same extent as against the Owner. A covenant on the part of each occupant to abide by the Governing Documents and rules and regulations of the Association, designating the Association as the Owner's agent with the authority to terminate any lease agreement and evict or remove the tenants in the event of breach of such covenant in accordance with Chapter 83, Florida Statutes, shall be deemed to be included in every lease agreement, whether oral or written and whether specifically expressed in such agreement or not. No lease shall be for a period of less than thirty (30) days or for a period greater than twelve (12) months. No Home or Unit may be leased more than three (3) times in any twelve (12) month period. All lease agreements shall be in writing. A notice and copy of the lease must be delivered to the Association at least twenty (20) days before the lease term begins, which shall include an application fee in an amount established by the Board of Governors from time to time. Owners leasing their Home or Unit shall be jointly and severally liable for the conduct of their tenants and their tenants' families, guests and invitees while the Home or Unit is under lease, which shall include without limitation liability for legal fees and expenses incurred by the Association to enforce the Governing Documents or the rules and regulations whether or not a legal action is filed. Neighborhood Associations shall have the right, but not the obligation, to establish more stringent or specific standards and requirements for leasing and may reserve the right to require screening and advance approval of the prospective lessee(s) before a Unit or Home can be leased.

10.2 Use of Common Area and Association Property. To prevent overtaxing the facilities, an Owner whose Home or Unit is leased may not use the Association's recreation or common parking facilities during the lease term.

10.3 Collateral Assignment of Rents. In the event an Owner is in default in payment of assessments for Common Expenses or any other monetary amounts owed to the Association, the Association shall have the authority to garnish and collect rents directly from the Owner's tenant. Upon demand by the Association the tenant shall pay said rent to the Association. Such rental payments shall be collected in accordance with the procedures established by the Board of Governors and applied in accordance with the law until all past due amounts are paid in full. In the event such tenant fails to remit said rents directly to the Association, the Association shall have the right to terminate the lease and evict the tenant in accordance with Chapter 83, Florida Statutes. For the purpose of such eviction, the Association shall be deemed to be an agent of the landlord and all attorney's fees and costs shall be the responsibility of the Owner and shall constitute a charge and may be collected as provided for in Section 3 of this Declaration. The authority granted in this Section is in addition to any authority granted by law.

10.4 Attorney Fees and Costs. All attorney fees and costs associated with any legal action taken against a tenant or occupant shall be the responsibility of the Owner. This includes, but is not limited to, all attorney fees and costs incurred by the Association in connection with a covenant enforcement matter, collateral assignment of rents, or legal action with regard to a tenancy/occupancy issue, termination of a lease, and/or eviction of any lessee and/or occupant, whether or not a lawsuit is filed.

11. FORMS OF OWNERSHIP AND APPROVAL OF TRANSERS.

11.1 Forms of Ownership. In order to maintain a community of congenial, financially responsible residents with the objectives of protecting the value of the Lots, Homes and Units, and facilitating the development of a stable, quiet community and peace of mind for all residents in Gateway Greens, the transfer of Ownership of a Lot, Home or Unit shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(A) Individual Ownership. A Lot, Home or Unit may be owned by an individual person.

(B) Co-Ownership. Co-Ownership of Lots, Homes and Units is permitted, but all Owners must be members of a Single Family living together as a single housekeeping unit. If co-ownership is to be by more than two persons, the Owner shall designate one natural person as Primary Occupant, and the use of the Lot or Unit by other persons shall be as if the Primary Occupant is the actual Owner.

(C) Entity Ownership. A Lot, Home or Unit may be owned in trust or by a corporation, partnership, or other entity which is not a natural person. However, the intent of this provision is to allow flexibility in estate or tax planning, and not to create circumstances in which the Lot, Home or Unit may be used as short-term transient accommodations for several individuals or families. Said corporation, trustee or any entity which is not a natural person shall designate one natural person to be the Primary Occupant, and the use of the Lot, Home, or Unit by other persons shall be as lessees and as if the Primary Occupant is the only actual Owner.

(D) Life Estates. A Lot, Home or Unit may become subject to a life estate, either by operation of law or by approved voluntary conveyance. In that event, during said life estate, the life tenant shall be the only member of the Association and occupancy shall be as if the life tenant was the only Owner. However, the life tenant and remaindermen shall be jointly and severally liable for all Assessments and charges against the Lot, Home or Unit. The life tenant may, by signed agreement, transfer the right to vote in all Association matters to any one remainderman, subject to approval by the Association of such arrangement. If there is more than one life tenant, they shall be treated as if they were co-Owners for purposes of voting and occupancy rights.

(E) Notification of Community Association. The Association must be notified of any transfer of a Lot or Unit as provided in section 11.3 below. The Association may delegate the approval process required in section 11.3 below to a Neighborhood Association, which can be revoked at any time by the Master Association. If a Neighborhood Association administers the approval process, copies of all applications and written decisions must be furnished to the Community Association upon request.

11.2 Additional Provisions for Leases. The provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed expressly incorporated into the lease of any Lot, Home or Unit, and shall supplement the terms, conditions and restrictions stated in section 10 above. An Owner may lease a Lot, Home or Unit only in accordance with the following provisions:

(A) Any lease entered into without Board approval, or in violation of the above provisions, shall, at the option of the Board, be treated as a nullity, and the Board shall have the right to evict the tenant on seven (7) days' notice, without securing consent to such eviction from the Owner, and the Owner will be subject to fines, suspensions and other legal and equitable remedies available to the Board.

(B) Tenants are not permitted to perform their own exterior maintenance on a Lot or Unit and must employ licensed and insured professionals for exterior maintenance. As a condition of approval, the Board may require lease applications to list all vendors for landscape, irrigation and pool maintenance and to promptly notify the Association if there are changes in the vendor list during the lease term. This is a material condition for any lease approval, violation of which shall be grounds for termination of the lease and eviction by the Association as agent for the Owner.

(C) In order to preserve a residential quality and avoid an atmosphere of transient and motel-like environment, the Board may, by regulation, impose further restrictions upon the leasing, number of guests and the frequency of their visits in the case of leased Lots, Homes and Units. All of the provisions of the Association's Governing Documents pertaining to use and occupancy shall be applicable and enforceable against any person occupying a Lot, Home or Unit as a tenant or Guest, and a covenant upon the part of each occupant and Guest to abide by the Association's Governing Documents, and designating the Association as the Owner's agent for the purpose of, and with the authority to, terminate any such lease or occupancy agreement in the event of a violation by the tenant and evict such tenant, shall be an essential element of any lease or occupancy agreement, whether oral or written, and whether specifically expressed in such lease or agreement or not.

(D) Any person(s) occupying a Lot, Home or Unit for more than thirty (30) days in

any calendar year shall not be considered a Guest, but rather such person shall be considered a lessee subject to approval by the Association as provided in this Article, regardless of whether such person is paying rent or other consideration to occupy the Lot or Unit.

12. AMENDMENTS AND DURATION.

12.1 Duration. The conditions of this Declaration shall run with the land and shall inure and accrue to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association or the Owner of any real property subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns for thirty (30) years from the recording date hereof. Thereafter, the Declaration shall be automatically renewed and extended for successive ten (10) year periods. The number of ten (10) year renewal periods hereunder shall be unlimited with this Declaration being automatically renewed and extended upon the expiration of each ten (10) year renewal period for an additional ten (10) years.

12.2 Amendments. Except as otherwise provided herein or by law, this Declaration may be amended at any time upon a) approval of at least a majority of the Board of Governors; and b) the affirmative vote of at least a majority (50% +1 vote) of all Members of the Association. A copy of each adopted amendment shall be attached to a certificate that the amendment was duly adopted as an amendment to the Declaration, which certificate shall identify the Book and Page of the Public Records where the Declaration is recorded, and shall be executed by the President 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.

13. ENFORCEMENT; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

13.1 Enforcement. Enforcement of the Governing Documents may be by a proceeding at law or in equity and may be instituted by the Association, its successors or assigns, or by any Owner, against any person, persons or organization violating or attempting to violate or circumvent any covenant, condition, rule or restriction, either to restrain violation or to recover damages, and against any Lot, Home or Unit to enforce any lien created by these covenants. Failure of the Association or any Owner to enforce any covenants, condition or restriction herein contained for any period of time shall not be deemed a waiver or estoppel of the right to enforce same thereafter.

13.2 Owner and Member Compliance. The Governing Documents of the Association shall apply to Members and all persons to whom a Member has delegated the Member's right of use in and to the Common Areas, as well as to any other person occupying any Home or Unit under lease from the Owner or by permission or invitation of the Owner or Owner's tenants (express or implied), and their licensees, invitees or guests. Failure of any Owner to notify any person of the existence of the rules, or the covenants, conditions, restrictions, and other provisions of the governing documents shall not in any way act to limit or divest the Association of the power to enforce these provisions. Each Owner shall be responsible for any and all violations by Owner's family members, tenants, licensees, invitees or guests and by the guests, family members, licensees and invitees of his tenants, at any time.

13.3 Fines and Suspensions. The Board of Governors may levy fines and/or suspensions against Members, or Members' tenants or guests, or both, who commit violations of Florida Statutes, the provisions of the Governing Documents including the Rules and Regulations, or who

fail to pay assessments or other charges. Fines shall be in amounts deemed necessary by the Board to deter future violations, but in no event shall any single fine exceed the maximum amount allowed by law. However, the maximum accrued or aggregate fine for a continuing violation shall have no limit or maximum unless stated otherwise by applicable law. Suspensions of the use of Common Areas, facilities, Member-only access points, and non-essential services (e.g. bulk cable TV and/or internet) may be imposed for a reasonable period of time to deter future violations. The procedure for imposing fines or suspending use rights shall be as follows:

- (A) Notice. The party against whom the fine and/or suspension is sought to be levied or imposed shall be afforded an opportunity for hearing after reasonable notice of not less than fourteen (14) days and the notice shall include:
 - (1) a statement of the date, time and place of the hearing;
 - (2) a short and plain statement of the specific facts giving rise to the alleged violation(s); and
 - (3) the possible amounts of any proposed fine and/or possible use rights of common areas or facilities to be suspended.
- (B) Hearing. At the hearing the party against whom the fine and/or suspensions may be levied shall have a reasonable opportunity to respond, to present evidence, and to provide written and oral argument on all issues involved, and to review, challenge, and respond to any evidence or testimony presented by the Association. The hearing shall be conducted before a panel of three (3) Members appointed by the Board, none of whom may then be serving as Governors or officers, or who are 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 agree with the proposed fine and/or suspension, it may not be levied or imposed. If the committee agrees with the proposed fine and/or suspensions, the Board of Governors shall levy and enforce same.
- (C) Written Notice of Fine or Suspension. If the Association imposes a fine or suspension, the Association must provide written notice of such fine or suspension by mail or hand delivery to the Owner and, if applicable, any tenant, licensee, or invitee of the Owner.
- (D) Collection of Fines. Any fine not paid within thirty (30) days of the Written Notice in subsection (C) above shall become delinquent. Fines may be treated as an Individual Assessment subject to the provisions for the collection of assessments set forth in this Declaration, and any fine of \$1,000.00 or more may become a lien against a Lot, Home or Unit. Fines may also be collected utilizing any lawful method. In any action to recover a fine, the prevailing party is entitled to collect its reasonable attorney fees and costs.

13.4 Suspensions and Fines without Hearing. The foregoing notwithstanding, if allowed by law, no prior notice or opportunity for a hearing is required for the imposition of a fine or suspension upon any Member for the nonpayment of any monetary obligation that is delinquent in excess of ninety (90) days. The suspension must be approved at a properly noticed Board meeting and upon approval, the Association must notify the Owner and if applicable, the Owner's occupant, lessee, or invitee by mail or hand delivery of the suspension.

13.5 Voting Suspension and Board Eligibility. As stated in Section 3.8 above, the Association may suspend, with no prior notice or opportunity for a hearing, the voting rights of a Member for the nonpayment of any monetary obligation that is delinquent in excess of ninety (90) days. The suspension must be approved at a properly noticed board meeting and upon approval, the Association must notify the Owner by mail or hand delivery of the suspension. A person who is delinquent in the payment of any fee, fine, or other monetary obligation to the Association is not eligible to run for a seat on the Board.

13.6 Litigation. Enforcement actions for damages, or for injunctive relief, or both, on account of any alleged violation of law, or of the Governing Documents or Association rules, may be brought by any Owner, or the Association against:

- (A) the Association;
- (B) the Owner;
- (C) anyone who occupies or is a tenant or guest of a Home or Unit; or
- (D) any officer or Director of the Association who willfully and knowingly fails to comply with these provisions.

13.7 Legal Expenses.

13.7(a) 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 fees as may be awarded by the court.

13.7(b) In the event that the Association incurs legal expenses and costs to correct an ongoing or repeated violation of the Governing Documents, including without limitation the issuance of pre-litigation demands or legal notices, the Board shall have the authority to assess the Owner for those expenses as an Individual Assessment and collected as such pursuant to Section 3 of this Declaration.

14. NEIGHBORHOODS

14.1 Individual Property. In the event that any Neighborhood Association, which has been granted a right of enforcement by the Master Association, does not enforce any or all of its Neighborhood Covenants or perform any of its duties and responsibilities pursuant to its articles of incorporation, bylaws or rules and regulations, the Master Association shall enforce such Neighborhood Covenants, and perform such duties and responsibilities, including any and all maintenance provisions, and obtain the payment of the cost of such enforcement and maintenance pursuant to section 5 hereunder. The Master Association shall be entitled to reimbursement of attorney's fees and court costs, including fees incurred for pre-litigation demands and notices, incurred during the enforcement of Neighborhood Covenants.

14.2 Entry Rights. Each Neighborhood Association and each Owner shall permit the Master Association, or any agent or employee to enter upon the Neighborhood Common Area and upon Owner's Lot at reasonable times, to carry out the provisions of this Declaration and the same shall not constitute a trespass.

14.3 Neighborhood Common Area.

- (a) The cost and expense of the Neighborhood Common Areas shall not be an Association Common Expense, but rather shall be borne by the Owners of the Lots, Homes and Units in the Neighborhood as set forth in the Neighborhood Covenants.
- (b) The Master Association may contract with any Neighborhood Association to provide for the operation and maintenance of its Neighborhood Common Area.

14.4 Neighborhood Covenants. The Master Association reserves the right to amend the specific provisions of this Declaration insofar as they apply to one or more Neighborhoods without amending those provisions with respect to all Neighborhoods. The Master Association further reserves the right to determine consistency of all Neighborhood Covenants with this Declaration and the plan of development of GGC, and approve and consent to all Neighborhood Covenants prior recording in the Lee County Public Records. Neighborhood Covenants shall not be effective until the Master Association approves and consents to same. In the event of a conflict between the Association's Governing Documents and any Neighborhood Covenant(s), as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Governors, the Association's Governing Documents shall control.

15. GENERAL PROVISIONS

15.1 No Election of Remedies. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association or Owners under the law and the governing documents shall be cumulative, and the exercise of any one or more shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude the party from exercising any other rights, remedies, or privileges that may be available.

15.2 Notices. Any notice required to be sent to any Member or Owner under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent, and notice thereby given, when

mailed, with the proper postage affixed to the last known address of the Owner appearing in the roster record of the Association unless the Owner has consented to electronic notification as authorized by applicable law. In the absence of such roster information then the notice shall be mailed to the address of the Home or Unit. Notice to one of two or more co-Owners of a Home or Unit shall constitute notice to all co-Owners. It shall be the obligation of every Member to immediately notify the Secretary of the Association or management company in writing of any change of address or name.

15.3 Severability. Should any covenant, condition or restriction herein contained, or any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or term of this Declaration or its recorded exhibits be declared to be void, invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, for any reason, by any court having jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof, such judgment shall in no way affect the other provisions hereof which are hereby declared to be severable and which shall remain in full force and effect. Nothing contained in this Declaration is intended to affect vested rights. If any provision contained herein is deemed by a competent court of law to have such effect, then such provision will be deemed null and void but have no effect on the remaining provisions herein.

15.4 Interpretation; Disputes. The Board of Governors is responsible for interpreting the provisions of this Declaration, its exhibits and rules promulgated by the Board. Such interpretation shall be binding upon all parties unless wholly unreasonable. A written opinion rendered by legal counsel retained by the Board that an interpretation adopted by the Board is not unreasonable shall conclusively establish the validity of such interpretation. In the event there is any dispute as to whether the use of the Property complies with the covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration, its exhibits or the rules promulgated by the Board the matter shall be referred to the Board and the determination of the Board with respect to such dispute shall be dispositive on the issue and binding on all parties.

15.5 Non-Profit Status. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Association will perform no act nor undertake any activity inconsistent with its non-for-profit status under applicable state or federal law.

15.6 Use of Singular and Plural and Gender. Whenever the context so permits, the use of the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular, and the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all genders.

15.7 Headings. The headings used in the governing documents are for reference purposes only, and do not constitute substantive matter to be considered in construing the terms and provisions of these documents.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY OF ASSOCIATION. Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in the Articles of Incorporation, any rules and regulations of the Association or any other document governing, binding on or administered by the Association (collectively, the "Governing Documents"), the Association shall not be liable or responsible for, or in any manner a guarantor or insurer of, the health, safety or welfare of any owner, occupant or user of any portion of the properties including, without limitation, residents and their families, guests, invitees, agents,

servants, contractors or subcontractors or for any property or any such persons, without limiting the foregoing:

16.1 It is the express intent of the Association documents that the various provisions thereof which are enforceable by the Association and which govern or regulate the uses of the properties have been written, and are to be interpreted and enforced, for the sole purpose of enhancing and maintaining the enjoyment of the properties and the value thereof.

16.2 The Association is not empowered, and has not been created, to act as an entity which enforces or ensures the compliance with the laws of the United States, State of Florida, Lee County and/or any other jurisdiction or the prevention of tortuous activities.

16.3 Any provisions of the Association documents setting forth the uses of assessments which relate to the health, safety and/or welfare shall be interpreted and applied only as limitations on the uses of assessment funds and not as creating a duty of the Association to protect or further the health, safety or welfare of any person(s), even if assessment funds are chosen to be used for any such reason.

16.4 Each owner and each other person having an interest in or lien upon any portion of the property shall be bound by these disclaimers and shall be deemed to have automatically waived any and all rights, claims, demands and causes of action against the Association arising from or connect with any matter for which the liability of the Association has been disclaimed herein.

16.5 As used herein "Association" shall include with its meaning all of the Association's governors, officers, committee members, employees, agents, contractors (including management companies), subcontractors, successors and assigns.

**LIST OF EXHIBITS TO THE DECLARATION
AND DISSEMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

Composite Exhibit “A”

The land subject to this Amended and Restated Declaration legally described in the Original Declaration and the amendments and supplements thereto. Said legal descriptions are hereby collectively incorporated herein by reference only and renamed “Composite Exhibit A”.

Exhibit “B”

Historical amendments and supplements to Original Declaration (referred to only be recording information in the County public records).

Exhibit “C”

The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc.

Exhibit “D”

The Amended and Restated Bylaws of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc.

Exhibit "A"

Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens CommunityEXHIBIT ACOMMITTED PROPERTY

Phase 1, Plat Book 40, Page 31, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 2, Plat Book 41, Page 86, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 4, Plat Book 43, Page 67, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 8, Plat Book 47, Page 93, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 9, Plat Book 47, Page 10, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 13, Plat Book 52, Page 11, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 18, Plat Book 55, Page 61, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 19, Plat Book 55, Page 73, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 20, Plat Book 56, Page 47, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 21, Plat Book 58, Page 60, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 22, Plat Book 58, Page 76, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 22A, Plat Book 61, Page 69, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Phase 24, Plat Book 65, Page 9, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Hidden Links II, Plat Book 69, Page 97, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Hidden Links IIA, Plat Book 76, Page 14, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Champions Green, O.R. BK 2285, PG 3348, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 Hammock Cove Plat, Instr. No. 2016000032568, Public Records of Lee County, Florida
 and

A tract of parcel of land being the right of way of Westlinks Drive lying in Section 18, Township 45 South, Range 26 East, Lee County, Florida, which tract is more particularly described as:

From the West quarter corner said Section 18 run N 00° 40' 41" W along the west line of said Section 18 for 301.66 feet to the southwest corner of Gateway Phase Nine as recorded in Plat Book 47 at Pages 10 through 20 of the Lee County Records; thence run N 89° 19' 16" E along the south line of said Gateway Phase Nine 10.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning continue N 89° 19' 16" E along said south line for 50.00 feet; thence run S 00° 40' 44" E for 100.00 feet to a point of curvature; thence run southerly and southeasterly along the arc of a curve to the left of radius 275.00 feet (chord bearing S 28° 08' 45" E) (chord length 253.68 feet) (delta 54° 56' 01") for 263.66 feet to a point of tangency; thence run S 55° 36' 45" E for 121.74 feet to a point of curvature; thence run southeasterly along the arc of a curve to the right of radius 475.00 feet (chord bearing S 54° 53' 00" E) (chord length 12.09 feet) (delta 01° 27' 30") for 12.09 feet; thence run N 80° 15' 45" E for 31.54 feet; thence run southeasterly along a non-tangent curve to the right of radius 500.00 feet (chord bearing S 41° 25' 18" E) (chord length 172.53 feet) (delta 19° 52' 10") for 173.39 feet; thence run S 16° 18' 38" W along a non-radial line for 34.51 feet; thence run southeasterly and southerly along a non-tangent curve to the right of radius 430.00 feet (chord bearing S 17° 39' 26" E) (chord length 164.57 feet) (delta 22° 03' 51") for 165.59 feet to a point of tangency; thence run S 06° 37' 31" E for 260.00 feet; thence run S 51° 37' 31" E for 35.36 feet; thence run S 06° 37' 31" E for 172.23 feet to a point of curvature; thence run southerly and southeasterly along the arc of a curve to the left of radius 30.00 feet (chord bearing S 53° 36'

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40" E) (chord length 43.87 feet) (delta 93° 58' 18") for 49.20 feet to a point on the northerly line of Commerce Lakes Drive 120 feet wide; thence run westerly and westerly along the arc of a non-tangent curve of the right of radius 1185.00 (chord bearing S 83° 22' 29" W) (chord length 164.16 feet) (delta 07° 56' 36") for 164.29 feet; thence run northeasterly and northerly along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the left of radius 30.00 feet (chord bearing N 40° 22' 38" E) (chord length 43.87 feet) (delta 93° 58' 18") for 49.20 feet to a point of tangency; thence run N 06° 37' 31" W for 172.23 feet; thence run N 38° 22' 29" E for 35.36 feet; thence run N 06° 37' 31" W for 260.00 feet to a point of curvature; thence run northerly and northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the left of radius 380.00 feet (chord bearing N 17° 39' 26" W) (chord length 145.43 feet) (delta 22° 03' 51"); thence run N 73° 41' 22" W along a non-radial line for 36.54 feet, thence run northwesterly along a non-tangent curve to the left of radius 400.00 feet (chord bearing N 41° 25' 18" W) (chord length 125.55 feet) (delta 18° 03' 30") for 126.07 feet; thence run N 09° 09' 15" W along a non-radial line for 36.54 feet; thence run northwesterly along a non-tangent curve to the left of radius 425.00 feet (chord bearing N 54° 53' 00" W) (chord length 10.82 feet) (delta 01° 27' 30") for 10.82 feet to a point of tangency; thence run N 55° 36' 45" W for 121.74 feet to a point of curvature; thence run northwesterly and northerly along the arc of a curve to the right of radius 325.00 feet (chord bearing N 28° 08' 45" W) (chord length 299.80 feet) (delta 54° 56' 01") for 311.6 feet to a point of tangency; thence run N 00° 40' 44" W for 100.00 to the Point of Beginning.

Exhibit "A" Continued

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CORPORATION COMMON AREA

The following Lots and Tracts in Gateway Phase I, a subdivision, as shown in Plat Book 40, Pages 31 through 37, inclusive, of the Public records of Lee County, Florida, are Corporation Common Areas:

Tracts A, B and C.

Exhibit "B"

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INCORPORATED AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS

(In chronological order)

Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2056, Page 1843, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 2617060 dated March 16, 1989. 3 pages.

First Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2072, Page 4546, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 2657620 dated May 1, 1989. 2 pages.

Second Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2072, Page 4548, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 2657621 dated May 26, 1989. 1 page.

Second Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2096, Page 2824, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 2715913 dated September 15, 1989. 1 page.

Third Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2096, Page 2825, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 2715914 dated September 16, 1989. 2 pages.

Fourth Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2135, Page 3442, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 2812827 dated March 12, 1990. 3 pages.

Third Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2147, Page 3786, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 2841421 dated May 8, 1990. 3 pages.

Fifth Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2189, Page 2093, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 2944161 dated November 28, 1990. 2 pages.

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- Fourth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2189, Page 2091, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 2944160 dated November 30, 1990. 2 pages.
- Fifth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2198, Page 2057, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 2966016 dated January 18, 1991. 2 pages.
- Sixth Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2300, Page 4530, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 3205626 dated May 20, 1992. 2 pages.
- Sixth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2300, Page 4532, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 3205627 dated May 20, 1992. 2 pages.
- Seventh Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2361, Page 3135, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 3338903 dated February 15, 1993. 4 pages.
- Eighth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2417, Page 2227, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 3442840 dated August 23, 1993. 1 page.
- Seventh Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2417, Page 2228, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 3442841 dated August 23, 1993. 2 pages.
- Ninth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2427, Page 2782, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 3461169 dated September 27, 1993. 1 page.
- Tenth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2461, Page 3427, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 3520246 dated January 11, 1994. 6 pages.

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- Eighth Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2532, Page 2974, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 3650120 dated September 2, 1994. 2 pages.
- Eleventh Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2532, Page 2976, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 3650121 dated September 2, 1994. 1 page.
- Twelfth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2563, Page 0719, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 3705439 dated December 28, 1994. 2 pages.
- Ninth Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2742, Page 3202, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 4027723 dated September 10, 1996. 2 pages.
- Tenth Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2742, Page 3204, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 4027724 dated September 10, 1996. 2 pages.
- Thirteenth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2742, Page 3206, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 4027725 dated September 10, 1996. 2 pages.
- Fourteenth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2742, Page 3208, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 4027726 dated September 10, 1996. 2 pages.
- Eleventh Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 2946, Page 3358, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 4369052 dated April 15, 1998. 2 pages.
- Twelfth Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 3187, Page 1413, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 4751640 dated November 10, 1999. 2 pages.

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- Fifteenth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 3187, Page 1415, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 4751641 dated November 10, 1999. 2 pages.
- Ninth Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 3229, Page 0394, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 4828960 dated March 9, 2000. 6 pages.
- Thirteenth Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 3275, Page 0966, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 4912153 dated July 5, 2000. 63 pages.
- Sixteenth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 3427, Page 2891, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 5155008 dated June 7, 2001. 6 pages.
- Seventeenth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 3505, Page 1040, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 5263350 dated October 18, 2001. 5 pages.
- Fourteenth Amendment to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 3513, Page 4344, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 5264967 dated November 2, 2001. 3 pages.
- Eighteenth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 3544, Page 1212, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 5313308 dated December 20, 2001. 3 pages.
- Nineteen Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 3544, Page 1217, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 5313310 dated December 20, 2001. 2 pages.
- Corrective Nineteenth Supplement to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community, as recorded at O.R. Book 3556, Page 1521, of Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Instrument number 5326233 dated January 10, 2002. 9 pages.

EXHIBIT “C”

**NOTE: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OF ENTIRE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.
FOR PRESENT TEXT SEE EXISTING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GATEWAY GREENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Pursuant to Section 617.1007, Florida Statutes, these Articles of Incorporation of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, which was originally incorporated on February 8, 1988, are hereby amended and restated in their entirety. All amendments included herein have been adopted pursuant to Section 671.1002, Florida Statutes, and there is no discrepancy between the corporation's current Articles of Incorporation and the provisions of these Amended and Restated Articles other than the inclusion of amendments, adopted pursuant to Section 617.1002, Florida Statutes, and the omission of matters of historical interest. Any defined terms in the Amended and Restated Declaration (2024) of Master Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the corporation shall have the same meaning in these Articles. The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., shall henceforth be as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of the corporation is Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Association", which is a homeowner's association governed by Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, as the same is amended from time to time.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: The principal office of the corporation or Association shall be c/o Alliant Property Management, LLC, 13831 Vector Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, or such other office as designated by the Board.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE AND POWERS: This Association will not permit pecuniary gain or profit nor distribution of its income to its members, officers or Directors. It is a nonprofit corporation formed for the purpose of establishing a corporate residential community homeowners' association which, subject to the Declaration and General Protective Covenants for Gateway Greens Community originally recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida, at Instrument No. 2018000141529 et seq., and as amended and restated of even date herewith (hereinafter, the "Declaration"), has the powers described herein. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a Florida corporation not for profit consistent with these Articles, the Bylaws of the corporation, and with said Declaration and shall have all of the powers and authority

reasonably necessary or appropriate for the operation and regulation of a residential community, subject to said recorded Declaration, as it may from time to time be amended. The powers that the Association, as a corporation, shall have are as follows:

- (A) to have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement its purposes including those set forth herein, and to do all of the acts required to be performed by it in accordance with the Declaration;
- (B) to hold funds solely and exclusively for the benefit of the Members for purpose set forth in these Articles;
- (C) to charge recipients for services rendered by the Association or users for use of Association Property or Common areas when such is deemed appropriate by the Board of Governors;
- (D) to pay taxes and other charges, if any, on or against property owned, leased, licensed or accepted by the Association;
- (E) to enforce by legal means the obligations of the Members of the Association, the provisions of the Declaration, and other provisions of the Association's Governing Documents;
- (F) to contract with governmental or quasi-governmental entities and Neighborhood Associations requiring maintenance and administration;
- (G) to fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means all charges, assessments, or liens pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the corporation, including all license fees, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property or the corporation;
- (H) to make, amend and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of Lots, Units, Homes, Common Areas and Association Property, and the operation of the Association;
- (I) to sue and be sued, and to enforce the provisions of the Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and the reasonable rules of the Association;
- (J) to contract for the management and maintenance of the Common Areas and Association Property and to delegate any powers and duties of the Association in connection therewith except such as are specifically required by the Declaration to be exercised by the Board of Governors or the membership of the Association;
- (K) to employ accountants, attorneys, architects, and other professional personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of Gateway Greens;

(L) to dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication, sale or transfer shall be effective unless first approved by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Association's voting interests at a duly called meeting of the membership.

(M) to borrow money, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts;

(N) to maintain, repair, replace and provide insurance for the Common Areas and Association Property;

(O) to acquire, (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the corporation; and

(P) to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapters 617 and 720 of Florida Statutes may now or hereafter have or exercise; subject always to the Declaration as amended from time to time.

All funds and the title to all property acquired by the Association shall be held for the benefit of the Members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS: Membership and Voting Rights shall be as set forth in the Declaration and Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE V

TERM; DISSOLUTION: The term of the Association shall be perpetual. The Association may be dissolved with the consent given in writing and signed by not less than a) three-fourths (3/4) of the Board of Governors; and three-fourths (3/4) of the total voting interests of the Association. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, its assets, both real and personal, shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was formed. In the event there is a refusal to accept such dedication, then such assets shall be granted, conveyed amend assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization which is devoted to purposes similar to those of this Association.

ARTICLE VI

BYLAWS: The Bylaws of the Association may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided therein.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS: Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

- (A) Proposal. Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed by a majority of the Board or upon petition of one-fourth (1/4th) of the voting interests and shall be submitted to a vote of the Members not later than the next annual meeting.
- (B) Vote Required: Except as otherwise required by Florida law or as provided elsewhere in these Articles, these Articles of Incorporation may be amended if the proposed amendment is approved by the affirmative vote of at least (i) a majority of the entire Board of Governors; and (ii) a majority (50% plus 1 vote) of the total voting interests in the Association.
- (C) Effective Date: An amendment shall become effective upon filing with the Florida Secretary of State and recording a certified copy in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida with the same formalities as are required in the Declaration for recording amendments to the Declaration.

ARTICLE VIII

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

- (A) The affairs of the Association will be administered by a Board of Governors consisting of the number of Governors determined by the Bylaws. Governors must be Members of the Association, or the spouse of a Member.
- (B) Governors of the Association shall be elected by the members and shall serve in the manner determined by the Bylaws. Governors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Governors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- (C) The business of the Association shall be conducted by the officers designated in the Bylaws. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Governors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the members of the Association and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

ARTICLE IX

INDEMNIFICATION:

To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, the Association shall indemnify and hold harmless every Governor and every officer of the Association against all expenses and liabilities including attorney fees, actually and reasonably incurred by or imposed on him or her in connection with any legal proceeding (or settlement or appeal of such proceeding) to which he or she may be a party because of his or her being or having been a Governor or officer of the Association. The

foregoing right of indemnification shall not apply to:

- (A) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association, in a proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor.
- (B) A violation of criminal law, unless the Governor or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his or her action was unlawful.
- (C) A transaction from which the Governor or officer derived an improper personal benefit.
- (D) Wrongful conduct by Governors or officers, in a proceeding brought by or on behalf of the Association.

In the event of a settlement, the right to indemnification shall not apply unless a majority of the disinterested Governors vote that the settlement is in the best interest of the Association. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of all other rights to which a Governor or officer may be entitled.

ARTICLE X

REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT:

The street address of the registered office of the Association is Adamczyk Law Firm, PLLC, 10641 Airport-Pulling Road, Suite 31, Naples, Florida 34109, and the registered agent of the Association at that address shall be Mark E. Adamczyk, Esq., or such other registered agent as designated by the Board.

The undersigned hereby accepts the designation of Registered Agent as set forth in Article X of these Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledges that he is familiar with and accepts the obligations imposed upon registered agents under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

/s/ Mark E. Adamczyk

Mark E. Adamczyk, Esq.

EXHIBIT "D"

NOTE: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS OF ENTIRE BYLAWS. FOR ORIGINAL TEXT SEE ORIGINAL BYLAWS.

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF GATEWAY GREENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

1. GENERAL. These are Bylaws of Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc., hereinafter the "Master Association" or "Association", a corporation not for profit organized under the laws of Florida for the purpose of maintaining common parcels and providing services to homeowners in the master planned community known as "Gateway Greens". All prior Bylaws, if any, are hereby revoked and superseded in their entirety. Terms in these Bylaws shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Amended and Restated Declaration (2024) of Master Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Gateway Greens Community Association, Inc. (whether capitalized or not).

1.1 Principal Office. The principal office of the Association shall be c/o Alliant Property Management, LLC, 13831 Vector Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33907.

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" and "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 or writing of the corporation where a seal may be required.

2. MEMBERS. The members of the Association are the record owners of legal title to the lots, homes and units, and the Golf Course (Club) Owner. In the case of a residential lot, home or unit subject to an agreement for deed, the purchaser in possession shall be deemed the owner of the residential lot, home or unit solely for purposes of determining use rights.

2.1 Change of Membership. A change of membership shall become effective after all the following events have occurred.

(A) Recording in the Public Records of a Deed or other instrument evidencing legal title to the lot, home or unit of the member.

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

(C) Designation, in writing, of a primary occupant, which is required when title to a home or unit is held in the name of two (2) or more persons who are not husband and wife, or by a trustee or a corporation or other entity which is not a natural person.

2.2 Voting Interests. The members of the Association are entitled to one (1) vote for each

residential lot, home or unit owned by them. The total number of possible votes (the voting interests) of the Association is the total number of residential lots, homes and units in the Association, in addition to eight (8) votes entitled to be cast by the Golf Course Owner. The vote for such lot, home or unit shall be exercised as such members will determine among themselves, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any lot, home or unit. The vote of a residential lot, home or unit is not divisible. The Association may suspend the voting rights of a member for the nonpayment of any monetary obligation due to the Association that is more than ninety (90) days delinquent. If a residential lot, home or unit is owned by one (1) natural person, the right to vote shall be established by the record title to the residential lot, home or unit. If a residential lot, home or unit is owned jointly by two (2) or more natural persons, that residential lot, home or unit's vote may be cast by any one (1) of the record owners. If two (2) or more owners of a residential lot, home or unit do not agree among themselves how their one (1) vote shall be cast on any issue, that vote shall not be counted for any purpose. If the owner of a residential lot, home or unit is other than a natural person, the vote of that residential lot, home or unit shall be cast by the residential home or unit's primary occupant. All votes must be cast by an owner or primary occupant.

2.3 Approval or Disapproval of Matters. Matters coming before the Association for consideration shall fall into two (2) categories. General matters relating to the affairs of the Association which are subject to the approval of the members will be voted on at a meeting of the Association through votes cast by Representatives holding irrevocable proxies pursuant to sections 2.3 of the Amended and Restated Declaration (2024) for Gateway Greens recorded of even date herewith (hereafter, the "Declaration"). Matters requiring approval of the members and relating to amendment of the Governing Documents, approval of additional property being added to the lands subject to the Declaration, approval of material alteration or addition that cannot be approved by the Board on its own pursuant to section 5.1 of the Declaration, election of Governors, and any other matter where direct voting is requested by the Board, will require the direct vote of the members of the Association at a meeting where a quorum is present.

2.4 Change of Membership. A change of membership in the Association shall be established by the new member's membership becoming effective as provided for in Section 2.1 above. At that time the membership of the prior owner shall be terminated automatically.

2.5 Termination of Membership. The 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 an annual meeting of the members in each calendar year. The annual meeting shall be held in Lee County, Florida during the month of March, at a date, time and place designated by the Board of Governors, for the purpose of electing Governors and transacting any other business duly 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 Governors, and may also be called by members having at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total voting interests. The business at any special meeting shall be limited to the items specified in the notice of meeting. Special meetings shall be open to any member.

3.3 Notice Meetings; Waiver of Notice. Notices of all members' meetings must state the date, time and place of the meeting. Notice of special meetings must include a description of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. The notice must be mailed to each member at the member's address as it appears on the books of the Association, or may be furnished by personal delivery or electronic transmission as permitted by applicable law. The members are responsible for providing the Association with any change of address. The notice must be mailed, transmitted or delivered not less than fourteen (14) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. If ownership of a residential home or unit is transferred after notice has been mailed or transmitted, no separate notice to the new owner is required. 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. A member may also waive notice of any meeting at any time by written waiver.

3.4 Quorum. A quorum at members' meeting shall be attained by the presence, either in person or by proxy, of persons entitled to cast at least thirty percent (30%) of the votes entitled to be cast as determined in the manner set forth in the Declaration or in these Bylaws.

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

3.6 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 residential unit, specify the date, time and place of the meeting for which it is given, and the original must be delivered to the Secretary by the appointed time of the meeting or adjournment thereof. No proxy shall be valid if it names more than one (1) 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 must be members. Limited proxies may be used in the election of Governors.

3.7 Participation at Meeting By Remote Communication. Unless prohibited by the Chapter 720, F.S., if authorized by the Board of Governors as provided in Section 617.0721 F.S., and subject to such guidelines and procedures as the Board of Governors may adopt, members and proxy holders who are not physically present at a meeting may, by means of remote communication:

(A) Participate in the meeting.

(B) Be deemed to be present in person and vote at the meeting if:

1. The Association implements reasonable means to verify that each person deemed present and authorized to vote by means of remote communication is a member or proxy holder; and

2. The Association implements reasonable measures to provide such members or proxy holders with a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the members, including an opportunity to communicate and to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrent with the proceedings.

3.8 Electronic Notice and Online Voting. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Association may adopt procedures and implement technology that allows members who consent in writing to receive official notices by electronic mail and vote in elections and other matters by secure internet-based online voting system that complies with applicable law.

3.9 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 present.

3.10 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) Proof of notice of the meeting or waiver of notice

(C) Reading or disposal of minutes of last members' meeting

(D) Reports of Officers

(E) Reports of Committees

(F) Appointment by President of inspectors of election (if annual meeting)

(G) Election of Governors (if annual meeting)

(H) Unfinished Business

(I) New Business

(J) Adjournment

3.11 Minutes. Minutes of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Governors shall be kept in a businesslike manner, available for inspection by members or their authorized representatives at all reasonable times. Minutes must be reduced to written form within thirty (30) days after the meeting.

3.12 Parliamentary Rules. Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall guide the conduct of the Association meetings when not in conflict with the law, with the Declaration, or with the Articles or 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.

4. BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The administration of the affairs of the Association shall be by a Board of Governors. All powers and duties granted to the Association by law, as modified and explained in the Declaration, Articles and Bylaws, shall be exercised by the Board, subject to approval or consent of the residential owners only when such is specifically required. The Board of Governors is empowered to establish policies to facilitate the operations required to maintain the buildings and grounds of the Association, provided that all such policies are consistent with and in compliance with these documents and applicable federal and state statutes.

4.1 Number of Governors. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Governors consisting of five (5) Governors. A majority of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting of the Board, and the action of a majority present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the Board of Governors.

4.2 Term. The term of each Governor's service shall extend to the next annual meeting at which the Governor's term is scheduled to expire, and, then until the successor Governor is duly elected and qualified, or until the Governor is recalled in the manner provided below. Terms shall expire as provided in section 5.2 below.

4.3 Recall or Removal. Any Governor may be recalled and removed from office with or without cause by the vote or agreement in writing of a majority of all votes entitled to be cast for Governors. Voting for recall shall be only by direct vote of the Members. A special meeting of the members to recall a member or members of the Board of Governors may be called by the holders of ten percent (10%) of the votes entitled to be cast for Governors, giving notice of the meeting as required by these By-Laws. The notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. Any vacancy on the Board of Governors thus created shall be filled by the members of the Association at the same meeting.

A. If the recall is approved by a majority of all votes entitled to be cast for Governors, the recall is effective immediately, and the recalled member or

members of the Board of Governors shall turn over to the Board any and all records of the Association in their possession, within 72 hours after the meeting.

- B. If the proposed recall is by an agreement in writing by a majority of all votes entitled to be cast for Governors, the agreement shall be served on the Association by certified mail. The Board of Governors shall call a meeting of the Board within five (5) days after receipt of the agreement and shall either certify the agreement to recall a member or members of the Board, in which case such member or members shall be recalled effective immediately and shall turn over to the Board within 72 hours, any and all records of the Association in their possession, or in writing challenge such recall setting forth the facts and legal basis for not certifying such recall.
- C. During a meeting of members to recall one or more members of a Board of Administration, the members shall select and announce the name and address of a representative to receive pleadings, notices, or other papers on behalf of the petitioning members in the event that the vote at the meeting is disputed and a petition for arbitration is filed as provided in Florida Statutes Chapter 682. If a proposed recall is sought by written agreement, the agreement shall also designate a representative to receive pleadings, notices, or other papers on behalf of the members executing the agreement in the event the Board of Governors determines not to certify the agreement to recall and files a petition for binding arbitration.
- D. Unless otherwise provided in the Declaration or Bylaws, the proposed recall of more than one member of the Board of Governors shall require a separate vote for each member sought to be recalled or, where recall is attempted by written agreement, a separate agreement is required for each member of the Board being recalled.

4.4 Qualifications. Each Governor must be a Member of the Association, or primary occupant, or the spouse of a Member or primary occupant. If a lot, home or unit is held in trust, the trustee, grantor or settlor of the trust, or any one of the beneficial owners residing in the home or unit is eligible to be elected to the Board of Governors. Any person who is more than ninety (90) days delinquent in the payment of any monetary obligation to the Association is not eligible to serve on the Board. Convicted felons are not permitted to serve on the Board unless their civil rights have been fully restored by the State of Florida for at least five (5) years. Co-owners are not eligible to serve together on the Board unless they own multiple lots, homes or units.

4.5 Resignation; Vacancies on the Board. Any Governor may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Association, and unless otherwise specified therein, the resignation shall become effective upon receipt. Should the seat of any Governor become vacant during the term of a Governor's service due to death, resignation, or otherwise, except recall, the remaining members of the Board of Governors shall fill the vacancy by appointment. The appointed

Governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. If for any reason there shall arise circumstances in which no Governors are serving and the entire Board is vacant, the members shall elect successors at a special meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

4.6 Organizational Meeting. The organizational meeting of a new Board of Governors shall be held within ten (10) days after the election of new Governors, at such place and time as may be fixed and announced by the Governors at the annual meeting at 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 by a majority of the Governors. Notice of meetings shall be given to each Governor, personally or by mail, telephone, or electronic transmission at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting. Board meetings may be held telephonically or virtually (i.e. Zoom) provided all Members have an opportunity to attend and address the Board as required by applicable law.

4.8 Notice to Owners. Meetings of the Board of Governors shall be open to members except for meetings between the Board and its attorney with respect to a) proposed or pending litigation where the discussion would otherwise be governed by the attorney-client privilege; or b) personnel matters, and notices of all Board meetings, together with an agenda, shall be posted conspicuously in the community at least forty-eight (48) continuous hours in advance of each Board meeting, except in an emergency. Notice of any Board meeting at which rules affecting the use of a parcel shall be considered shall specifically contain a statement that rules are to be considered and contain a copy of the proposed rule. Notice of any Board Meeting at which special assessments are to be considered for any reason shall specifically contain a statement that special assessments will be considered and the nature of the assessments. Notice of any Board Meeting at which rules or special assessments shall be considered shall be mailed, delivered or electronically transmitted and posted at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.

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

4.10 Quorum of Governors. A quorum at a Board meeting shall be attained by the presence in person of a majority of all Governors. Governors may participate in any meeting of the Board, or meeting of an executive or other committee, by means of a conference telephone call or similar communicative arrangement whereby all persons present can hear and speak to all other persons. Participation by such means shall be deemed equivalent to presence in person at a meeting.

4.11 Vote Required. The acts approved by a majority of those Governors present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum has been attained shall constitute the acts of the Board of Governors, except when approval by a greater number of Governors is required by the Governing Documents or by applicable statutes. A Governor who is present at a meeting of the Board is deemed to have voted in favor of every action taken, unless he voted against such action or abstained from voting because of an asserted conflict of interest. The vote or abstention of

each Governor present on each issue voted upon shall be recorded in the minutes of each meeting. Governors 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. A majority of the Governors present at any meeting of the Board of Governors, regardless of whether a quorum exists, 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, if the presiding officer at all meetings of the Board. If neither officer is present, the presiding officer shall be selected by majority vote of the Governors present.

4.14 Governors' Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses. Neither Governors nor officers shall receive compensation for their services as such. Governors 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 Emergency Powers. In the event of any "emergency" as defined in Section 4.16(G) below, the Board of Governors 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) The Board may name as assistant officers, persons who are not Governors, which assistant officers shall have the same authority as the executive officers to whom they are assistant during the period of the emergency, to accommodate the incapacity of any officer of the Association.

(B) The Board may relocate the principal office or designate alternative principal offices or authorize the officers to do so.

(C) During any emergency the Board may hold meetings with notice given only to those Governors with whom it is practicable to communicate, and the notice may be given in any practicable manner, including publication or radio. The Governor or Governors in attendance at such a meeting shall constitute a quorum.

(D) Corporate action taken in good faith during what is reasonably believed to be an emergency under this Section to further the ordinary affairs of the Association shall bind the Association; and shall have the rebuttal presumption of being reasonable and necessary.

(E) Any officer, Governor, or employee of the Association acting with a reasonable belief that his actions are lawful in accordance with these emergency Bylaws shall incur no liability for doing so, except in the case of willful misconduct.

(F) These emergency Bylaws shall supersede any inconsistent or contrary provisions of

the Bylaws during the period of the emergency.

(G) 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, 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 Gateway Greens is located, or have declared that area a "disaster area". A determination by any two (2) Governors, or by the President, that an emergency exists shall have presumptive validity.

The Board of Governors shall also have the emergency powers authorized by Section 720.316, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

5. ELECTION OF GOVERNORS.

5.1 Election Procedure. Governors shall be elected and take office at the annual meeting of Members by a plurality of the votes entitled to be cast for Governors, which are present in person or by proxy. Each eligible voter shall be entitled to cast votes for each of as many nominees as there are vacancies to be filled. There shall be no cumulative voting. Not less than sixty (60) days before the annual meeting of the members, the Association shall send all Members a first notice of annual meeting and election, which will provide the date of the meeting and information needed for eligible Members to nominate themselves for the Board of Governors in writing. Written nominations from eligible Members must be received by the Association at least forty (40) days before the date of the election meeting. Late nominations will not be accepted. Not less than fourteen (14) days before the annual meeting and election, the Association will send all Members a second notice of the meeting together with an election ballot containing the eligible Governor candidates and other instructions on how to vote in the election. Only candidates nominated as permitted by this section are eligible for the election ballot. No nominations shall be made from the floor at the election meeting. Voting for Governors by limited proxy is permitted.

5.2 Staggered Terms. Governors who are elected shall serve two (2) year staggered terms. In each annual election, either three (3) or two (2) Governor seats will be elected for the applicable two-year term. Beginning with the effective date of these Amended and Restated Bylaws, and provided there are a sufficient number of eligible persons who are willing and able to serve on the Board, Governors shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive 2-year terms on the Board.

6. OFFICERS.

6.1 Officers and Elections. The executive officers of the Association shall be a President, and a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary, all of whom shall be Governors and elected by a majority vote of the Board of Governors. Any officer may be removed with or without cause at any meeting by vote of a majority of the Governors. Any officer so removed shall return all books, records and property of the Association to the Association within seventy-two (72) hours

of their removal. 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 (1) Vice-President.

6.2 President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association; shall preside at all meetings of the members and Governors; shall be *ex-officio* a member of all standing and ad-hoc committees; shall oversee the business of the Association; and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. The President shall execute bonds, mortgages and other contracts and documents requiring the seal 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 Governors to some other officer or agent of the Association.

6.3 Vice-President. The Vice-President 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 Governors shall assign.

6.4 Secretary. The Secretary shall attend meetings of the Board of Governors 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 standing committees when required. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, proper notice of all meetings of the members, and of the Board of Governors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the President. The Secretary 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. At the discretion of the Board, any of the foregoing duties may be delegated to and performed by the Association's property management office.

6.5 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall serve as chairman of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer and the Finance Committee will review the staff prepared budget for accuracy and reasonableness, determine funding for the long term reserves based on the needs of the community, review the committee requests and recommend the final budget to the Board. The Board may accept or modify the final budget. The Treasurer will review the periodic financial reports provided by the staff or Management Company and report to the Board and the community. The Treasurer and the Finance Committee will review the cash depositories primarily to determine that they are in accordance with Association's governing documents. The Treasurer and Finance Committee may perform other financial or audit functions as requested by the board.

6.6 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 Governors from employing officers as employees of the Association.

7. COMMITTEES

7.1 Standing Committees. Committees of the Association may be formed at the discretion of the Board.

(A.) The other standing committees shall have the duties and function as determined by the Board of Governors from time to time. The Board of Governors may appoint such other committees from time to time as it deems desirable.

(B.) The committees appointed by the Board of Governors shall have power to appoint sub-committees from among their membership and may delegate to any such sub-committees from among their membership and may delegate to any such sub-committee any powers, duties, and functions.

(C.) It is the duty of each committee to receive complaints from members on any matter involving Association functions, duties and activities within its field of responsibility. It shall dispose of such complaints as it deems appropriate or refer them to such other committee, Governor or officer of the Association which is further concerned with the matter presented.

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

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

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

8.3 Budget. The Association's Management Company, with assistance from the Finance Committee, shall prepare and the Board of Governors 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. The budget shall be adopted by the Board of Governors not later than November 15th of the calendar year preceding the calendar year for which the budget is being adopted.

8.4 Reserves. The Board of Governors shall establish in the budget one (1) or more restricted reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance. These reserve accounts may be pooled at the election of the Board of Governors. Contingency reserves for unanticipated operating expenses shall be included, if at all, in the operating portion of the budget. These contingency reserve funds may be spent for any purpose approved by the Board. The purpose of reserves is to provide financial stability and to minimize the need for special assessments. The annual amounts proposed to be so reserved shall be shown in the annual budget.

8.5 Assessments; Installments. The regular annual assessment based on an adopted budget shall be paid in quarterly installments, in advance, due on the first day of each quarter of each year. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to the owners of each unit prior to the first quarterly installment being due, but failure to send (or receive) such notice does 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 payment for the first quarterly installment is due, it shall be presumed that the amount of such installment is the same as the last quarterly installment, and payments shall be continued at such rate until a budget is adopted and new annual assessments are calculated, at which time an appropriate adjustment shall be added to or subtracted from each unit's next due quarterly installment. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. Any assessment that is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall accrue interest from the due date at the highest rate allowed by law and shall incur a late fee of \$25.00 or 5% of the assessment, whichever is greater.

8.6 Special Assessments. Special assessments may be imposed by the Board of Governors 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. Unless otherwise required by the Declaration or applicable law, special assessments do not require approval of the Members. Special assessments are due on the day specified in the resolution of the Board approving such assessment. Special assessments are billed as further provided in the Declaration. The notice of any Board meeting at which a special assessment will be considered shall be given as provided in these Bylaws; and the notice to the owners that the assessment has been levied must contain a statement of the purpose(s) of the assessment. The funds collected must be spent for the stated purpose(s) or returned to the members as provided by law. Section 3.4 of the Declaration shall govern how special assessments are billed and collected by the Association or a Neighborhood Association, as the case may be.

8.7 Individual Assessments. The Association shall also have the right to levy assessments against individual Members and their lot, home or unit, which may include but is not limited to monetary fines assessed against an owner pursuant to the Governing Documents, or any expense or charge of the Association attributable to or on behalf of an individual owner pursuant to the Governing Documents, which may include legal expenses (including pre-litigation legal demands or notices) incurred to correct violations or conduct in violation of the Governing Documents. These charges shall be an Individual Assessment and shall become a lien against such owner's home or unit which may be foreclosed or otherwise collected as provided herein to the extent authorized by law.

8.8 Fidelity Bonds. The President, Treasurer, and all other persons who are authorized to sign checks, shall be bonded in such amounts as may be acquired by law or otherwise determined by the Board of Governors. The premiums on such bonds are a common expense.

8.9 Financial Reports. Not later than ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, the Board shall cause to be prepared a financial report as prescribed by the Florida Statutes. The Association shall provide each member with a copy of the financial report or a written notice that a copy of the financial report is available upon request at no charge to the member.

8.10 Application of Payments and Co-Mingling of Funds. All monies collected by the Association may be co-mingled in a single fund or divided into two (2) or more funds, as determined by the Board of Governors. Regardless of any restrictive endorsement all payments on account by an owner shall first be applied to interest, late fees, costs, attorney fees, other charges, fines and then to the oldest regular or special assessments.

8.11 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the Association shall begin on the first day of January of each calendar year and end on December 31 that same calendar year.

9. RULES AND REGULATIONS; USE RESTRICTIONS. The Board of Governors may, from time to time, adopt and amend administrative rules and regulations governing the use, maintenance, management and control of the Common Areas, the homes and units and the operation of the Association.

10. COMPLIANCE AND DEFAULT; REMEDIES. In addition to the remedies provided in the Declaration, the following shall apply.

10.1 Fines; Suspensions. The Board of Governors may levy fines and/or suspensions against members, or members' tenants or guests, or both, who commit violations of applicable laws or ordinances, the provisions of the Governing Documents, or the rules and regulations, or who condone such violations by their family members, guests or lessees. 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 the Declaration. The maximum accrued or aggregate fine for a continuing violation shall have no limit or maximum, as further provided in the Declaration. A fine may be levied on the basis of each day of a continuing violation, with a single notice and opportunity for hearing. Suspensions of the use of common areas and facilities may be imposed for a reasonable period of time to deter future violations. The procedure for imposing fines or suspending use rights shall be as follows:

(A) **Notice.** The party against whom the fine and/or suspension is sought to be levied or imposed shall be afforded an opportunity for hearing after reasonable notice of not less than fourteen (14) days, and the notice shall include:

- (1) a statement of the date, time and place of the hearing;
- (2) a short and plain statement of the specific facts giving rise to the alleged violation(s); and

- (3) the possible amounts of any proposed fine and/or possible use rights of common areas or facilities to be suspended.

(B) **Hearing.** At the hearing the party against whom the fine and/or suspensions may be levied shall have a reasonable opportunity to respond, to present evidence, and to provide written and oral argument on all issues involved, and to review, challenge, and respond to any evidence or testimony presented by the Association. The hearing must occur within 90 days of the written notice of hearing. The hearing shall be conducted before a panel of three (3) members appointed by the Board, none of whom may then be serving as Governors or officers, or who are employees of the Association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of an officer, Governor or employee. If the committee, by majority vote, does not agree with the proposed fine and/or suspension, it may not be levied or imposed. If the committee agrees with the proposed fine and/or suspensions, the Board of Governors shall levy same.

(C) **Collection of Fines.** Fines are due 30 days after delivery of written notice of the panel's findings and decision. Any fine totaling \$1,000.00 or greater shall become a lien on the home or unit of the owner or member who owes the fine. Said lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as a lien for assessments as provided for in the Declaration. The fine shall also be a personal obligation of the person fined.

10.2 Correction of Health and Safety Hazards. Any violations of the Association rules which creates conditions of the property which are deemed by the Board of Governors 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 as an Individual Assessment secured by a lien.

10.3 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 majority's right to enjoy the property free from unreasonable restraint and annoyance.

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

11.1 Proposal. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be proposed by a majority of the Board or upon petition of ten percent (10%) of the Voting Interests, and shall be submitted to a vote of the members not later than the next annual meeting.

11.2 Vote Required. Except as otherwise required by Florida law or as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, these Bylaws may be amended if the proposed amendment is approved by the affirmative vote of at least (a) a majority of the entire Board of Governors; and (b) a majority (50% plus 1 vote) of the total voting interests in the Association.

11.3 Effective Date. An amendment shall become effective upon the recording of a copy in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida with the same formalities as are required in the Declaration for recording amendments to the Declaration.

12. MISCELLANEOUS.

12.1 Gender; Number. 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.

12.2 Severability. If any portion of these Bylaws is void or becomes unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

12.3 Conflict. If any irreconcilable conflict should exist, or hereafter arise, with respect to the interpretation of these Bylaws and the Declaration, or the Association's Articles of Incorporation, the provisions of the Declaration or Articles of Incorporation shall prevail over the provisions of these Bylaws.