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## **BYLAWS**

OF

# MEEDER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Uniform Planned Community Act, 68 Pa. C.S. § 5101, *et seq.*, as amended (the "Act")

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## ARTICLE I

#### Introductory Provisions

- 1.1. <u>Applicability</u>. These Bylaws provide for the governance of Meeder Neighborhood Association, Inc. (the "Association") pursuant to the requirements of Section 5306 of the Act with respect to the planned community (the "Community") created by the recording of the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Easements and Establishment of Neighborhood Association for Meeder, A Planned Community in Cranberry Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as amended from time to time (the "Declaration") among the land records of Butler County, Pennsylvania.
- 1.2. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings specified for such terms in the Declaration to which these Bylaws pertain or, if not defined therein, the meanings specified or used for such terms in the Act.
- 1.3. <u>Compliance</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, every Unit Owner and all persons entitled to occupy a Unit shall comply with these Bylaws.
- 1.4. Office. The office of the Community, the Association, and the Executive Board shall be located at the Property or at such other place as may be designated from time to time by the Executive Board.
- 1.5. Incorporation of Statutory Law. Except as expressly provided herein, in the Declaration, or in the Act, the Association shall be governed by the provisions of the Non-profit Corporation Law of 1988 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 15 Pa. C.S. § 5101, et seq., as amended from time to time (the "Corporation Law"). The "Board of Directors" described therein shall be referred to herein and in the Declaration as the "Executive Board."

#### ARTICLE II

### The Association

2.1. <u>Membership</u>. The Association is a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation established on a non-stock basis, all the members of which are the Unit Owners of the Community. The Declarant, being the initial owner of all Units, shall initially constitute all of the members of the Association. A person shall automatically become a member of the Association at the time he acquires legal title to his Unit, whether improved or unimproved, A6842351:2

and he shall continue to be a member so long as he continues to hold title to such Unit. A person shall automatically cease being a member at such time as he no longer holds legal title to his Unit. A Unit Owner shall not be permitted to resign from membership in the Association prior to the time at which he transfers title to his Unit to another. No membership may be transferred in any way except as an appurtenance to the transfer of title to the Unit to which that membership pertains. Transfer of membership shall be automatic upon transfer of title, but the Association may treat the prior Unit Owner as the member for all purposes until satisfactory evidence of the recording of the instrument transferring title shall be presented to the Secretary of the Executive Board. The date of recordation of an instrument of conveyance in the Office of the Butler County Recorder of Deeds shall be determinative of all disputes concerning the date of transfer of title to any Unit.

- 2.2. <u>Purpose</u>. Except as otherwise established by the Executive Board, the Association shall have the responsibility of administering the Community, establishing the means and methods of collecting assessments and charges, arranging for the management of the Community and performing all of the other acts that may be required or permitted to be performed by the Association pursuant to the Act and the Declaration. The foregoing responsibilities shall be performed by the Executive Board or Managing Agent as more particularly set forth in these Bylaws.
- 2.3. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. Except as otherwise established by the Executive Board, the annual meetings of the Association shall be held on the third Thursday of October of each year unless such date shall occur on a holiday, in which event the meeting shall be held on the succeeding Monday. At such annual meetings the Executive Board shall be elected by ballot of the Unit Owners in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.6 of these Bylaws and such other business as may properly come before the meeting may be transacted.
- 2.4. <u>Budget Meeting</u>. Any meetings of Unit Owners to consider proposed budgets shall be called in accordance with Sections 11.5 and 11.6 of the Declaration. The budget may be considered at Annual or Special Meetings called for other purposes as well.

#### 2.5. Special Meetings.

- (a) Convened by Executive Board or Unit Owners. Special meetings of Unit Owners may be called by the President, a majority of the Executive Board, or upon a petition signed and presented to the Secretary by Unit Owners entitled to cast at least twenty percent (20%) of the votes in the Association. The notice of any special meeting shall state the time, place and purpose thereof. Such meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days after receipt by the President of said resolution or petition. No business shall be conducted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.
- (b) <u>First Special Election Meeting</u>. Within sixty (60) days after conveyance of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Units that may be created to Unit Owners other than the Declarant, a special meeting of the Association shall be held at which one (1) of the three (3) members of the Executive Board designated by the

Declarant shall resign (such member to be selected by the Declarant), and the Unit Owners, excluding the Declarant as a Unit Owner, shall thereupon elect one (1) successor member of the Executive Board to act in the place and stead of the member resigning. Such successor member shall serve until the second special election meeting of the Association to be held in accordance with subsection (c) below.

- Second Special Election Meeting. Not later than the earliest of (i) (c) seven (7) years after the date of the first conveyance of a Unit to a person other than the Declarant, (ii) sixty (60) days after seventy-five percent (75%) of the Units that may be created have been conveyed to Unit Owners other than the Declarant. (iii) two (2) years after the Declarant or any successor declarant has ceased to offer Units for sale in the ordinary course of business, (iv) two (2) years after any development right to add new Units was last exercised, or (v) such longer period of time as may be permitted by law from time to time, a special meeting of the Association shall be held at which all members of the Executive Board shall resign. and the Unit Owners, including the Declarant if the Declarant owns one (1) or more Units, shall thereupon elect successor members of the Executive Board to act in the place and stead of those resigning. The successor member receiving the highest number of votes shall serve until the third annual meeting of the Association following the meeting at which he or she was elected. The successor member receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve until the second annual meeting of the Association following the meeting at which he or she was elected. The remaining successor member shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Association following the meeting at which he or she was elected. The purpose of this format is to establish staggered terms so that there are always experienced members on the Executive Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing exceptions, pursuant to Section 3.6 hereof, a full regular term of office is three (3) years.
- (d) <u>Combining Special Election Meetings with Annual Meeting</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any meeting required pursuant to subparagraphs (b) and (c) above could be held on the date an annual meeting of the Association is scheduled, then such meeting(s) may be held concurrently with such annual meeting.
- 2.6. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Unit Owners as may be designated by the Executive Board.
- 2.7. <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. The Secretary shall give to each Unit Owner a notice of each annual, regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Association not fewer than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of any meeting, stating the time and place of the meeting and the items on the agenda, including the general nature of any proposed amendment to the Declaration or the Bylaws, any budget or assessment changes and any proposal to remove an Executive Board member or officer. The giving of a notice of meeting in the manner provided in this Section and Section 9.1 of these Bylaws shall be considered service of notice.

- 2.8. Quorum and Adjournment of Meetings. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, a quorum is present throughout any meeting of the Association if persons entitled to cast twenty percent (20%) of the votes in the Association are present in person or by proxy at the beginning of the meeting. If at any meeting of the Association a quorum is not present, Unit Owners entitled to cast a majority of the votes represented at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than twenty-four (24) hours after the time for which the original meeting was called.
- 2.9. <u>Order of Business</u>. The order of business at all meetings of the members of the Association shall be as follows:
  - (a) Roll call or other proof of quorum.
  - (b) Proof of notice of meeting or waiver of notice.
  - (c) Reading and approval of minutes of preceding meeting.
  - (d) Reports of officers and committees.
  - (e) Election of members of the Executive Board, if applicable to such meeting.
    - (f) Unfinished business.
    - (g) New business.
    - (h) Adjournment.
- 2.10. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President (or in his absence, the Vice President) shall preside over all meetings of the Association and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting as well as a record of all transactions occurring thereat. The President may appoint a person to serve as parliamentarian at any meeting of the Association. The then-current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Association when not in conflict with the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Act. All votes shall be tallied by tellers appointed by the President or other officer presiding over the meeting.

#### 2.11. Voting.

- (a) <u>Number of Votes Held by Unit Owners</u>. Voting at all meetings of the Association shall be on a percentage basis and the number of votes to which each Unit Owner is entitled is set forth in the Declaration, as last amended.
- (b) <u>Multiple Owners of a Unit</u>. If the owner of a Unit is a corporation, joint venture, partnership, limited liability company or unincorporated association, the natural person who shall be entitled to cast the vote for such Unit shall be the person named in a certificate executed by such entity pursuant to its governing documents. If the owner of a Unit is a trust, the trustee or trustees shall be deemed to be the

owner for voting purposes. Where the ownership of a Unit is in more than one person, the natural person who shall be entitled to cast the vote of such Unit shall be the person named in a certificate executed by all of the owners of such Unit and filed with the secretary or, in the absence of such named person from the meeting or the failure to execute and file such a certificate, the person who shall be entitled to cast the vote of such Unit shall be the person owning such Unit who is present. Such certificate shall be valid until revoked by a subsequent certificate similarly executed. If more than one (1) person owning such Unit is present, then such vote shall be cast only in accordance with their unanimous agreement. There shall be deemed to be unanimous agreement if any one (1) of the multiple owners casts the votes allocated to that Unit without protest being made promptly to the person presiding over the meeting by any of the other Owners of the Unit. For any matter requiring approval or disapproval of Unit Owners, the person having voting power for a Unit is the person who would be entitled to cast the vote at any meeting of the Association. An exception to this rule is a situation in which the Act or the Declaration requires the owners of a Unit to execute an instrument in the same manner as a deed.

- (c) Percentage of Votes Required to Adopt Decisions. Except with respect to election of members of the Executive Board and except where a greater number is required by the Act, the Declaration or these Bylaws, a "Majority Vote" is required to adopt decisions at any meeting of the Association. A "Majority Vote" means a vote by Unit Owners vested with more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes (as allocated in the Declaration, as last amended) actually voted in person or by proxy at a duly convened meeting at which a quorum is present.
- (d) Election of Executive Board Members. In all elections for Executive Board members, cumulative voting shall be permitted. Accordingly, each Unit Owner entitled to vote shall have the right to multiply the number of votes to which such Unit Owner is entitled, by the total number of members of the Executive Board to be elected in the same election by the Unit Owners, and such Unit Owner may cast all of its votes for one candidate or such Unit Owner may distribute its votes among any two or more candidates. Those candidates for election receiving the greatest number of votes cast in such elections shall be elected and, if Executive Board members are being elected to unequal terms, the candidates receiving the higher number of votes shall be elected to the longer terms.
- (e) <u>Declarant's Right to Vote Its Units</u>. Except as set forth in Section 2.5(b) hereof, if the Declarant owns or holds title to one (1) or more Units, the Declarant shall have the right at any meeting of the Association to cast the votes to which such Unit or Units are allocated.
- (f) <u>Association Has No Vote</u>. No votes allocated to a Unit owned by the Association may be cast.
- (g) <u>Class Voting: Cumulative Voting</u>. Class voting shall be permitted as provided in Section 2.1.3 of the Declaration. Cumulative voting shall be permitted solely for the purpose of electing members of the Executive Board but for no other purpose.

- 2.12. <u>Proxies</u>. A vote may be cast in person or by proxy. Such proxy may be granted by any Unit Owner in favor of only another Unit Owner, a holder of a mortgage on a Unit or the Declarant. In the case of multiple Owners of a Unit, the proxy shall be executed in the same manner as the certificates described in Section 2.11(b) hereof. Proxies shall be duly executed in writing, shall be valid only for the particular meeting designated therein and must be filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting. Such proxy shall be deemed revoked only upon actual receipt by the person presiding over the meeting of written notice of revocation from the grantor(s) of the proxy.
- 2.13. <u>Action Without Meeting</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken by a vote of the members of the Association may be taken without a meeting by unanimous written consent executed by all Unit Owners stating the action so taken. Any such written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Association.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **Executive Board**

- 3.1. <u>Number and Qualification</u>. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by an Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be composed of three (3) natural persons, all of whom shall be Unit Owners or designees of the Declarant. The size of the Executive Board is subject to change as provided in Article XII of the Declaration.
- 3.2. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The Executive Board may act in all instances on behalf of the Association, except as provided in the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Act. The Executive Board shall have, subject to the limitations contained in the Declaration and the Act, the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Association and of the Community which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - (a) Adopt and amend bylaws, charts of maintenance responsibilities, rules and regulations;
    - (b) Adopt and amend budgets for revenues, expenditures and reserves;
    - (c) Collect assessments for Common Expenses from Unit Owners;
    - (d) Hire and discharge managing agents;
  - (e) Hire and discharge employees and agents other than managing agents and independent contractors;
  - (f) Institute, defend or intervene in litigation or administrative proceedings, or engage in arbitrations or mediations, in the Association's name on behalf of the Association or two or more Unit Owners on matters affecting the Community;
    - (g) Make contracts and incur liabilities;

- (h) Regulate the use, maintenance, repair, replacement and modification of the Common Elements and make reasonable accommodations or permit reasonable modifications to be made to Units, the Common Facilities, the Controlled Facilities or the Common Elements, to accommodate people with disabilities (as defined by prevailing Federal, State or local statute, regulations, code or ordinance), Unit Owners, residents, tenants or employees;
- (i) Cause additional improvements to be made as a part of the Common Elements:
- (j) Acquire, hold, encumber and convey in the Association's name any right, title or interest to real property or personal property but Common Elements may be conveyed or subjected to a Security Interest only pursuant to the provisions of the Act:
- (k) Grant easements for any period of time including permanent easements, and leases, licenses and concessions to or over the Common Elements, provided that any such easements, leases, licenses or concession shall be granted in accordance with Section 5302(a)(9) of the Act;
- (I) Impose and receive payments, fees or charges for the use, rental or operation of the Common Elements, and for services provided to Unit Owners;
- (m) Impose charges or interest or both for late payment of assessments and, after Notice and Hearing, levy reasonable fines for violations of the Declaration, Bylaws, Chart of Maintenance Responsibilities and Rules and Regulations of the Association;
- (n) Impose reasonable charges for the preparation and recordation of amendments to the Declaration, resale certificates or statements of unpaid assessments, impose a Capital Improvement Fee upon the resale of a Unit; provided that any such fee shall be imposed in accordance with Section 5302(a)(12) of the Act:
- (o) Provide for the indemnification of the Association's officers and Executive Board and maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance;
- (p) Maintain property and liability insurance in connection with the Community in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration and Section 5312 of the Act;
- (q) Effectuate any merger of the Community and the Association with any one or more planned communities and/or condominium(s) and its/their association, subject nonetheless to Section 19.3 of the Declaration;

- (r) Delegate any powers of the Association to a Master Association in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration and Section 5302(a)(18) of the Act;
- (s) Assign the Association's right to future income, including the right to receive Common Expense assessments; provided however, that reserve funds held for future major repairs and replacements of the Common Elements may not be assigned or pledged;
- (t) Invest the Association's reserve funds in investments permissible by law for the investment of trust funds, in accordance with the Prudent Investor Rule (20 Pa. C.S. §7203);
- (u) Exercise any other powers conferred by the Act, Declaration or Bylaws;
- (v) Exercise all other powers that may be exercised in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by legal entities of the same type as the Association;
- (w) Exercise any other powers necessary and proper for the governance and operation of the Association; and
- (x) By resolution, establish committees of the Executive Board, permanent and standing, to perform any of the above functions under specifically delegated administrative standards, as designated in the resolution establishing the committee. All committees must maintain and publish notice of their actions to Unit Owners and the Executive Board. However, actions taken by a committee may be appealed to the Executive Board by any Unit Owner within thirty (30) days of publication of such notice, and such committee action must be ratified, modified or rejected by the Executive Board at its next regular or special meeting.
- 3.3. <u>Standard of Care</u>. In the performance of their duties, the officers and members of the Executive Board shall stand in a fiduciary relation to the Association and shall perform their duties, including duties as members of any committee of the board upon which they may serve, in good faith, in a manner they reasonably believe to be in the best interests of the Association and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, skill and diligence, as a person of ordinary prudence would use under similar circumstances. In performing his duties, an officer or Executive Board member shall be entitled to rely in good faith on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by any of the following:
  - (1) One or more other officers or employees of the Association whom the officer or Executive Board member reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented.
  - (2) Counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters which the officer or Executive Board member reasonably believes to be within the professional or expert competence of such person.

(3) A committee of the Executive Board upon which he does not serve, duly designated in accordance with law, as to matters within its designated authority, which committee the officer or Executive Board member reasonably believes to merit confidence.

An officer or Executive Board member shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if he has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause his reliance to be unwarranted.

The Executive Board and its members shall have no liability for exercising these powers provided they are exercised in good faith, in the best interest of the Association, and with care in the manner set forth in the Act.

3.4. <u>Delegation of Powers; Managing Agent</u>. The Executive Board may employ for the Community a "Managing Agent" at a compensation established by the Executive Board to perform such duties and services as the Executive Board shall authorize. Where a Managing Agent does not have the power to act under the Act, the Declaration or these Bylaws, such duties shall be performed as advisory to the Executive Board. The Executive Board may delegate to the Managing Agent only the powers granted to the Executive Board by these Bylaws under subsections 3.2(c), (e), (g) and (h).

Any contract with the Managing Agent must provide that it may be terminated with cause immediately upon providing written notice and without cause on no more than ninety (90) days' written notice. This right of termination shall not require the payment of any penalty by the Association. The term of any such contract may not exceed one (1) year.

- 3.5. <u>Delegation of Powers; Master Association</u>. Subject to Section 19.2 of the Declaration, the Executive Board may delegate some or all of the powers of the Association to a Master Association or accept an assignment or delegation of powers from one or more planned communities or other incorporated or unincorporated associations in accordance with the provisions of Section 5302(a)(18) of the Act.
- 3.6. Election and Term of Office. Subject to Article XII of the Declaration, the election of members of the Executive Board shall be held at the annual meetings of the Association. Nominations for members of the Executive Board may be submitted either in advance of the election meeting or from the floor at the meeting at which the election is held, or both. The term of office of any Executive Board member to be elected (except as set forth in Sections 2.5(b) and (c) and 3.7 hereof) shall be fixed at three (3) years. The members of the Executive Board shall hold office until the earlier to occur of the election of their respective successors or their death, adjudication of incompetency, removal, or resignation. An Executive Board member may serve an unlimited number of terms and may succeed himself.
- 3.7. Removal or Resignation of Members of the Executive Board. Except with respect to members designated by Declarant, at any regular or special meeting of the Association duly called, and at which a quorum is present, any one (1) or more of the members of the Executive Board may be removed with or without cause by Unit Owners

entitled to cast a majority of all votes in the Association and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. Any Unit Owner proposing removal of a Board member shall give notice thereof to the Secretary. Any member whose removal has been proposed by a Unit Owner shall be given at least ten (10) days' notice by the Secretary of the time, place and purpose of the meeting and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. A member of the Executive Board may resign at any time and shall be deemed to have resigned upon transfer of title to his Unit. Declarant shall have the right to remove and replace any or all members appointed by Declarant at any time and from time to time until the required resignation date specified in Section 12.1 of the Declaration.

- 3.8. <u>Vacancies</u>. Except as set forth in Section 3.7 hereof with respect to members appointed by Declarant, vacancies in the Executive Board caused by any reason other than the removal of a member by a vote of the Unit Owners shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the remaining members at a special meeting of the Executive Board held for such purpose promptly after the occurrence of any such vacancy, even though the members present at such meeting may constitute less than a quorum. Each person so elected shall be a member of the Executive Board for the remainder of the term of the member being replaced. In the case of multiple vacancies, the member receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected for the longest term. In the event of a vacancy caused by the resignation or removal of an Executive Board member elected by the Unit Owners pursuant to Section 2.5(b) hereof, that member's replacement shall be elected by Unit Owners other than Declarant at a special meeting of the Association called for such purpose.
- 3.9. Organization Meeting. The first meeting of the Executive Board following each annual meeting of the Association shall be held within ten (10) days thereafter at such time and place as shall be fixed by the President (even if he is the outgoing President) at the meeting at which such Executive Board shall have been elected, and no notice shall be necessary to the newly elected members of the Executive Board in order legally to constitute such meeting, if a majority of the Executive Board members shall be present at such meeting.
- 3.10. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Executive Board may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the members, but such meetings shall be held at least once during each fiscal year. Notice of regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be given to each member, by personal delivery or by mail, facsimile or electronic mail, at least three (3) business days prior to the day named for such meeting.
- 3.11. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President on at least three (3) business days' notice to each member, given by hand delivery or by mail, facsimile or electronic mail, which notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. Special meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President or Secretary in like manner and on like notice on the written request of at least two (2) members of the Executive Board.
- 3.12. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Any member may waive notice of any meeting in writing, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a member at any meeting of the Executive Board shall constitute a waiver of notice. If all

members are present at any meeting, no notice shall be required and any business may be transacted at such meeting.

- 3.13. Quorum of the Executive Board. At all meetings of the Executive Board a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Executive Board. If at any meeting of the Executive Board there shall be less than a quorum present, the member present may adjourn the meeting. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice. One (1) or more members of the Executive Board may participate in and be counted for quorum purposes at any meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear and speak to each other.
- 3.14. <u>Compensation</u>. No member of the Executive Board shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such, but may be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.
- 3.15. Conduct of Meetings. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of the Executive Board meetings, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and a record of all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings. The then current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the meetings of the Executive Board if and to the extent not in conflict with the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Act.
- 3.16. Action Without Meeting. Any action by the Executive Board required or permitted to be taken at any meeting may be taken without a meeting if all the members of the Executive Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Any such written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Board.
- 3.17. Validity of Contracts With Interested Executive Board Members. No contract or other transaction between the Association and one (1) or more of its Executive Board members or between the Association and any corporation, firm, or association in which one (1) or more of the Executive Board members are directors or officers, or are financially interested, shall be void or voidable because such Executive Board member or members are present at any meeting of the Executive Board which authorized or approved the contract or transaction or because his or their votes are counted, if the circumstances specified in either of the following subparagraphs exists:
  - (a) The fact that an Executive Board member is also such a director or officer or has such financial interest is disclosed or known to the Executive Board, whether or not such interest is noted in the minutes thereof, and the Executive Board authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract or transaction in good faith by a vote sufficient for the purpose without counting the vote of such Executive Board member; or

- (b) The contract or transaction is made in good faith and is not unconscionable to the Association at the time it is authorized, approved or ratified.
- 3.18. Inclusion of Interested Executive Board Members in the Quorum. Any Executive Board member holding such director or officer position or having such financial interest in another corporation, firm or association may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Board or a committee thereof which authorizes, approves or ratifies a contract or transaction of the type described in Section 3.17 hereof.
- 3.19. Corporate Employees and Partners. Notwithstanding any other provision contained in the Community Documents, if an employee or officer of a corporate Unit Owner or a partner of a partnership Unit Owner serves as a member of the Executive Board, and such employee, officer or partner dies, or if his employment or partnership relationship is terminated, such individual shall thenceforth cease to be a member of the Executive Board and the corporate or partnership Unit Owner shall immediately designate another employee, officer or partner to succeed the former Executive Board member and to complete his term as such Executive Board member.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Officers

- 4.1. <u>Designation</u>. The principal officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Executive Board. The Executive Board may appoint an assistant treasurer, an assistant secretary and such other officers as in its judgment may be necessary. The President and Vice President shall be members of the Executive Board. Any other officers may, but need not, be Unit Owners or members of the Executive Board. An officer other than the President may hold more than one (1) office.
- 4.2. <u>Election of Officers</u>. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Executive Board at the organization meeting of each new Board and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Board.
- 4.3. <u>Removal of Officers</u>. Upon the affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Executive Board, any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, and a successor may be elected at any meeting of the Executive Board called for such purpose.
- 4.4. <u>President</u>. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board and have all of the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of president of a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania including without limitation the power to appoint committees from among the Unit Owners from time to time as the President may in his discretion decide is appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

4.5. <u>Vice President</u>. The Vice President shall take the place of the President and perform the duties of the President whenever the President shall be absent or unable to act. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as shall from time to time be delegated or assigned him by the Executive Board or by the President.

#### 4.6. Secretary.

- (a) General Duties. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, have charge of such books and papers as the Executive Board may direct, maintain a register setting forth the place to which all notices to Unit Owners and holders of mortgages on any Units hereunder shall be delivered and, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary of a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania.
- (b) Official List of Unit Owners. The Secretary shall make an attempt to compile and maintain at the principal office of the Association, an updated list of Unit Owners and their last known post office addresses. Such lists shall also show opposite each Unit Owner's name the address of the Unit owned by such Unit Owner. The list shall be revised by the Secretary to reflect changes in ownership of Units occurring prior to the date of each annual or special meeting of the Association. This list shall be open to inspection by all Unit Owners and other persons lawfully entitled to inspect the same during regular business hours up to the date of each such annual or special meeting.
- 4.7. <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall be responsible for (a) the safekeeping of the Association funds and securities, (b) keeping full and accurate financial records and books of account showing all receipts and disbursements, (c) the preparation of all required financial data, and (d) for the deposit of all monies in the name of the Executive Board or the Association, in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Executive Board and, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer of a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania.
- 4.8. Execution of Documents. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks and other instruments of the Association for expenditures or obligations in amounts greater than five percent (5%) of the annual budget of the Association shall be executed by two (2) officers of the Association designated for this purpose by the Executive Board. All such instruments for expenditures or obligations in amounts equal to or less than five percent (5%) of the annual budget of the Association may be executed by either the President or Vice President.
- 4.9. <u>Compensation</u>. No officer shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such officer, but may be reimbursed for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in performing his duties; provided, however, the Secretary and Treasurer may be compensated for their services if the Executive Board determines such compensation to be appropriate.
- 4.10. <u>Resale Certificates and Statements of Unpaid Assessments</u>. The President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, or a Managing Agent employed by the

Association, or, in their absence, any officer having access to the books and records of the Association, may prepare, certify, and execute resale certificates in accordance with Section 5407(b) of the Act and statements of unpaid assessments in accordance with Section 5315(h) of the Act. The Association may charge the Unit Owner requesting such certificate or statement a reasonable fee for preparing a resale certificate and/or statement of unpaid assessments.

4.11. Amendments to the Declaration. Amendments to the Declaration that are required by the Act to be recorded by the Association, and which have been adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration and the Act, shall be prepared, executed, certified and recorded on behalf of the Association by any officer of the Association designated by the Executive Board for that purpose or, in the absence of such designation, by the President of the Association.

## **ARTICLE V**

#### Maintenance

5.1. <u>Maintenance Responsibilities</u>. The maintenance, repair and replacement responsibility for Units and Common Elements shall be carried out by the Association and the Unit Owners in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Declaration, and as set forth on the Chart of Maintenance Responsibilities, as the same may be amended from time to time.

#### ARTICLE VI

### Compliance and Default

- 6.1. Relief. Each Unit Owner shall be governed by, and shall comply with, all of the terms of the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Chart of Maintenance Responsibilities, the Rules and Regulations and the Act, as any of the same may be amended from time to time. In addition to the remedies provided in the Act and the Declaration, a default by a Unit Owner to comply with any provisions of the Community Documents or the Act shall entitle the Association, acting through its Executive Board or the Managing Agent, to the following relief:
  - (a) Additional Liability. Each Unit Owner shall be liable for the expense of all maintenance, repair or replacement rendered necessary by his act, neglect or carelessness or the act, neglect or carelessness of his tenants, guests, invitees or licensees, but only if and to the extent that such expense is not fully covered by the proceeds of insurance carried by the Association. Such liability shall include any increase in casualty or other insurance premiums occasioned by improper use, misuse, occupancy or abandonment of any Unit or its appurtenances. Nothing contained herein, however, shall be construed as modifying any waiver by any insurance company of its rights of subrogation.

- (b) <u>Costs and Attorney's Fees</u>. In any proceedings arising out of any alleged default by a Unit Owner, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover the costs of such proceeding and such reasonable attorney's fees as may be determined by the court.
- Board or a Unit Owner to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition which may be granted by the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Executive Board, the Chart of Maintenance Responsibilities, the Rules and Regulations or the Act shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Association, the Executive Board or the Unit Owner to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association, the Executive Board or any Unit Owner pursuant to any term, provision, covenant or condition of the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Chart of Maintenance Responsibilities, the Rules and Regulations or the Act shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one (1) or more thereof shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude the party exercising the same from exercising such other privileges as may be granted to such party by the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Chart of Maintenance Responsibilities, the Rules and Regulations or the Act or at law or in equity.
- (d) Abating and Enjoining Violations by Unit Owners. The violation of any of the Rules and Regulations or the Chart of Maintenance Responsibilities adopted by the Executive Board, the breach of any Bylaw contained herein or the breach of any provision of the Declaration or the Act, shall give the Executive Board the right, after Notice and Hearing, in addition to any other rights: (a) to enter the Unit in which, or as to which, such violation or breach exists and summarily to abate and remove, at the expense of the defaulting Unit Owner, any structure, thing or condition that may exist therein contrary to the intent and meaning of the provisions hereof, and the Executive Board shall not thereby be deemed guilty in any manner of trespass; (b) to levy fines pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof; and/or (c) to enjoin, abate or remedy by appropriate legal proceedings, either at law or in equity, the continuance of any such breach.
- 6.2. <u>Fine for Violation</u>. By resolution, following Notice and Hearing, the Executive Board may levy a fine of up to \$25.00 per day for each day that a violation of the Community Documents or the Act persists after such Notice and Hearing, but such amount shall not exceed that amount necessary to insure compliance with the rule or order of the Executive Board.
- 6.3. <u>Late Charges and Interest on Delinquent Assessments</u>. Any assessment not paid within five (5) days after its due date shall accrue a late charge in the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or such other amount as may be determined by the Executive Board, shall constitute the personal liability of the Owner of the Unit so assessed and also shall, until fully paid, constitute a lien against such Unit pursuant to Section 5315 of the Act. In addition, any past due assessment or installment thereof shall bear interest at the rate established by the Association from time to time; provided that such rate shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) per year.

- Disputes. Any disputes between or among two or more Unit Owners relating 6.4. to the Community, and any disputes between or among the Association and one or more Unit Owners relating to the Community (including, without limitation, in relation to any determination made by the Executive Board on behalf of the Association) shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board for review (the "Dispute Notice"). The Dispute Notice shall set forth in reasonable detail the nature, scope and relevant facts related to the dispute and the names and contact information for all parties involved in the dispute (each a "Disputing Party" and collectively, the "Disputing Parties"). After submission of the Dispute Notice, the Executive Board shall then comply with the Notice and Hearing procedure in Section 18.2 of the Declaration and render a decision as to such dispute, which decision shall be final and binding on each and all Unit Owners and the Association, subject to Section 6.5 hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any disputes solely between or among Unit Owners, the Executive Board shall have the right by majority vote, to decline to review and make a determination on such dispute for any reason whatsoever (including, without limitation, as a result of a conflict of interest in relation to a then existing board member of the Executive Board), in which case, the applicable Unit Owners shall have the right to resolve their dispute pursuant to Section 6.5 hereof and/or to exercise any or all of their other applicable rights at law or in equity. Further and notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, at all times the Executive Board shall have the right and authority to seek a declaratory judgment or other judicial relief or order to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities under, and making any determinations related to, the Community Documents. All costs (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) incurred in obtaining such a judgment or other judicial relief or order shall be borne by the Disputing Parties, or in the absence of Disputing Parties, by the Association as a Common Expense.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedure. In the event a Disputing Party disagrees with any final determination of the Executive Board made pursuant to Section 6.4 above or the Executive Board declines to make such a final determination pursuant to Section 6.4 above, the alternative dispute resolution procedure set forth in this Section 6.5 may be applied to resolve the dispute or disagreement, subject, however, to all of the ADR Requirements (as hereinafter defined). For purposes of this Section 6.5, the "Determination Date" shall mean the date on which the Executive Board provides written notice to the Disputing Parties of either its final determination of a dispute or of its decision to decline to make such a final determination. If all of the ADR Requirements are met, the Qualified Mediator (as hereinafter defined) shall hold a hearing pursuant to this Section 6.5 and either reaffirm or overturn the Executive Board's final determination. For the purpose of this Section, a Qualified Mediator shall mean an attorney, duly licensed and authorized to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with at least two (2) years of legal experience in addressing issues related to common interest communities (including, without limitation, planned communities or condominiums) and who has not represented any Disputing Party (and if the Executive Board is a Disputing Party, then has also not represented any then existing board member of the Executive Board) within the past eighteen (18) full calendar months. The "ADR Requirements" are as follows:
  - (a) The alternative dispute resolution procedure set forth in this Section 6.5 shall not be applicable unless all Disputing Parties (including the Executive Board if the Executive Board is a Disputing Party) consent in writing to have the

Executive Board's final determination reviewed by a Qualified Mediator pursuant to the terms of this Section 6.5;

- (b) All Disputing Parties shall have the right to mutually agree upon a specific Qualified Mediator, provided, however, if the Disputing Parties cannot agree upon a specific Qualified Mediator within thirty (30) days after all parties agree to participate in the alternative dispute resolution procedure set forth in this Section 6.5, then the Executive Board shall have the right to unilaterally appoint a Qualified Mediator;
- (c) The Disputing Parties and Qualified Mediator shall use good faith efforts to mutually agree upon a specific time, date and place for the hearing to be held by the Qualified Mediator, provided that if the Disputing Parties cannot agree upon a specific time, date and place within sixty (60) days after all parties agree to participate in the alternative dispute resolution procedure set forth in this Section 6.5, then the Qualified Mediator shall have the right to unilaterally schedule the hearing at a time, date and place reasonably acceptable to the Qualified Mediator and the Qualified Mediator shall communicate such time, date and place to all Disputing Parties. Further, in all cases, the hearing must be held within one hundred eighty (180) days after the Determination Date;
- (d) All Disputing Parties shall equally share the costs and fees associated with the hearing, the Qualified Mediator and the alternative dispute procedure, excluding each Disputing Party's attorneys' fees that it may incur if it hires an attorney; and
- (e) In all cases, the Executive Board shall have the right to participate (in its sole discretion) in the hearing and have the opportunity to present its reasoning and position to the Qualified Mediator.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **Amendments**

7.1. <u>Amendments to Bylaws</u>. These Bylaws may be amended only pursuant to the provisions of Article XVII of the Declaration.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### Records

8.1. Records and Audit. The Association shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of the affairs of the Community, including such information as is required for the Association to provide resale certificates and statements of unpaid assessments as required by Section 5407(b) and 5315(h) of the Act. The financial records shall be

maintained in accordance with Article XI of the Declaration. The cost of the audit shall be a Common Expense unless otherwise provided in the documents.

- 8.2. <u>Examination</u>. All records maintained by the Association or by the Managing Agent shall be available for examination and copying by any Unit Owner, by any holder of a Security Interest in a Unit, or by any of their duly authorized agents or attorneys, at the expense of the person examining the records, during normal business hours and after reasonable notice.
- 8.3. Annual Financial Statements. In accordance with Sections 5316(b) and (c) of the Act, within 180 days after the close of its fiscal year, the Association shall prepare, or have prepared, annual financial statements consisting of at least a balance sheet and a statement of revenues and expenses for the Association. The cost of preparing the financial statements shall be a Common Expense. Each Unit Owner shall be entitled to receive from the Association, within thirty (30) days after submitting a written request to the Association, a copy of the annual financial statements and, if such financial statements are audited. reviewed or compiled by an independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant, a copy of the independent accountant's report on the financial statements. The Association may charge a fee not to exceed the cost of producing copies of records other than the financial statement. If the Association fails to provide a copy of the annual financial statements and, if applicable, the report of an independent accountant, if any, to the requesting Unit Owner within the period of time set forth herein, or if the financial records of the Association which substantiate the Association's financial statements are not made reasonably available by the Association for examination by any Unit Owner and authorized agents, the Unit Owner may file a complaint with the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### Miscellaneous

- 9.1. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under these Bylaws shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if hand delivered or if sent prepaid by United States mail (i) if to a Unit Owner, at the address which the Unit Owner shall designate in writing and file with the Secretary or, if no such address is designated, at the address of the Unit of such Unit Owner, or (ii) if to the Association, the Managing Agent, or to the Executive Board, at the principal office of the Association or Managing Agent or at such other address as shall be designated by notice in writing to the Unit Owners pursuant to this Section. If a Unit is owned by more than one (1) person, each such person who so designates an address in writing to the Secretary shall be entitled to receive all notices hereunder.
- 9.2. <u>Interpretation</u>. In the event of a conflict of interpretation between the provisions set forth in these Bylaws and the Declaration, the Declaration shall govern. In the event that the Internal Revenue Code is hereafter amended or changed, both the Declaration and these Bylaws shall be interpreted in such a manner as to conform to the

provisions of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to non-profit entities, it being the intention to preserve the lawful status of the Association as a bona-fide non-profit entity.

- 9.3. <u>Captions</u>. The captions herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope of these Bylaws or the intent of any provision thereof.
- 9.4. <u>Gender</u>. The use of the masculine gender in these Bylaws shall be deemed to include the feminine and neuter genders and the use of the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and vice versa, whenever the context so requires.