## LINDEN VUE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

BY-LAWS

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OF

## LINDEN VUE HOMEOWNERS ASSOĆIATION, INC. (A Planned Community)

## ARTICLE I <br> NAME AND LOCATION

Section 1. The name of the association is the LINDEN VUE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "ASSOCIATION." The principal office of the association shall be located at 3625 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, but meetings of the members and directors may be held at such places within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE II

## DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Additional Real Estate" means the real property described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, so long as the Declarant's rights to add such real estate to the Property continue to exist.

Section 2. "Association" shall mean and refer to the Linden Vue Homeowners Association, Inc., a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 3. "Board of Directors" and the "Board" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association as provided in the By-Laws of the Association.

Section 4. "Common Area" shall mean all real property interests owned or leased (including easements) by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Members of the Association. The Common Area to be owned by the Association shall be bounded and described as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, as amended and supplemented. This term shall include other real property that may be hereinafter conveyed to the Association as Common Area pursuant to the Declaration.

Section 5. "Director" shall mean and refer to those persons elected or appointed pursuant to these By-Laws to serve on the Board.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to JND Properties, LLC, its respective successors and assigns, if such successors and assigns should acquire one or more Lot(s) which is part of the Property from the Declarant for the purpose of site development and/or construction, provided such person or entity is engaged in the residential development and/or construction business at the Property.

Section 7. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, as amended and supplemented, applicable to the Property recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Section 8. "Living Unit" shall mean and refer to any structure or to any portion of a structure situated upon the Property which is designed and intended for use and occupancy as a residence by a single family.

Section 9. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land and any designation of units shown upon the recorded subdivision map of the Property (including any subplots established by letter, dotted lines or otherwise), or on any Exhibit attached to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions as amended and supplemented, with the exception of the Common Area. If a designation of a Living Unit does not result in an actual corresponding constricted Living Unit, a "Lot" shall mean and refer to an area upon or in which each separate Living Unit is constructed.

Section 9a. "Single Family Lot" shall mean an area of land upon which a single family detached home is erected.

Section 9b. "Town Home Lot" shall mean an area of land upon which an attached multiple family dwelling is erected.

Section 10. "Member" shall mean and refer to those Owners and Occupants entitled to membership in the Association as set forth in Article III of the Declaration.

Section 11. "Occupant" shall mean and refer to the occupant of a Living Unit and shall be either the Owner or a lessee who holds a valid lease.

Section 12. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as a security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 13. "Plan" shall mean the Linden Vue Plan of Lots, as amended and supplemented, and all phases thereof.

Section 14. "Property" shall mean and refer to the certain real property illustrated in Exhibit "A" of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association by the Declarant or by vote of the Owners as provided in the Declaration.

Section 15. "Recorded" shall mean duly recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Washington County, Pennsylvania.

## ARTICLE III

## MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the Members shall be held within one year from the date of the first Lot sale, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the Members shall be held on the same day of the same month of each year thereafter, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock p.m. If the day for the annual meeting of the Members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the Members who are entitled to vote one-fourth ( $1 / 4$ ) of all of the membership votes.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Except as otherwise provided in the Declaration, written notice of each meeting of the Members shall be given by, or at the direction of, the Secretary or persons authorized to call the meeting, by mail or delivering a copy of such notice to each Member at least fifteen (15) days in advance of such meeting, addressed to the Member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by such Member to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. Voting. Except as otherwise provided in the Declaration or By-Laws, all motions, resolutions, etc., of the Association shall be passed by a majority of the votes cast in person or by proxy, without regard to classes of membership.

Section 5. Quorum, The presence at the meeting of Members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-tenth $(1 / 10)$ of all votes, regardless of class of membership, shall constitute a quorum for any action, the Declaration, or these By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the Members entitled to vote thereat shall have the power to adjourn the meeting, from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be represented. The Members at a duly organized meeting can continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of the holders of enough votes to leave less than a quorum.

Section 6. Proxies. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the Member of his Lot or Living Unit.

## ARTICLE IV

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SELECTION - TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of five (5) Directors, who need not be Members of the Association.

Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting, the Members shall elect five (5) Directors - three (3) Directors for a term of (1) year and two (2) Directors for a term of two (2) years - and at each annual meeting thereafter the Members shall elect Directors for each expiring term for a term of three (3) years.

Section 3. Removal. Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority of the membership vote of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a Director, or the vacancy of an officer, his successors shall be selected by the remaining Directors and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 4. Compensation. No Director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Association. However, any Director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the perfomrance of his duties.

Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting. The Directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting obtaining the written approval of all the Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Directors.

## ARTICLE V

## NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nomination Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a Director, and two (2) or more Members of the Association who may or may not be Directors. The Nomination Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the Members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointments shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make any such nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations shall be made in manner
consistent with Article IV hereof. Such nominations may be made from among Members or nonmembers.

Section 2. Election. Election of the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the Members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.


#### Abstract

ARTICLE VI

MEETING OF DIRECTORS Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President of the Association, or by any two (2) Directors, after not less than three (3) days notice to each Director.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of a business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.


## ARTICLE VII

## POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OR DIRECTORS

## Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

(a) Adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of th Common Areas and facilities, and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
(b) Suspend the voting rights, the right to use the recreational facilities and any or all of the rights and privileges of membership in the Association of a Member for any period during which any assessment against his Lot or Living Unit remains unpaid. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for infraction of published rules and regulations; assessments shall continue during suspension;
(c) Exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provision of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;
(d) Declare the office of a Director to be vacant in the event such Director shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings or the Board of Directors; and
(e) Employ a professional manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribed their duties.
(f) Enforce adherence to the covenants, requirements and restrictions set forth in the Declaration and as established in rules, regulations and policies adopted by the Board.
(g) Such other powers as provided by law.

Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:
(a) Cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the Members at the annual meeting of the Members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by one fourth ( $1 / 4$ ) of all votes of the Members who are entitled to vote;
(b) Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
(c) As more fully provided in the Declaration, to:
(1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;
(2) send written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period; and
(3) foreclose the lien against any Lot of which assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same;
(d) Issue, or cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any Member, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;
(e) Procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;
(f) Cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;
(g) Cause the Common Areas, access easements and rights of way, and planting areas to be maintained, as well as perform other duties imposed by the Declarations, the Articles and these By-Laws.
(h) Carry out the duties of the Association with respect to maintenance as more full provided in the Declaration.
(i) Enforce adherence to the covenants, requirements and restrictions set forth in the Declaration and as established in rules, regulations and policies adopted by the Board.
(j) Such other duties as provided by law.

## ARTICLE VIII

## OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Offices. The officers of this Association shall be a President and Vice-President, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members.

Section 3. Term. The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Special Appointments. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause, by majority vote of the Directors, with or without a meeting. Any officer may resign at any time giving written notice to the Board, the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

Section 7. Multiple Offices. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

Section 8. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

## President

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments including checks and promissory notes on behalf of the Association.

## Vice President

(b) The Vice President shall act in the place of the President in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board.

## Secretary

(c) The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceeding of the Board and of the Members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the Members; keep appropriate current records showing the Members of the Association together with their addresses; and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

## Treasurer

(d) The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association and shall obtain the cosignature of one other officer of the Association on all checks, if and as the Board of Directors specifies from time to time; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy to each of the Members.

## ARTICLE IX

## COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Association shall appoint an Environmental Protection Board (EPB) as provided in the Declaration, and a Nominating Committee as provided in these ByLaws. In addition, the Board of Directors shall appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

## ARTICLE X

## BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 1. The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and any rules, regulations and/or written policies of the Association shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at a reasonable cost.

## ARTICLE XI

## INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Right to Indemnification. Except as prohibited by law, every Director and Officer of the Association shall be entitled as a right to be indemnified by the Association against expenses and any liability paid or incurred by such person in the defense of an actual or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or otherwise, in which he or she may be involved in any manner, such as a party, witness or otherwise, by reason of such person being or having been a Director and Officer of the Association (such claim action, suit or proceeding hereafter being referred to as "Action"). Persons who are not Directors and Officers of the Association may be similarly indemnified in respect of service to the Association or to another such entity at the request of the Association to the extent the Board of Directors at any time designate any of such persons as entitled to the benefits of the Section. As used in the Article XI, "Indemnitee" shall include each Director and Officer of the Association and each other person designated by the Board of Directors as entitled to the benefits of this Article XI, "Expenses" shall include reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel selected by an Indemnitee and approved by the Board or selected by the Board for Indemnitee and "Liability" shall include amount of judgments, excise taxes, fines, penalties, and amounts paid in settlement.

Section 2. Right to Advancement of Expenses. Every Indemnitee shall be entitled as of right to have his or her Expenses in defending any Action paid in advance by the Association prior to final disposition of such Action, provided that the Association receives a written undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay the amount advanced if it should ultimately be determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified for such Expenses.

Section 3. Right of Indemnitee to Initiate Action. If a written claim under Section 1 or Section 2 of this Article is not paid in full by the Association within thirty days after such claim has been received by the Association, the Indemnitee may at any time thereafter initiate legal proceedings (an "Indemnitee Action") to recover the unpaid amount of the claim and, if successful in whole or in part, the Indemnitee shall also be entitled to be paid the Expense of prosecuting such Indemnitee Action. The only defense to an Indemnitee Action to recover a claim for indemnification under Section 1 shall be that the Indemnitee's conduct was such that under Pennsylvania law the

Association is prohibited from indemnifying the Indemnitee for the amount claimed, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Association. Neither the failure of the Association (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel and its Members) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such Indemnitee Action that indemnification of the Indemnitee is proper in the circumstances, nor an actual determination by the Association (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or its Members) that the Indemnitee's conduct was such that indemnification is prohibited by Pennsylvania Law, shall be a defense to such Indemnitee Action or create a presumption that the Indemnitee's conduct was such that indemnification is prohibited by Pennsylvania's Law. The only defense to an Indemnitee Action to recover a claim for advancement of Expenses under Section 2 shall be the Indemnitee's failure to provide the written undertaking required by Section 2.

Section 4. Insurance and Funding. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance to protect itself and any person eligible to be indemnified hereunder against any Liability or Action, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify such person against such Liability or Expense by law or under the provisions of the Article XI.

Section 5. Non-Exclusivity; Nature and Extent of Rights. The rights to indemnification and advancement of Expenses provided for in this Article XI shall (i) not be deemed exclusive of any other rights, whether now existing or hereafter created, to which any Indemnitee may be entitled under any agreement or by-law, charter provision, vote of Members or Directors or otherwise, (ii) be deemed to create contractual rights in favor of each Indemnitee who serves the Association at any time while this Article XI is in effect (and each such Indemnitee shall be deemed to be so serving in reliance on the provisions of the Section), and (iii) continue as to each Indemnitee who has ceased to have the status pursuant to which he or she was entitled or was designated as entitled to indemnification under this Article XI and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and legal representatives of each Indemnitee. Any amendment or repeal of this Article XI or adoption of any By-Law or provision of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association which limits in any way the right to indemnification or the right to advancement of Expenses provided for in this Article XI shall operate prospectively only and shall not affect any action taken, or failure to act, by an Indemnitee prior to the adoption of such amendment, repeal, By-Law or other provision.

Section 6. Partial Indemnity. If an Indemnitee is entitled under any provision of the Article XI to indemnification by the Association for some or a portion of the Expenses or a liability paid or incurred by the Indemnitee in the preparation, investigation, defense, appeal or settlement of any Action or Indemnitee Action but not, however, for the total amount thereof, the Association shall indemnify the Indemnitee for the portion of such Expenses or liability to which the Indemnitee is entitled.

## ARTICLE XII

## ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. As more fully provided in the Declaration, each Owner is obligated to pay to the Association annual and special assessments which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property
against which the assessment is made. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of six percent ( $6 \%$ ) per annum, and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property, and interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees of such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provide for herein by non-use of the Common Area of abandonement of his Lot or Living Unit.

## ARTICLE XIII

## AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Vote. These By-Laws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the Members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of Members present in person or by proxy or by the Declarant at anytime as deemed necessary.

Section 2. Conflict of Interest. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XIV

## MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.

Section 2. Gender. The use of the masculine gender in these By-Laws 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these By-Law have ben duly adopted this 6th day of February, 2002.


