1 2 3 4	PROPOSED AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF WIGGINS LAKES & PRESERVE ASSOCIATION, INC.
5 6	SUBSTANTIAL REWORDING OF BYLAWS - SEE CURRENT BYLAWS FOR PRESENT TEXT
7 8 9 10 11 12 13	1. IDENTITY. These are the Amended and Restated Bylaws ("Bylaws") of Wiggins Lakes & Preserve Association, Inc. (formerly known as Wiggins Lakes Master Association, Inc.), a Florida not-for-profit corporation formed for the purpose of administering three (3) Condominiums known as Wiggins Lakes Condominium, Wiggins Preserve Condominium One and Wiggins Preserve Condominium Two (the "Condominiums") and certain Association Property, all of which are located in Collier County, Florida, upon the lands described in the Declaration of Condominium. (The corporation is referred to as the "Association.")
14 15	<b>1.1 Office.</b> The office of the Association is at such location, as may from time to time be determined by the Board.
16 17	<b>1.2 Fiscal Year.</b> The fiscal year of the Association is the calendar year, unless otherwise determined by the Board.
18 19 20 21 22	1.3 Seal. A corporate seal for the Association may be adopted and may be changed by the Board and shall bear the name or abbreviated name of the Association, the word "Florida," the year of establishment, and shall identify the Association as a not-for-profit corporation. A common seal may be used in lieu of a raised corporate seal. A seal is not required to validate corporate actions unless specifically required by law.
23 24 25 26 27	1.4 <b>Definitions.</b> All terms used in these Bylaws, whether capitalized or not, have the same meaning to the extent applicable, and except where the context would otherwise suggest, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation for the Association, the Declaration of Condominium and the Florida Condominium Act, Chapter 718, Florida Statutes (the "Act"), all as amended from time to time.
28	2. MEMBERS' MEETINGS.
29 30 31 32	<b>2.1 Annual Meetings.</b> Annual Members' meetings shall be held at such convenient location as determined by the Board. The annual meeting shall be held on the date and time determined by the Board, during the first quarter of each calendar year, for the purpose of transacting any business authorized to be transacted by the Members.
33 34	<b>2.2 Special Meetings.</b> Special Members' meetings shall be held whenever called by the President or by the Board, and shall be called by the President or Secretary within a reasonable
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time of receipt of written notice from ten percent (10%) of the Voting Interests of the Association (or 10% of the Voting Interests of the Condominium, where appropriate) when the subject of the request is a proper issue for Unit Owner voting as set forth in the Condominium Documents or the Act. Members' meetings to recall a Member or Members of the Board may be called by ten percent (10%) of the Voting Interests of the Association who shall give notice of the meeting, stating the purpose of the meeting, pursuant to Section 718.112(2)(j) of the Act.

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2.3 Notice of Members' Meetings. Notice of all Members' meetings, stating the time, place, and purpose(s) of the meeting, shall be sent to each Member by U.S. regular mail or by email, unless waived in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. The Association shall only be obligated to mail, e-mail or deliver notice to one location, no matter how many persons own a Unit, and no matter how many other residences such Owner may have. In the absence of written direction to the contrary, notices will be given to the address of the Unit and/or to the last e-mail address supplied by the Owner. Only Unit Owners of record on the date notice of any meeting requiring their vote is given, who have complied with all transfer approval and processing requirements contained in the Condominium Documents shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting, unless prior to such meeting other Unit Owners shall produce adequate evidence, of their bona fide ownership interest pursuant to the Condominium Documents. Hand delivery and electronic notice of membership meetings is permissible. Officers required to give notice may delegate the actual giving of notice to another person, such as an Assistant Officer or managing agent. Any Members' meeting or election at which one (1) or more Directors are to be elected must be noticed as provided for in Article 2.4. An Officer of the Association or other person providing notice shall execute an affidavit of mailing, which shall be retained in the official records of the Association as proof of such mailing. The notice of the annual meeting shall include an agenda for all known substantive matters to be voted on, or have such an agenda attached to it. A copy of the notice and agenda for the annual meeting shall be posted at a conspicuous location, designated by Board resolution in the manner provided by law at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting.

- Notice of specific meetings may be waived before or after a meeting, and the attendance of any Member (or person authorized to vote for such Member) shall constitute such Member's waiver of notice of such meeting, except when his or her (or his or her proxyholder's) attendance is for the sole and express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called.
  - **2.4 Board of Directors Election Meetings Notice and Procedure.** The regular election of Directors shall occur as the first item of business at the annual meeting.
  - **2.4.1** Not less than sixty (60) days before a scheduled election, the Association shall provide to each Member entitled to vote, a first notice of the date of the election. Any person desiring to be a candidate for the Board shall give written notice to the Association not less than forty (40) days before the scheduled election. Not less than fourteen (14) days before the election,

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the Association shall mail or deliver a second notice of the election to all Members entitled to vote therein, together with a written secret ballot containing the names of all properly pre-qualified candidates which shall include an information sheet (if provided by the candidate), no larger than 8½ inches by 11 inches furnished by the candidate, to be included with the mailing of the ballot, with the costs of copying and mailing to be borne by the Association.

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- **2.4.2** There is no quorum requirement necessary for an election. However, at least twenty percent (20%) of the Voting Interests of the Association must cast a ballot in order to have a valid election, and elections shall be decided by a plurality of those votes cast.
- **2.4.3** In the event that there are only as many (or fewer) candidates pre-qualified for election as there are open seats on the Board, no election shall be held, and the pre-qualified candidates shall automatically become Members of the Board after the annual meeting, or in the event no annual meeting is held due to lack of a quorum or otherwise, the date upon which the annual meeting was scheduled.
- **2.4.4** The Board may establish additional election rules or procedures as it deems appropriate to ensure a fair election process. Substantial compliance with these Bylaws and the Act relative to election procedures is sufficient.
- 2.5 **Ouorum/Voting.** A quorum at Members' meetings shall consist of persons entitled to cast one-third (1/3) of the Voting Interests of the entire membership (or one-third (1/3) of the Voting Interests of the Condominium, as appropriate). Voting rights may be suspended as provided by the Act. Those Members whose voting rights are suspended pursuant to the terms of the Condominium Documents and/or Florida law shall be subtracted from the required number of votes in any calculation for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present during the period of suspension. Such Voting Interests shall likewise be subtracted from the required number of votes when calculating any required vote as set forth in the Condominium Documents or the Act. Decisions made by a majority of the Voting Interests present and voting, in person or by proxy, at a meeting at which a quorum has been attained, shall be binding and sufficient for all purposes except such decisions as may by the Act or the Condominium Documents require a larger percentage, in which case the percentage required in the Act or the Condominium Documents shall govern. To the extent lawful, Members may join in any action taken at a meeting of the Members through written approval of such action executed after the meeting, and such approval shall be as though the Member duly approved the action of the meeting in question.
- 2.5.1 Units Owned by Association. No Voting Interest or consent right allocated to a Unit owned by the Association is exercised or considered for any purpose, whether for a quorum, an election or otherwise, as provided in the Act. Whenever a Unit owned by the Association is ineligible to vote due to the provisions of the Act and these Bylaws, the Voting Interest attributable to that Unit is subtracted from the required number of votes when calculating any required vote for quorum for the period during which the Association owns the Unit.

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2.6 **Indivisible Vote.** Each Unit has one (1) indivisible vote. If a Unit is owned by spouses, either record Owner may vote on behalf of the Unit. If a Unit is required to designate a Primary Occupant pursuant to the Declaration, the Primary Occupant shall vote. If a Unit is not required to designate a Primary Occupant because title was taken before the requirement for designation of a Primary Occupant was included in the Declaration, voting will be as follows: if a Unit is owned by a corporation, any officer may vote on behalf of said corporation. If a Unit is owned by a partnership, any general partner may vote on behalf of the partnership. If a Unit is owned in trust, any grantor or trustee of a trust, shall be entitled to vote. If a Unit is owned by a limited liability company, any member, manager, or officer may vote on behalf of the limited liability company. Any person with bona fide apparent authority asserting the right to vote on behalf of a Unit owned by an artificial entity shall be presumed to be entitled to vote on behalf of said Unit, unless the Unit has filed voting instructions with the Association designating some other person entitled to vote or if the Association has reasonable cause to believe such person is not eligible to vote. If multiple Owners or non-individual Owners of a Unit cannot agree on how a vote is to be cast, the vote shall not be counted as to the issue upon which disagreement exists. Voting certificates are not necessary. No individual may cast a vote assigned to a Unit where the voting rights assigned to the Unit are suspended pursuant to the terms of the Condominium Documents and/or Florida law.

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2.7 Voting/Proxies. Votes may be cast in person or by proxy. Members and proxyholders may participate in Association meetings via telephone, or other means of remote participation, if permitted by the Association. Absent a resolution of the Board to the contrary, the President of the Association has the authority to determine whether Members or holders of proxies should be allowed to participate in any particular meeting of the Membership by telephonic conference, or other means of remote participation. In order for a proxyholder to participate telephonically or remotely in an Association meeting, a copy of the proxy must be provided to the Association prior to the start of the meeting. Only Members or the spouse of a Member may be delegated (including through use of a Power of Attorney) to hold proxies, provided that the Board may designate agents of the Association (including, but not limited to, Association legal counsel or the Association's manager) as an eligible proxyholder. Proxies shall be in writing, signed and dated, and shall be valid only for the particular meeting designated therein or an adjournment thereof, but in no event for more than ninety (90) days, and must be filed with the Association before or at the voter registration immediately preceding the meeting or adjournment thereof. Except as specifically otherwise provided by law, Members may not vote by general proxy, but may vote by limited proxies substantially conforming to a limited proxy form adopted by the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes. Limited proxies and general proxies may be used to establish a quorum. Limited proxies shall be used for votes regarding reserves, for votes taken to waive financial statement requirements, for votes taken to amend the Declaration, for votes taken to amend the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, and for any other matter which the Act requires or permits a vote of the Members. No proxy, limited or general, shall be used in the election of Board members. General proxies may be used for other matters for which limited proxies are not required, and may also be used in voting for non-substantive changes

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2 3 4	electronic or equivalent reproduction of a signed proxy is a sufficient proxy. Owners may retroactively cure any alleged defect in a proxy by signing a statement ratifying the Owner's intent to cast a proxy vote. The use of proxies is to be liberally construed.				
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Association business, or in any case where a majority of the Voting Interests present (in person of by proxy) so agree, the Members who are present (either in person or by proxy) may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present, or enough votes can be cast to decide question, or the meeting can be reconvened consistent with the intention of the Members in the approval of the adjournment. When a meeting is adjourned it shall not be necessary to give notice to all Members of the time and place of its continuance, provided that the specific date, time and location of the adjourned meeting was announced at the original meeting. Any business which might have been conducted at the meeting as originally scheduled may instead be conducted at the				
16 17	2.9 and, as far as a		of Business. The agenda and order of business at annual Members' meetings le at all other Members' meetings, shall be:		
18		2.9.1	Call to order by the President;		
19 20	chairman of th		At the discretion of the President, appointment by the President of a ng (who need not be a Member or a Director);		
21		2.9.3	Appointment by the President (or chairman) of inspectors of election;		
22		2.9.4	Election of Directors;		
23 24 25		, certific	Calling of the roll, certifying of proxies and determination of a quorum; or, cation and acceptance of registration procedures establishing the number of son or by proxy;		
26		2.9.6	Proof of notice of the meeting or waiver of notice;		
27		2.9.7	Action on unapproved minutes, if any;		
28		2.9.8	Reports of Officers, if any;		
29		2.9.9	Reports of Committees, if any;		
30		2.9.10	Action on voting items included by Board in meeting materials, if any;		

to items for which a limited proxy is required and given. A photographic, photostatic, facsimile,

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2.9.11	Adjournment.
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2.10 Action Without a Meeting. Any action required to be taken at any annual or
special meeting of Members, or any action which may be taken at any annual or special meeting
of such Members, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice, and without a vote, if a
consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by the requisite number of
Voting Interests to approve the action.

2.11 Class Quorums, Voting and Quorum. The Members in each of the three (3) Condominiums constitute a separate voting category and the membership of each category are entitled to vote upon matters having an effect solely upon its interests, as determined by the Declaration. The Board determines, in all instances, which categories shall be entitled to vote upon matters, and the Board's determination is binding and final, provided, however, that the Board's determination must be made in good faith and have a reasonable basis. Whenever a vote is taken for a Class only, or where an action of the Board effects only a Class of Association Members, notice may only be given to the Members of that Class. By way of example, but not limitation, if the Board intends to consider a Special Assessment against only the Unit Owners in one (1) Condominium operated by the Association, only the Unit Owners in that Condominium need receive notice of the Board meeting where the Assessment will be considered. Likewise, by way of example, but not limitation, if a special meeting of the Unit Owners in a particular Condominium is to be called for any reason, only the Unit Owners in that Condominium would be considered Members of the Class for notice purposes.

- 21 2.12 Association Website. Effective January 1, 2026, and so long as required by the Act, the Association shall maintain a website as required by the Act. By way of example, and not limitation, the following items shall be available through the Association's website, so long as required by the Act, along with any other information required by the Act:
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   26 Declarations.

  2.12.1 The recorded Declarations of Condominium and each amendment to each
- 27 <u>2.12.2 The recorded Bylaws of the Association and each amendment to the Bylaws.</u>
- 2.12.3 The Articles of Incorporation, or other documents creating the Association,
   and each amendment thereto. The copy posted pursuant to this sub-subparagraph must be a copy
   of the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Department of State.
- 32 **2.12.4** The Rules of the Association.
- 2.12.5 A list of all executory contracts or documents to which the Association is a party or under which the Association or the Unit Owners have an obligation or responsibility and,

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1	after bidding for the related materials, equipment, or services has closed, a list of bids received by
2	the Association within the past year. Summaries of bids for materials, equipment, or services which
3	exceed \$500 must be maintained on the website for one (1) year. In lieu of summaries, complete
4	copies of the bids may be posted.
5 6	2.12.6 The annual budget required by the Act and any proposed budget to be considered at the Annual Meeting.
7 8	2.12.7 The financial report required by the Act and any monthly income or expense statement to be considered at a meeting.
9	2.12.8 The certification of each Director required by the Act.
10 11 12	2.12.9 All contracts or transactions between the Association and any Director, Officer, corporation, firm, or association that is not an affiliated condominium association or any other entity in which an Association Director is also a Director or Officer and financially interested.
13 14 15	2.12.10 Any contract or document regarding a conflict of interest or possible conflict of interest as provided in Section 468.4335 and Section 468.436(2)(b)6., Florida Statues (2024) and the Act.
16 17 18 19 20 21 22	2.12.11 The notice of any Unit Owner meeting and the agenda for the meeting, as required by the Act, no later than fourteen (14) days before the meeting. The notice must be posted in plain view on the front page of the website, or on a separate subpage of the website labeled "Notices" which is conspicuously visible and linked from the front page. The Association must also post on its website any document to be considered and voted on by the Owners during the meeting or any document listed on the agenda at least seven (7) days before the meeting at which the document or the information within the document will be considered.
23 24 25	2.12.12 Notice of any Board meeting, the agenda, and any other document required for the meeting as required by the Act, which must be posted no later than the date required for notice pursuant to the Act.
26	2.12.13 Copies of all building permits issued for ongoing or planned construction.
27	3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
28 29 30 31 32 33	3.1 Number, Term, and Qualifications. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board composed of six (6) Directors. At all times there shall be three (3) Directors elected from the Lakes Condos and three (3) Directors elected from the Coach Homes. All Directors shall be Owners or the spouse of an Owner in the applicable Condominium group. If provided in the Act as amended from time to time, co-owners of a Unit cannot simultaneously serve on the Board, except as permitted by the Act. When a Unit is owned by a corporation, a

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partnership, limited liability company or similar entity, then any eligible voter, as described in Article 2.6 shall be eligible for Board service. Grantors, trustees and beneficiaries of trusts (provided that the beneficiaries reside in the Unit), and the spouses of such persons, shall be eligible for Board membership. If a grantor, trustee or beneficiary of a trust, or the spouse of such person, seeks candidacy (and is not identified on the deed to the Unit as the grantor, trustee or beneficiary of the trust), a copy of the trust document, affidavit (certificate) of trust or abstract of trust prepared by a licensed attorney must be provided to the Association at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. The trust document can be redacted to keep financial information confidential; however, the document must clearly indicate the grantor, trustee and the beneficiaries of the trust. A person who has been convicted of any felony in this State or in a United States District or Territorial Court, or who has been convicted of any offense in another jurisdiction that would be considered a felony if committed in this State, is not eligible to serve on the Board, unless such felon's rights have been restored for a period of at least five (5) years as of the date on which such person seeks election to the Board. A person who has been suspended or removed by the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes pursuant to the Act, or who is financially delinquent as provided by the Act, is not eligible for Board candidacy or membership, as applicable.

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All Directors will be elected for a two (2)-year term. It is the intention of these Bylaws that a staggered Directorate be maintained. To maintain a staggered Directorate, the Board may hold seats in future elections open for one or two-year terms, when necessary or appropriate. In any election where candidates are elected for different terms, those candidates receiving the higher number of votes shall be elected to the lengthier term. In the event that there is no election, such as in a case where there are fewer pre-qualified candidates than open seats, the Directors who are seated shall agree amongst themselves who shall serve the two-year terms and who shall serve the one-year terms. That decision shall be recorded in the minutes of a duly noticed Board meeting. In the event the Directors cannot agree on which among them shall serve the lengthier and shorter terms, the Board shall hold a "run-off" election, wherein those receiving the most votes will be elected to a lengthier term. The term of each Director's service shall extend until their elected term is completed, which shall be the date of the second annual meeting after at which they were elected. Resignations of Directors are effective when received by the Association in writing, unless a later date is stated. In the event a resignation is to take effect at a later date, the resigning Director shall remain on the Board until the effective date of the resignation and may, during this time, vote on all matters before the Board including, but not limited to, any vote to appoint a replacement Director created by his or her resignation. So long as required by the Act, the term limit provisions of the Act shall apply to Director terms, commencing with terms beginning on or after July 1, 2018.

**3.2 Board Vacancies.** Vacancies on the Board may be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the remaining Directors. If a vacancy is filled by appointment during the first year of a two (2) year term of office, and more than sixty (60) days before the next annual meeting, the successor shall hold that office until the next annual meeting, at which time the members eligible

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to vote shall elect a person or persons to fill the remaining unexpired term or terms, if any. When a Director has been recalled by the membership, the vacancy created by his or her removal cannot be filled with the same person as has been removed from the Board, and when a majority of the Board has been recalled, vacancies shall be filled by the membership, as provided by law.

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- **3.3 Organizational Meeting.** The organizational meeting of each newly-elected Board to elect Officers shall be held at such place and time as shall be fixed by the Directors, provided a quorum shall be present. Unless otherwise noticed, the organizational meeting shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of the Members.
- 3.4 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors. Notice of regular meetings, unless fixed by Board resolution, shall be given to each Director personally or by mail, electronic mail, telephone, or facsimile at least two (2) days prior to the day named for such meeting. If required by the Act, the Board shall meet at least once each quarter. If required by the Act, at least four (4) times each year the meeting agenda must include an opportunity for Unit Owners to ask questions of the Board.
- 3.5 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Directors may be called by the President and must be called by the Secretary at the written request of a majority of the Directors. Not less than two (2) days' notice of the meeting (except in an emergency) shall be given to each Director personally or by mail, electronic mail, telephone, or facsimile, which notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. Twenty percent (20%) of the Voting Interests may petition for the Board to take up an item of business at a regular or special meeting of the Board. Such meeting must be held within sixty (60) days of receipt of the petition. The Board is not required to take any particular action as a result of such petitions.
- **3.6 Waiver of Notice.** Any Director may waive notice of a meeting before, at, or after the meeting, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of notice. Attendance by a Director at a meeting shall constitute waiver of notice of the meeting.
- 3.7 Notice to Owners of Board Meetings. Notice of meetings, which notice shall specifically include an agenda, shall be posted conspicuously, as provided in Article 2.3 of these Bylaws, at least forty-eight (48) continuous hours in advance of the meeting for the attention of Members, except in an emergency. If closed circuit television is available, the Board may use same for posting notices, as permitted by law. Meetings at which a regular monthly or quarterly Assessment or Special Assessment is to be considered shall specifically state: (1) that Assessments will be considered and (2) the nature, estimated cost, and (2) description of the purpose for such Assessments. Further, written notice of any meeting at which non-emergency Special Assessments, or at which amendment to rules regarding Unit use will be considered, or where the Board will establish the deductible feature of the Association's insurance policies, shall be mailed or delivered (including electronic delivery as provided by law) to the Members and posted

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conspicuously, as provided in Article 2.3 of these Bylaws, not less than fourteen (14) continuous days prior to the meeting. Evidence of compliance with this 14-day notice shall be by an affidavit executed by the person giving notice, where required by law, and shall be filed among the official records of the Association. Notice of contracts being considered by the Board at a meeting shall be disclosed if and as required by the Act. If required by the Act, if an agenda item relates to the approval of a contract for goods or services, a copy of the contract must be provided with the notice and be made available for inspection and copying upon a written request from a Unit Owner or if the Association is required to maintain a website pursuant to the Act, be made available on the Association's website or through an application that can be downloaded on a mobile device.

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3.8 Owner Right to Speak at Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board, at which a majority of the Board members are present, shall be open to all Members. Members may not designate third persons, through power of attorney or otherwise, to attend Board meetings unless agreed to otherwise by the Board. The Member's right to attend Board meetings includes the right to speak with reference to all designated agenda items and, if required by the Act, to ask questions relating to reports on the status of construction or repair projects, the status of revenues and expenditures during the current fiscal year, and other issues affecting the Condominiums; provided, however, the Board may adopt reasonable rules governing the frequency, duration, and manner of Member statements- and questions. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, each Member is entitled to speak for three (3) minutes with reference to each designated agenda itemand three (3) minutes, cumulatively, as to any questions. Unit Owners may record meetings of the Board and meeting of the Members, but may not post such recordings on any website or other media which can be readily viewed by persons who are not Members of the Association. The Board may adopt reasonable rules governing the recording of meetings of the Board and the membership. Board meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege and Board meetings involving personnel matters shall not be open to Member attendance.

3.9 Board Meetings, Quorum, and Voting. The designation of the agenda for Board meetings shall be at the discretion of the President. However, the President shall be obligated to include any item on the agenda for a Board meeting, if requested reasonably in advance and in writing, by a majority of the Directors, and where required due to petition from twenty percent (20%) of the Voting Interests. A quorum at Directors' Meetings shall consist of a majority of the number of required Directors. The acts approved by a majority of the Board present and voting at a meeting shall constitute the acts of the Board. Directors may not vote by proxy or by secret ballot at Board meetings (except that Directors may vote by secret ballot when electing Officers). A vote or abstention for each Board member present shall be recorded in the minutes. A Director of the Association who abstains from voting on any action taken on any corporate matter shall be presumed to have taken no position with regard to the action. If at any meeting of the Board there is less than a quorum present, or if a quorum exists and a majority of the Directors so approve, the Director(s) present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present, and no further notice need be given except for announcement at the meeting as to the date, time, and place of the adjournment. At any adjourned meeting, any business which might have been transacted at

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the meeting as originally called may be transacted. Absent Directors may later sign written joinders in Board actions, but such joinders may not be used for purposes of creating a quorum or counted as official votes for the Board's meeting. Directors may participate telephonically or remotely in Board meetings, as provided by law.

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- **3.10 Presiding Officer.** The presiding Officer at Directors' meetings shall be the President, and in his or her absence, the Vice President. In the absence of the presiding Officer, the Directors present shall designate one of their number to preside. The presiding Officer may permit legal counsel or a managing agent to chair portions or the entirety of a Board meeting.
- **3.11 Director Compensation.** Directors serve without pay but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred.
- 11 **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** All of the powers of the Association existing under the laws of Florida generally, Florida Not For Profit Corporation 12 13 Statute, the Act, and the Condominium Documents, all as amended from time to time, shall be 14 exercised exclusively by or under the direction of the Board, or a duly authorized Board member, 15 Officer, Committee member, agent, contractor, or employee, when said powers or duties have been delegated by the Board, subject only to the approval by Members when such is specifically 16 17 required. In the event of a question or dispute whether a Board power has been properly delegated, 18 the Board may ratify such action at a duly noticed meeting of the Board, and such ratification shall 19 relate back to the act in question unless otherwise specified by the Board. The powers of the Board 20 include, but are not limited to, the power:
- 21 **4.1 To Assess.** The Board shall adopt budgets and make and collect special and periodic Assessments against Owners to defray the costs of the Association.
- 4.2 To Expend Association Funds. The Board shall use the proceeds of Assessments
   in the exercise of the Association's powers and duties.
  - **4.3 To Maintain the Condominiums and Association Property.** The Board shall maintain, repair, replace, and operate the property within the Condominiums and Association Property.
- 4.4 To Adopt Regulations. The Board shall enact and may amend Rules and Regulations concerning the transfer, use, appearance, maintenance, and occupancy of the Units, Common Elements, Limited Common Elements, and Association Property, and to enact rules, policies, and resolutions pertaining to the operation of the Association, subject to any limitations contained in the Declaration.

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4.5 To Reconstruct After Casualty. The Board may reconstruct the Units, Common
Elements, Limited Common Elements, and Association Property improvements after casualty and
may further improve the property, as specified in the Declaration.

- 4.6 To Approve Transfers. The Board may approve or disapprove proposed leases in the manner and to the extent provided by the Declaration, and may charge a preset fee, not to exceed the maximum permissible by law, in connection with such right of approval. In connection with the lease of Units, the Board may require the posting of a security deposit to protect against damages to the Common Elements or Association Property, in the manner provided by law.
- **4.7 To Enforce.** The Board may enforce by legal means the provisions of applicable laws and the Condominium Documents, and may interpret the Condominium Documents, as the final arbiter of their meaning, unless such interpretation is wholly arbitrary or contrary to law.
- **4.8 To Contract.** The Board may contract for management, maintenance, and operation of the Condominiums and the Association.
  - **4.9 To Insure.** The Board shall carry insurance for the protection of the Members and the Association, pursuant to requirements contained in the Declaration and the Act.
  - **4.10 To Pay Utility Bills.** The Board shall pay the cost of all utility services rendered to the Condominiums and Association Property and not billed to Owners of individual Units.
  - **4.11 To Hire and Discharge.** The Board may employ personnel and designate other agents to be paid a reasonable compensation and grant them such duties as deemed appropriate for proper administration of the purposes of the Association.
  - **4.12 To Sue and Be Sued.** The Board may bring and defend suits and other proceedings and may exercise business judgment as to whether the interests of the Association are best served with respect to settlement of a matter or whether a suit or other proceeding should be commenced.
  - **4.13 To Deal in Real and Personal Property.** The Board may make and execute contracts, deeds, mortgages, notes and other evidence of indebtedness, leases, and other instruments by its Officers, and may purchase, own, lease, convey, and encumber real and personal property subject to the provisions of the Declaration. The Board may grant or modify easements and licenses over the Condominium Property necessary or desirable for proper operation of the Condominium.
  - **4.14 To Enter Into Contracts for Products and Services.** All contracts for the purchase, lease, or renting of materials or equipment, or which are not to be fully performed within one year, and all contracts for services shall be in writing. As to any such contract which requires payment exceeding five percent (5%) of the gross budget including reserves (except for contracts with employees of the Association, attorneys, accountants, architects, engineers, landscape

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architects, and community association managers), the Association shall obtain competitive bids unless the products and services are needed as the result of an emergency, or unless the desired supplier is the only source of supply within the county serving the Association. The Board need not accept the lowest bid. If a contract was awarded under the competitive bid procedures of this Article, any renewal of that contract is not subject to such competitive bid requirements if the contract contained a provision that allowed the Board to cancel a contract on thirty (30) days' notice. Materials, equipment, or services provided to a Condominium under a local government franchise agreement by a franchise holder are not subject to the competitive bid requirements of this Article.

- **4.15 To Levy Fines and Suspend Rights.** The Board may, pursuant to the Act, impose fines not to exceed the maximum permissible by law (currently \$100.00 per violation and \$1,000.00 for ongoing violations), and/or suspend the right to use Common Elements, common facilities, or any other Association Property, as permitted by the Act, for failure of the Owner of the Unit or any other Person set forth in the Act to comply with the provisions of the Board policies and resolutions, the Condominium Documents, including the Rules and Regulations, and applicable laws.
- **4.15.1** A fine may be imposed for each day of continuing violation at the highest rate allowed by law per violation with a single notice and opportunity for hearing, provided that no fine shall in the aggregate exceed the maximum amount permissible by law. A suspension shall be imposed and enforceable for a reasonable amount of time, as determined by the Board, and subject to the confirmation or rejection of the independent committee specified in Article 4.15.3.
- **4.15.2** The Unit Owner and, if applicable, the party against whom the fine and/or suspension is sought to be imposed (if different from the Unit Owner), shall be afforded an opportunity for hearing by being given notice of not less than fourteen (14) days.
- **4.15.3** The Unit Owner and, if applicable, the party against whom the fine and/or suspension is sought to be imposed (if different from the Unit Owner), has an opportunity to respond, to present evidence, and to provide written and oral argument on all issues involved and has an opportunity at the hearing to review, challenge, and respond to any material considered by the Association. The hearing shall be held before a Committee appointed by the Board, who are not Officers, Directors, or employees of the Association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of an Officer, Director, or employee. If the Committee does not approve the proposed fine and/or suspension, the fine and/or suspension may not be imposed. Should the Association be required to initiate legal proceedings to collect a duly imposed fine or enforce a duly imposed suspension, the prevailing party in an action to collect said fine or enforce said suspension shall be entitled to an award of costs and a reasonable attorneys' fee incurred before trial (including in connection with the preparation for and conduct of fining and/or suspension hearings), at trial, and on appeal. The Unit Owner is jointly and severally liable for the payment of fines imposed against

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and/or enforcemen	t of	suspensions	imposed	upon	Residents,	Occupants,	Tenants,	Guests,
Licensees, Invitees	or a	ny Family me	mbers of t	he rele	evant Unit.			

- **4.16 To Appoint Committees.** The Board may appoint Committees and delegate to such Committees those powers and duties of the Association as the Board deems advisable. All Committees and Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. Committees of the Association, as defined in the Act, shall conduct their affairs in the same manner as provided in these Bylaws for Board meetings. All other Committees may meet and conduct their affairs in private without prior notice or Owner participation, unless otherwise directed by the Board.
- **4.17 To Ensure Fire Safety Compliance.** The Board shall ensure compliance with the Florida Fire Prevention Code as required by the Act.
- 4.18 To Approve the Installation of Hurricane Shutters and Other Hurricane Protection. The Board shall adopt hurricane shutter specifications for the Condominiums which may include color, style, and other factors deemed relevant by the Board. The Board may adopt specifications for other types of hurricane protection. All specifications adopted by the Board shall comply with the applicable building code, or shall be structured to ensure that installed hurricane protection is in compliance with the applicable building code. The Board shall not refuse to approve the installation or replacement of hurricane protection conforming to the specifications adopted by the Board, provided that the Board may condition approval upon the Member's agreement to execute documentation determined appropriate by the Board regarding same.
- **4.19 To Exercise Emergency Powers.** In the event of any emergency, as defined in Article 21 of the Declaration, the Board may exercise the emergency powers described in this Article, and any other emergency powers authorized by law or the Condominium Documents.
- **4.19.1** During any emergency the Board may hold meetings with notice given only to those Directors with whom it is practicable to communicate, and the notice may be given in any practicable manner. The Director or Directors in attendance at such a meeting shall constitute a quorum. The Board may hold meetings by means of teleconference or video conference.
- **4.19.2** The Board may cancel, reschedule or postpone meetings of the Members without need to give the notice initially required for such meeting and may require that in person participation at Association meetings, including voting in the election of Directors, be limited to remote attendance by means of teleconference or video conference, when believed appropriate by the Board in the interests of health, safety and welfare of the Owners and Residents.
- **4.19.3** Corporate action taken in good faith during an emergency under this Article to further the ordinary affairs of the Association shall bind the Association; and shall have the rebuttable presumption of being reasonable and necessary.

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1 2	<b>4.19.4</b> The Board may adopt emergency assessments without approval of the Owners with such notice deemed practicable by the Board.
3 4 5	<b>4.19.5</b> The Board may adopt emergency Rules and Regulations governing the use and occupancy of the Units, Common Elements, Limited Common Elements, and Association Property, with notice given only as is practicable.
6 7 8	<b>4.19.6</b> Any Officer or Director acting with a reasonable belief that his or her actions are lawful in accordance with these emergency Bylaws shall incur no liability for doing so, except in the case of willful misconduct.
9 10 11 12	<b>4.20 To Enter Into Contracts and Borrow Money.</b> The Board may make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the Board may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, Assessments, Special Assessments, income or rights.
13	5. OFFICERS.
14 15 16 17 18 19	<b>5.1 Executive Officers.</b> The executive Officers of the Association are the President, one (1) or more Vice Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by and from the Board, and who may be peremptorily removed by a majority vote of the Directors at any meeting. Any person may hold two (2) or more offices except that the President shall not also be the Secretary. The Board may also appoint such Assistant Officers as may be desired. Assistant Officers need not be Directors.
20 21 22 23	<b>5.2 President</b> — <b>Powers and Duties.</b> The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, shall preside at all meetings of the Board and Association meetings. The President has general supervision over the affairs of the Association and has all of the powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of President of a <u>not-for-profit</u> corporation.
24 25 26 27	<b>5.3 Vice-President</b> — <b>Powers and Duties.</b> The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President. He or she shall also generally assist the President and exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Directors.
28 29 30 31 32 33	5.4 Secretary — Powers and Duties. The Secretary shall oversee the keeping of the minutes of all proceedings of the Directors and the Members. He or she shall oversee the giving and serving of all notices to the Members and Directors and other notices required by law. He or she shall oversee the keeping and custody of the records of the Association, except those of the Treasurer. He or she shall perform all other duties incident to the office of Secretary of the Association and as may be required by the Directors or the President.

- **Treasurer Powers and Duties.** The Treasurer shall oversee the keeping and custody of all property of the Association, including funds, securities, and evidences of indebtedness. He or she shall oversee the keeping of the Assessment rolls and accounts of the Members. He or she shall oversee the keeping of the books of the Association in accordance with good accounting practices and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of the Treasurer of a not-for-profit corporation.
- 5.6 **Officers' Compensation.** Officers are not entitled to compensation for service as such, but are entitled to reimbursement of expenses reasonably incurred. This provision does not preclude the Board from employing an Officer or Director as an agent or employee of the Association.
- 6. MINUTES AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS. Minutes of all meetings of Members and of the Board shall be kept in a business-like manner. These, plus records of all receipts and expenditures and all other official records, as defined in the Act, shall be available for inspection by Members and Board members at all reasonable times. Provided, however, that the Directors may adopt reasonable rules regarding the frequency, time, location, notice, and manner of record inspections and any copying.

## 7. FISCAL MANAGEMENT.

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- **Budget.** An annual budget shall be adopted by the Board at least fourteen (14) days prior to the end of the fiscal year. A proposed annual budget of Common Expenses and anticipated revenues shall be prepared by the Board which shall include all anticipated income/revenue and expenses for operation, maintenance, and administration of the Condominiums. for each Condominium. The proposed budget may also include expenses of security, in-house communications, Directors and Officers insurance, transportation services, Communications Services, recreational services and amenities, and interior pest control, all of which are declared to be Common Expenses under these Bylaws. The proposed budget shall include reserves, pursuant to the Act, the funding of which may be waived or reduced as provided by the Act. Reserve funds and any accrued interest on the funds shall remain in the reserve account for authorized reserve expenditures, unless their use for other purposes is approved as provided by the Act. The budget may contain a reasonable allowance for contingencies and provide funds for all operating expenses previously incurred. If at any time a budget shall prove insufficient, it may be amended by the Board for the remaining portion of the fiscal year, provided that notice of the Board meeting at which the revised budget will be considered, along with a copy of the proposed revisions to the budget, shall be mailed or delivered to each Member as provided in Article 7.2.
- 34 If an adopted budget requires Assessments against the Units in any fiscal year which exceed one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the Assessments for the preceding fiscal year, the Board shall 35 36 conduct a special meeting of the Members to consider a substitute budget if the Board receives,
- 37 within twenty-one (21) days after adoption of the annual budget, a written request for a special

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meeting from at least ten percent (10%) of all Voting Interests. The special meeting shall be 1 2 conducted within sixty (60) days after adoption of the annual budget. At least fourteen (14) days 3 prior to such special meeting, the Board shall deliver to each Member or mail to each Member at 4 the address last furnished to the Association, a notice of the meeting. An Officer or manager of the 5 Association, or other person providing notice of such meeting shall execute an affidavit evidencing 6 compliance with this notice requirement. Such affidavit shall be filed among the official records 7 of the Association. At the special meeting, Members shall consider and enact a substitute budget. 8 The adoption of the substitute budget requires a vote of not less than a majority vote of all the 9 Voting Interests. If a meeting of the Members has been called and a quorum is not attained or a 10 substitute budget is not adopted by the Members, the budget adopted by the Board goes into effect 11 as scheduled. In determining whether Assessments exceed one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of 12 similar Assessments in prior years, any authorized provisions for reasonable reserves for repair or 13 replacement of the Condominium Property, anticipated expenses by the Association which are not 14 anticipated to be incurred on a regular or annual basis, or Assessments for betterments to the 15 Condominium Property and insurance premiums must be excluded from the computation.

If an annual budget has not been adopted at the time the first installment for a fiscal year is due, it shall be presumed that the amount of such installment is the same as the last installment and shall be continued at such rate until a new budget is adopted and Assessments are calculated, at which time any overage or shortage shall be added to or subtracted from each Unit's next installment due.

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- 7.2 Mailing and Posting. A copy of the proposed annual budget shall be mailed or delivered to the Members not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting of the Board at which the budget will be adopted, together with a notice of the meeting. Electronic notice transmitted to the address furnished by the Unit Owner for such purpose is acceptable where permissible by law. The notice shall also be posted in a conspicuous location on the Condominium Property as provided by law. The Board may include notice of its meeting to set the insurance deductible with notice of the budget meeting.
- 7.3 Assessments. The annual shares of the Units of the Common Expenses shall be made payable in installments due monthly or quarterly (as determined by the Board) in advance and shall become due on the first day of each such period and shall become delinquent ten (10) days thereafter. No invoice need be sent by the Association, although the Association may do so.
- 7.4 Special Assessments. Special Assessments for Common Expenses, Limited Common Expenses, or Charges, which are not funded through the budget, or which arise due to unforeseen or non-recurring circumstances may be made by the Board, and the time of payment shall likewise be determined by them. Notice of the Board meeting at which such Assessments shall be imposed shall be mailed or delivered to each Member and posted as provided in Article 3.7, except in the event of an emergency. To the extent permitted by law, notice of Board meetings at which Special Assessments for Limited Common Expenses will be imposed need only be given

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to affected Owners. The funds collected pursuant to a Special Assessment shall be used only for the specific purpose or purposes set forth in such notice. However, upon completion of such specific purpose or purposes, any excess funds will be considered Common Surplus, and may, at the discretion of the Board, either be returned to the Members or applied as a credit towards future Assessments.

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- 7.5 Assessment Roll. The Assessments for Common Expenses and Charges shall be set forth upon a roll of the Units which shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by Members. Such roll shall indicate for each Unit the name and address of the Owner, and the Assessments and Charges paid and unpaid. A certificate made by a duly authorized representative of the Association or by the Board as to the status of a Unit's account may be relied upon for all purposes by any person for whom made.
- 7.6 Liability for Assessments and Charges. A Member is liable for all Assessments (including Special Assessments) and Charges coming due while the Owner of a Unit, and such Member and Member's grantees or successors, after a conveyance or other transfer of title, are jointly and severally liable for all unpaid Assessments (including Special Assessments) and Charges due and payable up to the time of such voluntary or involuntary conveyance. Liability may not be avoided by waiver of the use or enjoyment of any Common Elements or Association Property or by abandonment of the Unit for which the Assessments or Charges are due. Where a mortgagee holding a first mortgage of record obtains title to a Unit by foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, such mortgagee shall be jointly and severally liable with the prior unit owner for such Unit's unpaid Assessments (including Special Assessments), Charges, or share of the Common Expenses which became due prior to acquisition of such mortgagee's title unless it named the Association as a defendant in the foreclosure action in which case its liability will be limited as provided in the Act. Such mortgagee or its successors and assigns are liable for all Assessments and Charges that come due after their taking of title.
- 7.7 Liens for Assessments. The unpaid portion of an Assessment (including Special Assessment), including an accelerated Assessment which is due, together with all costs, collection expenses, interest, late fees, and reasonable attorneys' fees for collection, including but not limited to appeals, bankruptcies, fees incurred in litigating entitlement thereto or fees incurred in litigation after entitlement has already been determined, shall be secured by a continuing lien upon the Unit.
- 7.8 Lien for Charges. Unpaid Charges due to the Association together with costs, interest, late fees, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees, including but not limited to appeals, bankruptcies, fees incurred in litigating entitlement thereto or fees incurred in litigation after entitlement has already been determined shall be secured by a common law and contractual lien upon the Unit and all appurtenances thereto and its lien priority is established by the Act.
- 7.9 Collection Interest; Administrative Late Fee; Application of Payments. Assessments (including Special Assessments) or Charges paid on or before ten (10) days after the

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- date due shall not bear interest, but all sums not paid on or before ten (10) days after the due date
- 2 shall bear interest in an amount as determined by the Board which, unless otherwise specified,
- 3 shall be the maximum allowed by law from the date due until paid. In addition to such interest the
- 4 Association may charge an administrative late fee in an amount not to exceed the greater of twenty-
- 5 five dollars (\$25.00) or five percent (5%) of each installment of the Assessment for which payment
- 6 is received more than ten (10) days after the date due, or the maximum late fee permissible by law.
- 7 The Association may also accelerate all Assessments or Charges which are accrued, but not yet
- 8 due, in the manner provided by law. All payments upon account shall be first applied to interest,
- 9 then the late fee, then to any costs and collection expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred,
- and then to the Assessment payment or Charge first due.
- 11 For so long as provided by law, the Association must send a notice of late Assessment, in
- 12 accordance with the Act, to the delinquent Unit Owner prior to any attorneys' fees being incurred
- in collection of the Assessment in accordance with the Act. Except as otherwise provided in the
- 14 Act, no lien may be filed by the Association against a Condominium Unit until forty-five (45) days
- after the date on which a notice of intent to file a lien has been delivered to the Owner, pursuant to
- 16 the Act.

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- 7.10 Collection Suit. The Association, at its option, may enforce collection of delinquent Assessments (including Special Assessments) or Charges by suit at law, by foreclosure of the lien securing the Assessments (including Special Assessments) or Charges, or by any other remedy available under the laws of the State of Florida, and in any event the Association is entitled to recover the payments which are delinquent at the time of collection, judgment, or decree, together with those which have become due by acceleration or which have thereafter become due, plus interest thereon, and all costs and expenses incident to the collection and the proceedings, including reasonable attorneys' fees, including, but not limited to, appeals, bankruptcies, fees incurred in litigating entitlement thereto or fees incurred in litigation after entitlement has already been determined. The Association may attach rental income for delinquent Units and may withhold approval for the sale, lease, or other transfer of a Unit, or any interest therein, until all past due Assessments, interest, late fees, costs, and attorneys' fees have been paid in full. The Association must deliver or mail by certified mail to the Member written notices of its intention to file a lien and to foreclose the lien, as provided by law.
- 7.11 Association Depository. The depository of the Association, in which the funds of the Association shall be deposited, shall be financial institutions authorized to do business in Florida which carry FDIC insurance or equivalent insurance, provided that such insurance is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America. All deposits shall be within the limits of such insurance. Association funds, whether reserves or operating funds, may not be placed at risk for investment purposes. Withdrawal of money from those accounts shall be only by checks or other withdrawal instruments signed by those persons as are authorized by the Directors or by electronic transfer protocols approved by the Board.

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**7.12 Commingling of Funds.** All funds of the Association shall be maintained separately in the Association's name. No community association manager or business entity required to be licensed or registered under Section 468.432, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, no agent, employee, Officer, or Director of the Association shall commingle any Association funds with his or her funds or with the funds of any other condominium association or community association as defined in Section 468.431, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, or with those of any other entity. Reserve funds and operating funds of the Association may be commingled for investment purposes, as provided by law.

- **7.13 Financial Reports.** A complete financial report of actual receipts and expenditures of the Association shall be made annually which shall comply with Rule 61B-22, Florida Administrative Code, as amended from time to time, and with the Act.
- 7.14 Fidelity Bonding. The Association shall obtain and maintain adequate fidelity bonding in the minimum principal sum set forth in the Act, for each person (whether or not a Director) who controls or disburses Association funds, and the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Association shall bear the cost of bonding of Directors and Officers. In the case of a community association manager or management firm, the cost of bonding may be allocated as the parties may agree. All persons providing management services to the Association, or otherwise having the authority to control or disburse Association funds, shall provide the Association with a certificate of insurance evidencing compliance with this paragraph, naming the Association as an insured under said policy.
- 8. PARLIAMENTARY RULES. Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall be used as a general, non-binding guide in the conduct of Members' meetings, Board meetings, and Committee meetings to ensure fairness, impartiality, and respect for minority views without unduly burdening majority rights. Meetings shall also be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws and the procedures established by the Board from time to time, including the form of voting documents to be used. The ruling of the Chair of the meetings, unless he, she, or the Board designates a third person as Parliamentarian, shall be binding on all matters of procedure, unless contrary to law. The failure or alleged failure to adhere to Robert's Rules of Order shall not be used as a basis to legally challenge any action of the Association.
- **9. BYLAW AMENDMENTS.** Amendments to the Bylaws shall be adopted in the following manner:
- **9.1 Proposal of Amendments.** An amendment may be proposed by the President of the Association, the Directors, or by twenty-five percent (25%) of the entire Voting Interests.
- **9.2 Proposed Amendment Format.** Proposals to amend existing Bylaws shall contain the full text of the article to be amended. New words shall be underlined and words to be deleted shall be lined through. If the proposed change is so extensive that this procedure would hinder

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1	rather than assist understanding, a notation must be inserted immediately preceding the proposed
2	amendment saying, "SUBSTANTIAL REWORDING OF BYLAWS. SEE BYLAW NUMBER
3	FOR PRESENT TEXT."

- **9.3 Notice**. The subject matter of proposed amendments shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which a proposed amendment is to be considered or in connection with documentation for action without a meeting.
- **9.4** Adoption of Amendments. A resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) of the Voting Interests of the Association present (in person or by proxy) and voting at a duly noticed meeting at which a quorum has been attained, or by the written agreement of at least two-thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) of the entire Voting Interests. Amendments correcting errors, omissions, scrivener's errors, violations of applicable law, conflicts between the Condominium Documents, or if determined necessary and desirable by the Board to comply with the requirements of the secondary mortgage market, may be executed by the Officers of the Association, upon Board approval, without need for Association membership vote. The Board may also adopt amendments necessary to comply with the requirements of any governmental entity.
- 9.5 Effective Date. An amendment when adopted shall become effective after being recorded in the Collier County Public Records according to law.
- 9.6 Automatic Amendment. These Bylaws shall be deemed amended, if necessary, so as to make the same consistent with the provisions of the Declaration or the Articles of Incorporation. Whenever the Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, or other applicable statutes or administrative regulations, as amended from time to time, are amended to impose different or alternative procedural requirements than set forth in these Bylaws, the Board may operate the Association pursuant to the different or alternative requirements without the need to change these Bylaws. The Board, without a vote of the Owners, may also adopt by majority vote, amendments to these Bylaws as the Board deems necessary to comply with future amendments to Chapters 607, 617, and the Act, or such other statutes or administrative regulations as required for the operation of the Association, all as amended from time to time.
- **9.7 Proviso**. No amendment shall change the configuration of any Unit or the share in the Common Elements appurtenant to it, or increase the Owner's proportionate share of the Common Expenses, unless the record Owner of the Unit concerned and all record Owners of the mortgages on such Unit shall join in the execution of the amendment, and all other Members approve the amendment.

## 10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

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- 10.1 Alternative Dispute Resolution. If unresolved, disputes between the Board and Members, as defined in the Act, must be submitted to arbitration or mediation as provided in the Act prior to commencing litigation, so long as the Act requires such arbitration or mediation.
- 4 10.2 **Member Inquiries.** When a Member files a written inquiry by certified mail with 5 the Board, the Board shall respond in writing to the Member within thirty (30) days of receipt of 6 said inquiry. The Board's response shall either give a substantive response to the inquirer, or notify 7 the inquirer that legal advice has been requested, or notify the inquirer that advice has been 8 requested from the Association's counsel or the Division. If the Board requests advice from the 9 Division, the Board shall, within ten (10) days of its receipt of the advice, provide in writing a 10 substantive response to the inquirer. If a legal opinion is requested, the Board shall, within sixty 11 (60) days after the receipt of the inquiry, provide in writing a substantive response to the inquirer. The failure to provide a substantive response to the inquirer, as provided herein, precludes the 12 Association from recovering attorneys' fees and costs in any subsequent litigation, administrative 13 14 proceeding, or arbitration arising out of the inquiry. Absent a different rule adopted by the Board, 15 the Board shall only be obligated to respond to one inquiry per month pertinent to any particular Unit. In the event of a grievance of a Member against the Association, the Board, or a Member 16 thereof, written notice in detail of the grievance shall be given the Directors prior to the institution 17 18 of litigation, (including, but not limited to, arbitration), and they shall be allowed a period of thirty 19 (30) days in which to resolve the grievance.
- 10.3 Other Remedies. Nothing herein shall preclude the Association from pursuing any remedy for the violation of the Condominium Documents or disputes with a Member or other party as may be available to the Association under the laws of the State of Florida or the Condominium Documents.
- 11. MISCELLANEOUS. The following miscellaneous provisions shall apply to these Bylaws
   25 and the Condominium Documents.
- 26 **11.1 Conflicts.** The term "Condominium Documents," as used in these Bylaws and elsewhere include the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations of the Association and the Plat. In the event of a conflict between the language in the Declaration and the Plat, the Plat shall control, except as specifically provided to the contrary in the Declaration. In the event of a conflict between language in any of the other Condominium Documents, the following priorities control:
- 1. Declaration of Condominium;
- 33 2. Articles of Incorporation;
- 3. Bylaws; and,

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1	4. Rules and Regulations.
2 3 4	11.2 Gender. The use of the term "he," "she," "his," "hers," "their," "theirs" and a other similar pronouns are construed to include all genders and encompass the plural as well as the singular.
5 6	11.3 Severability. In the event that any provision of these Bylaws is deemed invalid, the remaining provisions remain in full force and effect.

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