## **BY-LAWS**

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# PROVINCE ESTATES HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

## Article 1 Definitions

- 1.1 Act. "Act," as referred to in these Bylaws, means the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act, RCW 64.90, et. seq..
- 1.2 <u>Association</u>. "Association" means **PROVINCE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**, a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington.
- 1.3 <u>Articles of Incorporation.</u> "Articles of Incorporation" means the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.
- **1.4** <u>Declaration.</u> The "Declaration" means the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Province Estates into which these Bylaws are incorporated, as the same may be subsequently amended or supplemented pursuant to the terms thereof.
- **1.5 Incorporation by Reference.** Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms that are defined in Article 1 of the Declaration are used in these Bylaws as therein defined.

## Article 2 Membership

- **2.1** <u>Membership.</u> Every Owner of one or more Lots within the Property shall, immediately upon creation of the Association and thereafter during the entire period of such ownership, be a member of the Association. Such membership shall commence, exist and continue simply by virtue of such ownership, shall expire automatically upon termination of such ownership, and need not be confirmed or evidenced by any certificate or acceptance of membership.
- **2.2** Membership List. The Secretary shall maintain at the principal office of the Association a membership list showing the name and address of the Owner of each Lot. The Secretary may accept as satisfactory proof of such ownership a duly executed and acknowledged conveyance, a title insurance policy, or other evidence reasonably acceptable to the Board of Directors.

# Article 3 Meetings and Voting

- 3.1 <u>Place of Meetings.</u> Meetings of the members of the Association shall be held at such reasonable place convenient to the members as may be designated in the notice of the meeting.
- 3.2 Turnover Meeting. Declarant shall call the first meeting of the Owners to organize the Association within ninety (90) days after termination of the Class B membership as provided in Section 3.7, below. Notice of such meeting shall be given to all Owners as provided in Section 3.5. If a quorum of the Owners is present, the Owners shall elect not fewer than the number of directors sufficient to constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors. If the Declarant fails to call the meeting, the meeting may be called and notice given by any Owner or mortgagee of a Lot. The expense of giving notice shall be paid or reimbursed by the Association. In the event of a lack of quorum at such Turnover Meeting, it may be adjourned as provided in Section 3.6. Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing Declarant from calling the Turnover Meeting prior to such date, or from calling periodic, informal, informational meetings for the Owners.
- 3.3 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held at such reasonable hour and on such reasonable day as may be established by the Board of Directors or, if the Board should fail to designate a date by the first day of September, then at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday in October. The first annual meeting shall be held within one year of the date of the Turnover Meeting.
- 3.4 <u>Special Meetings.</u> A special meeting of the Association may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors. A special meeting shall be called upon receipt of a written request stating the purpose of the meeting from members having at least thirty percent (30%) of the voting rights entitled to be cast at such meeting. Business transacted at a special meeting shall be confined to the purposes stated in the notice of meeting.

# 3.5 Notice of Meeting.

(a) Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, the items on the agenda, including the general nature of any proposed amendment to the Declaration or these Bylaws, any budget changes, any proposal to remove a director or officer and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting. Such notice shall be given either personally, by mail or, to the extent permitted by law, by electronic mail, facsimile or other form of electronic communication acceptable to the Board of Directors, by or at the direction of the President, the Secretary, or the persons calling the meeting, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, and to all mortgagees who have requested such notice. For a period of 10 years following recording of the Declaration, notices of meetings (including agendas) shall also be given to Declarant (or any designee of Declarant specified in any written notice to the Association) in the same manner as given to Owners, and Declarant or a representative of Declarant shall be entitled to

attend such meetings. If mailed, such notices shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, with postage fully prepaid thereon, addressed to the member at his or her most recent address as it appears on the records of the Association or to the mailing address of his or her Lot.

- (b) When a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, or when a redetermination of the persons entitled to receive notice of the adjourned meeting is required by law, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as for an original meeting. In all other cases, no notice of the adjournment or of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting need be given other than by announcement at the meeting at which such adjournment is taken.
- (c) For a period of seven (7) years following recording of the Declaration, notices of meetings (including agendas) shall also be given to Declarant in the same manner as given to unit owners, and Declarant or a representative of Declarant shall be entitled to attend such meetings.
- **3.6 Quorum.** At any meeting of the Association, members having at least twenty percent (20%) of the voting rights entitled to be cast at such meeting, present in person or by proxy or absentee ballot, if permitted by the Board of Directors, shall constitute a quorum, except when a larger quorum is required by the Declaration. When a quorum is once present to organize a meeting, it cannot be broken by the subsequent withdrawal of a member or members. If any meeting of members cannot be organized because of a lack of quorum, the members who are present, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting from time to time not less than forty-eight (48) hours nor more than thirty (30) days from the time the original meeting was called until a quorum is present

# **3.7 Voting Rights.** The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

<u>Class A.</u> Class A members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Class B member and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class B. The Class B member shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned by Declarant. The Class B membership shall cease and convert to Class A membership upon the happening of the earliest of any of the following events:

- (1) Within sixty (60) days after conveyance of 75 percent (75%) of the Lots in Province Estate to Owners other than a successor Declarant;
- (2) The expiration of two (2) years after the closing of the sale of the last Lot to an Owner other than a successor Declarant; or
- (3) At such earlier time as Declarant may elect in writing to terminate Class B membership.

- 3.8 Fiduciaries and Joint Owners. An executor, administrator, guardian or trustee may vote or grant consent with respect to any Lot owned or held in such capacity, whether or not the specific right shall have been transferred to his or her name; provided that such person shall satisfy the Secretary that he or she is the executor, administrator, guardian or trustee, holding such Lot in such capacity. Whenever any Lot is owned by two or more persons jointly, according to the records of the Association, the vote of such Lot may be exercised by any one of the Owners, in the absence of protest by a co-owner. In the event of disagreement among the co-Owners, the vote of such Lot shall be disregarded completely in determining the proportion of votes given with respect to such matter, unless a valid court order establishes the authority of a co-owner to vote.
- 3.9 <u>Tenants and Contract Vendors.</u> Unless otherwise expressly stated in the rental agreement or lease, all voting rights allocated to a Lot shall be exercised by the Owner. Unless otherwise stated in the contract, all voting rights allocated to a Lot shall be exercised by the vendee of any recorded land sale contract on the Lot.
- 3.10 <u>Casting of Votes and Consents.</u> The voting rights or consent of an Owner may be cast in person at a meeting of the Association or, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, by proxy in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section, by absentee ballot in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Section, by written ballot in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Section, or by any other method specified in the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Act.
- (a) Proxies. A proxy must be dated and signed by the an Owner, is not valid if it is undated or purports to be revocable without notice, and terminates one year after its date unless the proxy specifies a shorter term. The board of directors may not require that a proxy be on a form prescribed by the Board. An Owner may not revoke a proxy given pursuant to this paragraph except by actual notice of revocation to the person presiding over a meeting of the Association or to the Board of Directors if a vote is being conducted by written ballot in lieu of a meeting. A copy of a proxy in compliance with this paragraph provided to the Association by facsimile, electronic mail or other means of electronic communication utilized by the Board of Directors is valid.
- (b) Absentee Ballots. An absentee ballot, if authorized by the Board of Directors, shall set forth each proposed action and provide Owners an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. All solicitations for votes by absentee ballot shall include instructions for delivery of the completed absentee ballot, including the delivery location and instructions about whether the ballot may be canceled if the ballot has been delivered according to the instructions. An absentee ballot shall be counted as an Owner present for the purpose of establishing a quorum. Even if an absentee ballot has been delivered to an Owner, the Owner may vote in person at a meeting if the Owner has returned the absentee ballot and canceled the absentee ballot, if cancellation is permitted in the instructions given under this paragraph.
- (c) <u>Ballot Meetings.</u> Pursuant to the limitations of RCW 64.90.445(2)(m), and at the discretion of the Board of Directors, any action that may be taken at any annual, regular or special meeting of the Association's Owners may be taken without a meeting by written ballot to the extent and in the manner provided in RCW 64.90.445 64.90.455.

- (d) <u>Electronic Ballots.</u> To the extent authorized by the Board of Directors and permitted by the Act, any vote, approval or consent of an Owner maybe given by electronic ballot.
- (e) Mortgages. An Owner may pledge or assign such Owner's voting rights to a Mortgagee. In such a case, the Mortgagee or its designated representative shall be entitled to receive all notices to which the Owner is entitled under these Bylaws and to exercise the Owner's voting rights from and after the time that the Mortgagee shall give written notice of such pledge or assignment to the board of directors. Any first Mortgagee may designate a representative to attend all or any meetings of the Association.
- **3.11 Majority Vote.** The vote of a majority of the voting rights entitled to be cast by the members present or represented by absentee ballot or proxy, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the members, unless a greater proportion is required by law, by the Declaration, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws.
- 3.12 <u>Rules of Order.</u> Unless other rules of order are adopted by resolution of the Association or the Board of Directors, all meetings of the Association shall be conducted according to the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, published by Robert's Rules Association.

# Article 4 Directors: Management

- **4.1** Number and Qualification. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors of three (3) to five (5) persons. All directors, other than interim directors appointed by Declarant, shall be Owners or co-Owners of Lots. For purposes of this section, the officers of any corporate Owner, the members of any limited liability company and the partners of any partnership shall be considered co-Owners of any Lots owned by such corporation or partnership.
- **4.2** <u>Interim Directors.</u> Upon the recording of the Declaration, Declarant shall appoint an interim board of one (1) to three (3) directors, who shall serve until replaced by Declarant or until their successors have been replaced by the Owners as provided herein.
- (a) Director Turnover Events. Not later than sixty days after conveyance of twenty-five percent (25%) of the units that may be created to Owners other than a Declarant, at least one member and not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the Board must be elected by Owners other than the Declarant. Not later than sixty (60) days after conveyance of fifty percent (50%) of the units that may be created to Owners other than a Declarant, not less than thirty-three and one-third percent (33.3%) of the members of the board must be elected by Owners other than the Declarant. Until such members are elected and take office, the existing board may continue to act on behalf of the association.

4.3 Transitional Advisory Committee. Unless the Turnover Meeting has already been held, Declarant shall call a meeting of the Owners for the purpose of forming a Transitional Advisory Committee. The meeting shall be called within sixty (60) days after the date Declarant conveys fifty percent (50%) or more of the Lots then existing in Province Estate to Owners other than a successor Declarant. The committee shall consist of two (2) or more Owners elected by the Owners other than Declarant and not more than one (1) representative of Declarant. The members shall serve until the Turnover Meeting. The Transitional Advisory Committee shall be advisory only and its purpose shall be to enable ease of transition from administrative control of the Association by Declarant to control by the Owners. The committee shall have access to any information, documents and records that Declarant must turn over to the Owners at the time of the Turnover Meeting. If Declarant fails to call the meeting to elect a Transitional Advisory Committee within the time specified, the meeting may be called and notice given by any Owner. If the Owners fail to elect a Transitional Advisory Committee at the meeting called for such purpose, Declarant shall have no further obligation to form the committee.

#### 4.4 Election and Tenure of Office.

- (a) At the Turnover Meeting, any remaining interim directors shall resign and the Owners shall elect three (3) directors, two (2) to serve for two (2) years and one (1) to serve for one (1) year. The two nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall serve for two (2) years. In the event of a tie, term selection shall be randomly selected. Thereafter the successors to each director shall serve for terms of two (2) years each.
- (b) Upon a majority vote of the voting rights entitled to be cast by the members present or represented by absentee ballot or proxy at a meeting or ballot meeting at which a quorum is present, the Board of Directors may be increased from three (3) directors to five (5) directors. At the next annual meeting or a special meeting called for such purpose, two (2) additional directors shall be elected, one (1) to serve for a two-year term and one (1) to serve for a one-year term. Term selection shall be in the same manner as provided in paragraph (a), above.
- (c) All directors shall hold office until their respective successors are elected by the Owners. Election shall be by the plurality system.

# 4.5 Vacancies.

- (a) A vacancy in the Board of Directors shall exist upon the death, resignation or removal of any director, or if the authorized number of directors is increased, or if the members fail at any annual or special meeting of members at which any director or directors are to be elected to elect the full authorized number of directors to be voted for at that meeting. Vacancies in interim directors shall be filled by Declarant.
- (b) Vacancies in the Board of Directors, other than interim directors, may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors even though less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director. Each director so elected shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term and until his or her successor is elected.

- **4.6** Removal of Directors. All or any number of the directors, other than interim directors, may be removed, with or without cause, at any meeting of members at which a quorum is present, by a vote of a majority of the number of votes entitled to be cast at an election of directors. No removal of a director shall be effective unless the matter of removal was an item on the agenda and stated in the notice of the meeting as provided in these Bylaws.
- 4.7 Powers. The Board of Directors shall have all the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Association, except such powers and duties as by law or by the Declaration or by these Bylaws may not be delegated to the Board of Directors by the Owners. The Board of Directors may delegate responsibilities to committees or a managing agent, but shall retain ultimate control and supervision. The powers and duties to be exercised by the Board of Directors shall include, but not be limited to, those set forth in the Declaration and the following:
- (a) Carry out the program for maintenance, upkeep, repair and replacement of Common Areas and any other property required to be maintained by the Association as described in the Declaration and these Bylaws.
- (b) Determine the amounts required for operation, maintenance and other affairs of the Association, and the making of such expenditures.
- (c) Prepare a budget for the Association, and assessment and collection of the Assessments, pursuant to RCW 64.90.525.
- (d) Employ and dismiss such personnel as may be necessary for such maintenance, upkeep and repair.
- (e) Employ legal, accounting or other personnel for reasonable compensation to perform such services as may be required for the proper administration of the Association; provided, however, the Board may not incur or commit the Association to incur legal fees in excess of \$5,000 for any specific litigation or claim matter or enter into any contingent fee contract on any claim in excess of \$100,000 unless the Owners have enacted a resolution authorizing the incurring of such fees by a vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the voting rights of the Association. These limitations shall not be applicable to legal fees incurred in defending the Association or the Board of Directors from claims or litigation brought against them. The limitations set forth in this paragraph shall increase by ten percent on each fifth anniversary of the recording of the Declaration. To the extent required by the Act, the Board shall notify the Owners before instituting litigation or administrative proceedings. With regard to any pending litigation involving the Association, the Board shall periodically report to the Owners as to the status (including settlement offers), progress, and method of funding such litigation. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as requiring the Board to disclose any privileged communication between the Association and its counsel.
- (f) Open bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required therefor.

- (g) Prepare and file, or cause to be prepared and filed, any required income tax returns or forms for the Association.
- (h) Purchase Lots at foreclosure or other judicial sales in the name of the Association, or its designee.
- (i) Sell, lease, mortgage, vote the votes appurtenant to (other than for the election of directors), or otherwise deal with Lots acquired by the Association or its designee.
- (j) Obtain insurance or bonds pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaws, and review such insurance coverage at least annually.
- (k) From time to time adopt, modify, or revoke such rules and regulations governing the details for the operation of the Association, the conduct of persons and the operation and use of the Lots and Common Areas as the Board of Directors may deem necessary or appropriate to ensure the peaceful and orderly use and enjoyment of the Property. Such action may be overruled or modified by vote of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the voting rights of each class of members present, in person or by proxy, at any meeting, the notice of which shall have stated that such modification or revocation of rules and regulations will be under consideration.
- (l) Enforce by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Bylaws and any rules and regulations adopted hereunder.
- (m) In the name of the Association, maintain a current mailing address of the Association, file annual reports with the Washington Secretary of State and maintain and keep current the information required to enable the Association to comply with RCW 64.90.495.
- (n) Subject to Section 6.8 of the Declaration, enter into management agreements with professional management firms as required by the Declaration or these Bylaws.

### 4.8 Meetings.

- (a) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors or other persons calling the meeting.
- (b) Annual meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held within thirty (30) days following the adjournment of the annual meetings of the members.
- (c) Special meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the President or by any two directors.
- (d) Unless other rules of order are adopted by resolution of the Association or the Board of Directors, all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted according to the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, published by Robert's Rules Association.

(e) For a period of seven (7) years following recording of the Declaration, notices of meetings (including agendas) shall also be given to Declarant in the same manner as given to directors, and Declarant or a representative of Declarant shall be entitled to attend such meetings.

# 4.9 Open Meetings.

- (a) All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to Owners except that, in the discretion of the Board, the following matters may be considered in executive session: (i) consultation with legal counsel concerning the rights and duties of the Association regarding existing or potential litigation, or criminal matters; (ii) personnel matters, including salary negotiations and employee discipline; (iii) negotiation of contracts with third parties; and (iv) collection of unpaid assessments. Except in the case of an emergency, the Board of Directors shall vote in an open meeting whether to meet in executive session. If the Board of Directors votes to meet in executive session, the presiding officer shall state the general nature of the action to be considered, as precisely as possible, when and under what circumstances the deliberations can be disclosed to Owners. The statement, motion or decision to meet in the executive session shall be included in the minutes of the meeting, and any contract or action considered in executive session shall not become effective unless the Board, following the executive session, reconvenes in open meeting and votes on the contract or action, which shall be reasonably identified in the open meeting and included in the minutes.
- (b) Meetings of the Board of Directors may be conducted by telephonic communication or by other means of communication that allows all members of the Board participating to hear each other simultaneously or otherwise to be able to communicate during the meeting, except that if a majority of the Lots are principal residences of the occupants, then: (i) for other than emergency meetings, notice of each Board of Directors' meeting shall be posted at a place or places on the property at least three (3) days prior to the meeting, or notice shall be provided by a method otherwise reasonably calculated to inform the Owners of such meeting; and (ii) only emergency meetings of the Board of Directors may be conducted by telephonic communication or such other means. The meeting and notice requirements of this Section may not be circumvented by chance or social meetings or by any other means.

#### 4.10 Notice of Meetings.

(a) Notice of the time and place of meetings shall be given to each director orally, or delivered in writing personally, by mail or to the extent permitted by the Act, by electronic mail, facsimile or other form of electronic communication acceptable to the Board of Directors at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting. Notice shall be sufficient if actually received at the required time or if mailed or sent electronically not less than seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting. If mailed, the notice shall be directed to the address shown on the Association's records or to the director's actual address ascertained by the person giving the notice. Such notice need not be given for an adjourned meeting if such time and place is fixed at the meeting adjourned. For a period of 10 years following recording of the Declaration, notices

of meetings (including agendas) shall also be given to Declarant in the same manner as given to the directors.

(b) Attendance of a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except when a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

### 4.11 Quorum and Vote.

- (a) A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A minority of the directors, in the absence of a quorum, may adjourn from time to time but may not transact any business.
- (b) The action of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors unless a greater number is required by law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.
- (c) A director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action is taken on any Association matter is presumed to have assented to the action unless the director votes against the action or abstains from voting on the action because the director claims a conflict of interest. When action is taken on any matter at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the vote or abstention of each director present must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting except that officers may be elected by secret ballot.
- Liability. Neither a member of the Board of Directors nor an officer of the Association shall be liable to the Association or any Owner or third party for any damage, loss or prejudice suffered or claimed on account of any action or failure to act in the performance of his or her duties, so long as the individual acted in good faith, believed that the conduct was in the best interests of the Association, or at least was not opposed to its best interests, and in the case of criminal proceedings, had no reason to believe the conduct was unlawful. Following election of a new Board as described in Section 4.4(a), in the event any member of the Board of Directors or any officer of the Association is threatened with or made a party to any proceeding because the individual was or is a director or officer of the Association, the Association shall defend such individual against such claims and indemnify such individual against liability and expenses incurred to the maximum extent permitted by law. The managing agent of the Association, and its officers and employees, shall not be liable to the Association, the Owners or any third party on account of any action or failure to act in the performance of its duties as managing agent, except for acts of gross negligence or intentional acts, and the Association shall indemnify the managing agent and its officers and employees from any such claims, other than for gross negligence or intentional misconduct.
- **4.13** <u>Compensation.</u> No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such.
- **4.14** Executive, Covenants and Other Committees. Subject to law, the provisions of the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Board of Directors, may appoint an Executive Committee, a

Covenants Committee to be responsible for covenant enforcement as provided in Section 4.15 and such other standing or temporary committees as may be necessary from time to time consisting of Owners and at least one member of the Board of Directors and having such powers as the Board of Directors may designate. Such committees shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

- 4.15 <u>Enforcement Procedures.</u> The Association shall have the power, as provided in the Declaration, to impose sanctions for any violation of the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Rules and Regulations. To the extent specifically required by the Declaration, the Board of Directors shall comply with the following procedures prior to the imposition of sanctions:
- (a) **Notice.** The Board of Directors or its delegate shall serve the alleged violator with written notice describing (i) the nature of the alleged violation, (ii) the proposed sanction to be imposed, (iii) a statement that the alleged violator shall have fourteen (14) days to present a written request for a hearing before the Board of Directors or a Covenants Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, if any; and (iv) a statement that the proposed sanction may be imposed as contained in the notice unless a hearing is requested within fourteen (14) days of the notice.
- (b) Response. The alleged violator shall respond to the notice of the alleged violation in writing within such fourteen (14) day period, regardless of whether the alleged violator is challenging the imposition of the proposed sanction. If the alleged violator cures the alleged violation and notifies the Board of Directors in writing within such fourteen (14) day period the Board of Directors may, but shall not be obligated to, waive the sanction. Such waiver shall not constitute a waiver of the right to sanction future violations of the same or other provisions by any person. If a timely request for a hearing is not made, the sanction stated in the notice shall be imposed; provided, however, that the Board of Directors or Covenants Committee may, but shall not be obligated to, suspend any proposed sanction if the violation is cured within the fourteen (14) day period. Any response or request for a hearing shall be delivered to the Association's manager, President or Secretary, or as otherwise specified in the notice of violation. Under no circumstances may the Board of Directors suspend an Owner's right to vote in response to a violation or enforcement action.
- this section, proof of proper notice shall be placed in the minutes of the Board of Directors or Covenants Committee, as applicable. Such proof shall be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice, together with a statement of the date and manner of delivery, is entered by the officer, director, or agent who delivered such notice. The notice requirement shall be deemed satisfied if the alleged violator or its representative requests and appears at the hearing.
- (d) <u>Hearing.</u> If a hearing is requested within the allotted fourteen (14) day period, the hearing shall be held before the Board of Directors or the Covenants Committee, as applicable. The alleged violator shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing (i.e., the decision) and the sanction, if any, to be imposed.
- (e) <u>Appeal.</u> Following a hearing before the Covenants Committee, if applicable, the violator shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors. To

exercise this right, the violator must deliver a written notice of appeal to the Association's manager, President or Secretary within ten (10) days after the hearing date.

(f) <u>Enforcement Policies.</u> The Board of Directors, by Resolution, may adopt additional policies and procedures governing enforcement of the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Rules and Regulations.

# Article 5 Officers

- 5.1 <u>Designation and Qualification.</u> The officers of the Association shall be the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and such Vice Presidents and subordinate officers as the Board of Directors shall from time to time appoint. Each officer shall be a member of the Board of Directors. Any two offices, except the offices of President and Secretary, may be held by the same person.
- 5.2 Election and Vacancies. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the organization meeting of each new Board to serve for one (1) year and until their respective successors are elected. If any office shall become vacant by reason of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or any other cause, the Board of Directors shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

## 5.3 Removal and Resignation.

- (a) Any officer may be removed upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the Association will be served thereby. The removal of an officer shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer so removed.
- (b) Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President or the Secretary of the Association. Any such resignation shall take effect upon receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective, provided, however, that the Board of Directors may reject any postdated resignation by notice in writing to the resigning officer. The effectiveness of such resignation shall not prejudice the contract rights, if any, of the Association against the officer so resigning.
- 5.4 President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, have powers of general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of the Association. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He or she shall be an ex officio member of all the standing committees, including the executive committee, if any, shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of president of a nonprofit corporation, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws.

5.5 <u>Vice Presidents.</u> The Vice Presidents, if any, shall perform such duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe. In the absence or disability of the President, the President's duties and powers shall be performed and exercised by the Senior Vice President as designated by the Board of Directors.

# 5.6 Secretary.

- (a) The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a book of minutes of all meetings of directors and members showing the time and place of the meeting, whether it was regular or special, and if special, how authorized, the notice given, the names of those present at directors' meetings, the number of memberships present or represented at members' meetings and the proceedings thereof.
- (b) The Secretary shall give or cause to be given such notice of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors as is required by these Bylaws or by law. The Secretary shall keep the seal of the Association, if any, and affix it to all documents requiring a seal, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or these Bylaws.
- (c) If there are no Vice Presidents, then in the absence or disability of the President, the President's duties and powers shall be performed and exercised by the Secretary.
- maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Association, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements. The books of accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any director. The Treasurer shall deposit or cause to be deposited all moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Association with such depositories as may be designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall disburse or cause to be disbursed the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Board, shall render to the President and directors, whenever they request it, an account of all of the Treasurer's transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.
- 5.8 <u>Compensation of Officers.</u> No officer who is a member of the Board of Directors shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as an officer, unless such compensation is authorized by a resolution duly adopted by the members. The Board of Directors may fix any compensation to be paid to other officers.

# Article 6 Assessments, Records And Reports

**6.1** <u>Assessments.</u> As provided in the Declaration, the Association, through its Board of Directors, shall do the following:

- (a) Assess and collect from every Owner Assessments in the manner described in the Declaration.
- (b) Keep all funds received by the Association as Assessments, other than reserves described in the Declaration, in the Operations Fund and keep all reserves collected pursuant to the Declaration in the Reserve Fund and use such funds only for the purposes described in the Declaration. All assessments shall be deposited in the name of the Association in a separate federally insured account at a Qualified Financial Institution as defined in RCW 64.90.010 and dictated under 64.90.530. All expenses of the Association shall be paid from the Association's bank account.
- (c) From time to time, and at least annually, prepare a budget for the Association, estimating the common expenses expected to be incurred with adequate allowance for reserves based upon the reserve study required by the Declaration, and determine whether the Annual Assessment should be increased or decreased. Within thirty (30) days after adopting a proposed annual budget, the Board of Directors shall provide a summary of the budget to all Owners. If the Board of Directors fails to adopt a budget, the last adopted annual budget shall continue in effect.
- (d) Fix the amount of the Annual Assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each Annual Assessment period. Written notice of any Assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto and to any first mortgagee requesting such notice. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors, which may fix a regular flat Assessment payable on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. The Board of Directors shall cause to be prepared a roster of the Lots showing Assessments applicable to each Lot. The roster shall be kept in the Association office and shall be subject to inspection by any Owner or mortgagee during regular business hours. Within ten (10) business days after receiving a written request, and for a reasonable charge, the Association shall furnish to any Owner or mortgagee a recordable certificate setting forth the unpaid Assessments against such Owner's Lot. Such certificate shall be binding upon the Association, the Board of Directors, and every Owner as to the amounts of unpaid Assessments.
  - (e) Enforce the Assessments in the manner provided in the Declaration.
- (f) Keep records of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Operations Fund and Reserve Fund and make the same available for examination by members and their mortgagees at convenient hours, maintain an Assessment roll showing the amount of each Assessment against each Owner, the amounts paid upon the account and the balance due on the Assessments, give each member written notice of each Assessment at least 30 days before the time when such Assessments shall become due and payable; and for a reasonable charge, promptly provide any Owner or mortgagee who makes a request in writing with a written certificate of such Owner's unpaid Assessments.
- **6.2** Records. The Association shall keep within the State of Washington correct and complete financial records sufficiently detailed for proper accounting purposes, keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and retain all documents, information and records turned over to the

Association by Declarant. All documents, information and records delivered to the Association by Declarant pursuant to RCW 64.90.420 and other records of the Association shall be kept within the State of Washington in the manner and for the time periods specified in RCW 64.90.420.

- 6.3 Statement of Assessments Due. The Association shall provide, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from an Owner, a written statement that provides: (a) the amount of assessments due from the Owner and unpaid at the time the request was received, including regular and special assessments, fines and other charges, accrued interest, and late-payment charges; (b) the percentage rate at which interest accrues on assessments that are not paid when due; and (c) the percentage rate used to calculate the charges for late payment or the amount of a fixed-rate charge for late payment. The Association is not required to comply with this section if the Association has commended litigation by filing a complaint against the Owner and the litigation is pending when the statement would otherwise be due.
- Inspection of Books and Records. Except as otherwise provided in RCW 64.90.495, during normal business hours or under other reasonable circumstances, the Association shall make reasonably available for examination and, upon written request, available for duplication, by Owners, lenders, and holders of any mortgage of a Lot that make the request in good faith for a proper purpose, current copies of the Declaration, Articles, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, amendments or supplements to such documents and the books, records, financial statements and current operating budget of the Association. The Association shall maintain a copy, suitable for purposes of duplication, of each of the following: (a) the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations and any amendments or supplements to them, (b) the most recent financial statement of the Association, and (c) the current operating budget of the Association. The Association, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request by an Owner, shall furnish copies of such documents to the requesting Owner. Upon written request, the Association shall make such documents, information and records available to such persons for duplication during reasonable hours. The Board of Directors, by resolution, may adopt reasonable rules governing the frequency, time, location, notice and manner of examination and duplication of Association records and the imposition of a reasonable fee for furnishing copies of such documents, information or records. The fee may include reasonable personnel costs for furnishing the documents, information or records.
- 6.5 Execution of Documents. The Board of Directors may, except as otherwise provided in the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, authorize any officer or agent to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Association by any contract or engagement, to pledge its credit, or to render it liable for any purpose or for any amount.
- 6.6 Reports and Audits. An annual financial statement consisting of a balance sheet and an income and expense statement for the preceding year shall be rendered by the Board of Directors to all Owners and to all mortgagees who have requested the same within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year. If the Annual Assessments exceed \$50,000 for the year,

then the Board of Directors shall cause such financial statements to be reviewed within ninety (90) days after the end of the fiscal year by an independent certified public accountant licensed in Washington. If the Annual Assessments are less than \$50,000, an annual audit is required but may be waived annually by the Owners, other than the Declarant, of Lots to which a majority of the votes in the Association are allocated, excluding the votes allocated to the Declarant pursuant to Section 3.7, above. From time to time, the Board of Directors, at the expense of the Association, may obtain an audit of the books and records pertaining to the Association and furnish copies thereof to the members. At any time any Owner or holder of a mortgage may, at their own expense, cause an audit or inspection to be made of the books and records of the Association.

## Article 7 Insurance

- 7.1 <u>Types of Insurance.</u> For the benefit of the Association and the Owners, the Board of Directors shall obtain and maintain at all times, and shall pay for out of the Operations Fund, the types of insurance described in the following sections of this Article 7.
- 7.2 <u>Liability Insurance</u>. The Association shall maintain comprehensive general liability insurance coverage insuring the Declarant, the Association, the Board of Directors, and the managing agent, against liability to the public or to Owners and their invitees or tenants, incident to the operation, maintenance, ownership or use of the Property, including legal liability arising out of lawsuits related to employment contracts of the Association. There may be excluded from such policy or policies coverage of an Owner (other than as a member of the Association or Board of Directors) for liability arising out of acts or omissions of such Owner and liability incident to the ownership and/or use of the Property as to which such Owner has the exclusive use or occupancy.
- (a) Limits of liability under such insurance shall not be less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) on a combined single-limit basis.
- (b) Such policy or policies shall be issued on a comprehensive liability basis and shall provide a cross-liability endorsement wherein the rights of named insureds under the policy or policies shall not be prejudiced as respects his, her or their action against another named insured.

# 7.3 **Property Damage Insurance.**

- (a) <u>Common Areas</u>. The Association shall obtain, and maintain in effect, fire and extended coverage casualty insurance (including coverage for damage resulting from vandalism and malicious mischief) with respect to the Common Areas (including any insurable improvements in the Common Areas) in an amount equal to 100% of the replacement cost thereof.
  - (1) The casualty coverage may be obtained on a "blanket" basis.
- (2) The casualty insurance shall include the following terms, if the Board determines they are reasonably available:

- a. A waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Board, any Owner, or any guest of an Owner;
- b. A waiver by the insurer of its right to repair and reconstruct instead of paying cash;
- c. A provision that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, or suspended because of the action of an Owner;
- d. A provision that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, or suspended because of the conduct of any director, officer, or employee of the Association unless the insurer gives the Association a prior written demand that the Association correct the defect and allows the Association a reasonable time to make the correction; and
- e. A provision that any "other insurance" clause in any policy shall exclude from its coverage all owners' policies.
- (b) <u>Units With Shared Boundaries</u>. In the case of Lots with buildings that contain vertical boundaries that comprise common walls between units, the Association shall obtain, and maintain in effect, fire and extended coverage casualty insurance (including coverage for damage resulting from vandalism and malicious mischief) in an amount equal to 100% of the replacement cost thereof for losses suffered from the "walls out." The Association's policy shall cover loss to the roof and to the buildings' exterior, up to and no further in than the first coat of primer on the drywall. Following conveyance of a unit from the Declarant, or its successors, to an Owner, the Association's policy will not cover interior improvements nor any Owner's personal property, nor personal liability occurring within the building. Owners of Lots with buildings sharing vertical boundary walls shall obtain "walls in" insurance coverage for all improvements to the unit, the Owner's personal property and personal liability.
- 7.4 Workers' Compensation Insurance. The Association shall maintain workers' compensation insurance to the extent necessary to comply with any applicable laws.

## 7.5 Fidelity Insurance.

- (1) The Board of Directors may cause the Association to maintain blanket fidelity insurance for all officers, directors, trustees and employees of the Association and all other persons handling or responsible for funds of, or administered by, the Association. In the event that the Association has retained a management agent, the Board of Directors may require such agent to maintain fidelity insurance for its officers, employees and agents handling or responsible for funds of, or administered on behalf of, the Association. The cost of such insurance, if any, may be borne by the Association.
- (2) The total amount of fidelity coverage required shall be based upon the best business judgment of the Board of Directors.

- (3) Such fidelity insurance shall name the Association as obligee and shall contain waivers by the issuers of the insurance of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation from the definition of "employees" or similar terms or expressions. The insurance shall provide that it may not be canceled or substantially modified (including cancellation for nonpayment of premium) without at least ten (10) days' prior written notice to the Association.
- 7.3 Insurance by Detached, Single Family Unit Owners. Each Owner of a Lot with a single family, detached residence sharing no vertical walls with another Lot Owner, at his or her own expense, shall obtain homeowner's insurance covering the structure on the Owner's Lot and liability resulting from use or ownership of the Lot. Each Owner under this section shall be responsible for obtaining, at his or her own expense, homeowner's insurance covering the improvements on the Owner's Lot and liability resulting from use or ownership of the Lot. The insurance coverage maintained by the Association shall not be brought into contribution with the insurance obtained under this section by the Owners of detached, single family Lots.
- 7.4 Planned Community Act Requirements. The insurance maintained by the Association shall comply with the requirements of the Act enumerated in RCW 64.90.470.

## Article 8 General Provisions

- 8.1 <u>Waiver of Notice.</u> Whenever any notice to any member or director is required by the Act or other law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, a waiver of notice in writing signed at any time by the person entitled to notice shall be equivalent to the giving of the notice.
- 8.2 Action Without Meeting. Any action that the Act, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws require or permit the members or directors to take at any meeting may be taken without a meeting or ballot meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by all of the members or those members entitled to vote on the matter. The consent, which shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote of the members or directors, shall be filed in the records of minutes of the Association.
- **8.3** Conflicts. These Bylaws are intended to comply with the Act, the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Law, the Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation. In case of any irreconcilable conflict, such statutes and documents shall control over these Bylaws.

## Article 9 Amendments To Bylaws

9.1 How Proposed. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be proposed by the Board of Directors or by members holding at least thirty percent (30%) of the voting rights entitled to be cast for such amendment. The proposed amendment must be reduced to writing and shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which action is to be taken thereon or be attached to any request for consent to the amendment.

# 9.2 Adoption.

- (a) A resolution adopting a, proposed amendment may be proposed by either the Board of Directors or by the members and may be approved by the membership at a meeting called for such purpose or by written consent of the members. Members not present at the meeting considering such amendment may express their approval in writing or by proxy. Any resolution must be approved by members holding a majority of the voting rights, together with the written consent of the Class B member, if any. Amendment or repeal of any provision of these Bylaws that is also contained in the Declaration must: be approved by the same voting requirement for amendment of such provision of the Declaration.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, until the Turnover Meeting has occurred, Declarant shall have the right to amend these Bylaws in order to comply with the requirements of the Federal Housing Administration, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Farmers Home Administration of the United States, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Mortgage Loan Corporation, 'any department, bureau, board, commission or agency of the United States or the State of Washington, or any corporation wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by the United States or the State of Washington that insures, guarantees or provides financing for a planned community or lots in a planned community. After the Turnover Meeting, any such amendment shall require the approval of a majority of the voting rights of the Association, voting in person, by proxy or by ballot, at a meeting or ballot meeting of the Association at which a quorum is represented.
- 9.3 <u>Relationship to Declaration</u>. If a provision required to be in the Declaration under Washington law is included in these Bylaws, the voting requirements for amending the Declaration shall also govern the amendment of the provision in the Bylaws.
- 9.4 Execution and Recording. An amendment shall not be effective until certified by the President and Secretary of the Association as being adopted in accordance with these Bylaws and Washington law, acknowledged and recorded in the Deed Records of Clark County, Washington.

Adopted by the initial Board of Directors,	as named in the	Articles of Incorporation fi	led
with the Washington Secretary of State on the	day of	, 2020	100

"DECLARANT"

Its: Member, Liberty Land Development LLC