## COMBINED VERSION OF

# BYLAWS FOR CHATTAHOOCHEE COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

This document is a combined version of the original By-Laws of the Chattahoochee Cove Homeowners Association and all subsequent recorded amendments to the By-Laws. Amendments to the original Declaration are highlighted in bold type.

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The documents that were used to create this combined version are as follows:

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Note: The First Amendment that was ratified on June 27, 2002 made only one change to the bylaws by adding Article V, Section 5 as follows:

Conflict with Declaration. In the event that any term, condition, requirement or otherwise of this Article is in conflict with the Declaration, the Declaration shall control.

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#### **BY-LAWS**

**OF** 

# CHATTAHOOCHEE COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### Article I

# General

Section 1. Applicability. These By-Laws provide for the self-government of Chattahoochee Cove Homeowners Association, Inc., in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State and the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and restrictions for Chattahoochee Cove, recorded in the Gwinnett County, Georgia land records ("Declaration").

Section 2. Name. The name of the corporation is Chattahoochee Cove Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Association").

- Section 3. Definitions. The terms used herein shall have their generally accepted meanings or such meanings given in the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. Unless the context otherwise requires, certain terms used in these By-Laws shall be as specified in Article I of the Declaration or as defined below;
- (a) Area of Common Responsibility shall mean and refer to the Common Area, together with those areas, if any, which by the terms of this Declaration or by contract or agreement with any other person or entity become the responsibility of the Association.
- (b) Articles or Articles of Incorporation shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of Chattahoochee Cove Homeowners Association, Inc., which have been filed and duly approved by the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia.
- (c) Association Legal Instruments shall mean the Declaration and all exhibits to the Declaration, including the By-Laws of the Association, and the plats and plans, all as may be supplemented or amended from time to time.
- (d) Common Area shall mean any and all real and personal property and easements and other interests therein, together with the facilities and improvements located thereon, now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.
- (e) Common Expenses shall mean the expenses anticipated or actually incurred by the Association in maintaining, repairing, replacing, and operating the Common Area and otherwise for the benefit of all Units
- (f) Mortgage shall refer to any mortgage, deed to secure debt, deed of trust, or other transfer or conveyance for purpose of securing the performance of an obligation, including but not limited to, a transfer or conveyance of fee title for such purpose.
- (g) Occupant shall mean any Person occupying all or any portion of a dwelling or other property located within Property for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant or the Owner of such property.
- (h) Office shall mean those individuals who are elected by the Board to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or such other subordinate officers as the Board may determine necessary.
- (i) Person shall mean any individual, corporation, firm, association, partnership, trust, or other legal entity.

(j) Property shall mean that real estate which submitted to the provisions of the Declaration.

Section 4. Membership. An Owner of a Unit shall automatically become a member of the Association upon taking title to the Unit and shall remain a member for the entire period of ownership as is more fully delineated in Article III, Section 1 of the Declaration.

Section 5. Entity Members. In the event an Owner is a corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity not being a natural person or persons, then any natural person who is an officer, director, or other designated agent of such corporation, partner of such partnership, beneficiary or other designated agent of trust, or manager of such other legal entity shall be eligible to represent such entity or entities in the affairs of the Association, with the exception that such person may not be elected or appointed to serve as a Director. Such person's relationship with the Association shall terminate automatically upon the termination of such person's relationship with the entity or entities which are the Owner, and termination of the person's relationship with the Association will create a vacancy in any elected or appointed position within the Association in which such person may have been serving and such vacancy will be filled in accordance with these By-Laws.

Section 6. Voting. Each Unit shall be entitled to one equally weighted vote, which vote may be cast by the Owner, the Owner's spouse, or by a lawful proxy as provided below. When more than one (1) Person owns a Unit, the vote for such Unit shall be exercised as they determine between or among themselves but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Unit. If only one (1) co-owner attempts to cast the vote for a Unit, it shall be conclusively presumed that such co-owner is authorized on behalf of all co-owners to cast the vote for such Unit. In the event of disagreement between or among co-owners and an attempt by two (2) or more of them to cast such vote or votes, such Persons shall not be recognized and such vote or votes shall not be counted. No Owner shall be eligible to vote, either in person or by proxy, or be elected to the Board of Directors; if that Owner is shown on the books or management accounts of the Association to be more than thirty (30) days delinquent in any payment due the Association or if the Owner has had its voting rights suspended for the infraction of any provision of the declaration, these By-Laws, or any rule of the Association. If the voting rights of an Owner have been suspended, that Owner shall not be counted as an eligible vote for purposes of establishing a Majority or a quorum.

Section 7. Majority. As used in these By-Laws, the term "majority" shall mean those votes, Owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total number of eligible votes, Owners, or other group, respectively. Unless otherwise specifically stated, the words "majority vote" mean more than fifty (50%) percent of those voting in person or by proxy. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Declaration or these By-Laws, all decisions shall be by majority vote.

Section 8. Purpose. The Association shall have the responsibility of administering the Property, establishing the means and methods of collecting the contributions to the Common Expenses, arranging for the management of the Property and performing all of the other acts that may be required to be performed by the Association pursuant to the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and the Declaration. Except as to those matters which the Declaration or the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code specifically require to be performed by the vote of the Association membership, the administration of the foregoing responsibilities shall be performed by the Board of Directors as more particular forth below.

#### Article II

# Meeting of Members

Section 1. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The regular annual meeting of the members shall be held during November of each year with the date, hour, and place to be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called for any purpose at any time by the President, the Secretary, or by request of any two (2) or more members of the board of Directors, or upon written petition of members who have a right to vote twenty-five percent (25%) of the total vote of the membership. Any such written petition by the members must be submitted to the Association's Secretary. The Secretary shall then verify that the required number of members have joined in the petition and shall submit all proper petitions to the Association's President. The President shall then promptly call a special meeting for the purpose stated in the petition, and the Secretary shall send notice of the meeting in accordance with these By-Laws.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to mail to each Owner of Units of record or to cause to be delivered to the Units a notice of each annual or special meeting of the Association at least twenty-one (21) days prior to each annual meeting and at least seven (7) days prior to each special meeting. The notice shall state the purpose of any special meeting, as well as the time and place where it is to be held. The notice of an annual meeting shall state the time and place of the meeting. If any Owner wishes notice to be given at an address other than his or her Unit, the Owner shall have designated by notice in writing to the Secretary such other address. The mailing or delivering of a notice of meeting in the manner provided in this Section shall be considered proper service of notice.

Section 4. Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of meeting of the Owners shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Owner may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Owners, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by an Owner, whether in person or represented by proxy, shall be deemed a waiver by such Owner of notice of the time, date, and place thereof unless such Owner specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting shall also be deemed a waiver of notice of all business transacted at such meeting unless objection to lack of notice is raised before the business, of which proper notice was not given, is put to a vote.

Section 5. Quorum Except as may be provided elsewhere, the presence of Owners in person or by proxy, entitled to cast thirty-three (33%) percent of the eligible votes of the Association shall constitute a quorum. Once a quorum is established for a meeting, it shall conclusively be presumed to exist until the meeting is adjourned and shall not need to be reestablished. Owners whose voting rights have been suspended pursuant to the Declaration or these By-Laws shall not be counted as eligible votes toward the quorum requirement.

Section 6. Adjournment. Any meeting of the Owners may be adjourned from time to time for periods not exceeding ten (10) days by vote of the Owners holding the Majority of the votes represented at such meeting, regardless of whether a quorum is present. Any business which could be transacted properly at the original session of the meeting may be transacted at a reconvened session, and no additional notice of such reconvened session shall be required.

Section 7. Proxy. Any member entitled to vote may do so by written proxy duly executed by the member setting forth the meeting at which the proxy is valid. To be valid, a proxy must be signed, dated, and filed with the Secretary prior to the opening of the meeting for which it is to be used. Proxies may be delivered to the Board by personal delivery, U.S. Mail or telefax

transmission to any board member or the property manager. Proxies may be revoked only by written notice delivered to the Association, except that the presence in person by the giver of a proxy at a meeting for which the proxy is given shall automatically invalidate the proxy for that meeting. A proxy holder may not appoint a substitute proxy holder unless expressly authorized to do so in the proxy.

#### Article III

## **Board of Directors**

## A. Composition and Selection.

Section 1. Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The Board shall be composed of not less than three (3) or more than five (5) persons. The directors shall be Owners of Units or spouses of such Owners; provided, however, no owner and his or her spouse may serve on the board at the same time, and no co-owners may serve on the Board he same time.

Section 2. Term of Office. Those directors serving on the date these By-Laws are adopted shall remain in office until the next annual meeting of the membership. Successor directors shall be elected by the vote of those members present or represented by proxy, at the annual or other meeting of the membership of the Association, a quorum being present. Those persons receiving the most votes shall be elected to the number of positions to be filled. All successor directors shall be elected for one (1) year terms and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Section 3, Removal of Members of the Board of Directors. At any regular or special meeting of the Association duly called, any one or more of the members of the Board of Directors may be removed with or without cause by a Majority of the members of the Association and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. Moreover, any director who has had three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from regularly scheduled Board meetings or is more than sixty (60) days past due in the payment of any assessments may be removed by the vote of a Majority of the other directors. Any director whose removal has been proposed shall be given at least ten (10) days notice of the calling of the meeting to consider his or her removal and the purpose thereof and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. For the purpose of this Section, no Owner may vote more than his or her vote and the vote of two (2) proxies; however, the Association or the board members may vote any number of proxies.

Section 4. Vacancies Vacancies in the Board of directors caused by any reason, except the removal of a director by vote of the membership, shall be filled by a vote of the Majority of the remaining directors, even though less than a quorum, at any meeting the Board of Directors. The successor so selected shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the director being replaced.

Section 5. Compensation Directors shall not compensated for services as such unless and only to the extent that compensation for services is authorized by a Majority vote of the members. Directors may be reimbursed for the expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as directors upon approval of such expenses by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Director Conflicts of Interest. Nothing herein shall prohibit a director from entering into a contract and being compensated for services or supplies furnished to the Association in a capacity other than as director, provided that the director's interest is

disclosed to the Board and the contract is approved by a Majority of the directors who are at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, excluding the director with whom the contract is made; provided, however, the interested director shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum of the Board. The interested director shall be entitled to be present at any meeting at which the proposed contract is discussed and to discuss the proposed contract, unless requested by any other director to leave the room during the discussion.

Section 7. Nomination. Nomination for election to the board shall be made from the floor at the meeting.

Section 8. Elections. All members of the Association eligible to vote shall be entitled to cast their entire vote for each directorship to be filled. There shall be no cumulative voting. The directorships for which elections are held shall be filled by that number of candidates receiving the most votes. Voting for election of Board members shall be by secret written ballot (unless dispensed by unanimous consent at such meeting at which such voting is conducted).

# B. Meetings.

Section 9. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board Directors may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by the Board, but such meetings shall be held at least once every three (3) months. The newly elected Board shall meet within ten (10) days after each annual meeting of the membership.

Section 10. Special Meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President on three (3) days' notice to each director given by mail, in person, by telephone, or by facsimile transmission, which notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer in like manner and on like notice on the written request of at least two (2) directors.

Section 11. Waiver of Notice. Any director may, at time, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a director at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall also constitute a waiver of notice by him or her of the time and place of such meeting. If all directors are present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, no notice shall be required and any business may be transacted at such meeting.

Section 12. Conduct of Meetings. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors and a record of all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings. A majority of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. One or more directors who participate in a meeting means of telephone or electronic communication shall be deemed present and in attendance for all purposes at such meeting, provided all persons participating in the meeting can hear can other.

Section 13. Open Meetings. All meetings of the Board shall be open to all members, but members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so authorized by the Board. Notwithstanding the above, the Board may adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.

Section 14. Action Without A Meeting. Any action by the Board of Directors required or permitted to be taken at any meeting may be taken without a meeting if all of the Directors consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the Board of Directors.

#### C Powers and Duties

Section 15. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association and shall have all the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Property and may do all such acts and things as are not by the Declaration the Articles of Incorporation, or these By-Laws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the members. In addition to the duties imposed by these By-Laws or by any resolution of the association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board of Directors shall have the power to and shall be responsible for the following in way of explanation, but not limitation:

- (a) preparation and adoption of an annual budget, in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner the Common Expenses;
- (b) making assessments to defray the Common Expenses, establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments, and establishing the period of the installment payments of the annual assessments;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all of the Area of Common Responsibility;
- d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Common Area, Association property, and the Area of Common Responsibility and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;
- (e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;
- (f) making and amending rules and regulations and imposing sanctions for violations thereof, including, without limitation, monetary fines;
- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to, or alterations of the common Property in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration and these By-Laws, after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;
- (i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws, and the rules and regulations adopt by it, and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association;
- (j) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- (k) paying the costs of all services rendered to the Association or its members and not directly chargeable to specific owners;

- (l) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred; and
- (m) contracting with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions. The Board shall have the power to enter into common management agreements with trusts, condominium associations, or other associations or corporations. Any and all functions of the Association shall be fully transferable by the Board, in whole or in part, to any other entity.
- Section 16. Management Agent. The Association may, but shall not be required to, hire a professional management agent or agents, at a compensation established by the Boards to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. Any management contract shall contain a termination clause permitting termination, with or without cause and without penalty, upon no more than thirty (30) days written notice. No management contract shall have a term in excess of one (1) year. If a manager or managing agent is hired, the following management standards of performance will be followed unless the Board, by resolution, determines otherwise;
- (a) the cash method of accounting shall be employed;
- (b) two (2) or more persons shall be responsible for handling cash to maintain adequate financial control procedures;
- (c) cash accounts of the Association shall not commingled with any other accounts;
- (d) no remuneration shall be accepted by the managing agent from vendors, independent contractors or others providing goods or services to the Association whether in the form of commissions, finder's fees, service fees, prizes, gifts, or otherwise; any thing of value received shall benefit the Association;
- (e) any financial or other interest which the managing agent a may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association shall be disclosed promptly to the Board of Directors; and
- (f) a financial report shall be prepared at least quarterly for the Association containing;
- (i) an income statement reflecting all income and expense activity for the preceding period;
- (ii) a statement reflecting all cash receipts and disbursements for the preceding period;
- (iii) a variance report reflecting the status of all accounts in an "actual" versus "projected" (budget) format;
- (iv) a balance sheet reflecting the financial condition of the Association on an unaudited basis; and
- (v) a delinquency report listing all Owners who are delinquent in paying the monthly installments of Association assessments, and describing the status of any action to collect such installments.
- Section 17. Borrowing. The Board of Directors shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of maintenance, repair, restoration or improvement of the Common Area and facilities without the approval of the members of the Association; the Board shall also be authorized to borrow money for other purposes; provided, however, the Board shall obtain membership approval in the same manner as provided in Article V, Section 3 and 8 of the Declaration for special assessments if the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of

modifying, improving, or adding amenities to the Property and the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars outstanding debt at any one time.

Section 18. Liability and Indemnification of Officer and Directors. The Association shall indemnify every officer and director against any and all expenses, including attorney's fees reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such officer or director in connection with any action suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any such action, suit, or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which he or she may be made a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director, whether or not such person is an officer or director at the time such expenses are incurred. The officers and directors shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, or for injury or damage caused by any such officer or director in the performance of his or her duties, except for his or her own individual willful misfeasance or malfeasance. The officers and directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or director, or former officer or director, may be entitled. The Association shall, as a Common Expense, maintain adequate general liability and, if obtainable, officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, and the insurance shall be written as provided in the Declaration.

#### D. Committees.

Section 19. Nominating Committee. Pursuant to Section 7 of this Article, there shall be a Nominating Committee composed of three (3) members appointed in the manner and to perform the functions specified in 7 of this Article.

Section 20. Architectural Review Committee. The Board may establish an Architectural Control Committee for the purpose of establishing and maintaining architectural standards in the Property as provided in the Declaration.

Section 21. Other Committees. There shall be such other committees as the Board shall determine with the powers and duties that the Board shall authorize.

Section 22. Service on Committees. Unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws or in the resolution authorizing a particular committee, the members of any committee shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Any committee members may be removed with or without cause at any time and with or without a successor being named.

# Article IV Officers

Section 1. Designation. The principal officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The President, Vice President, and

Secretary shall be elected by and from the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors, but need not be a Board member. The Board of Directors may appoint one or more Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Secretaries, and such other subordinate officers as in its judgment may be necessary. Any assistant or subordinate officers shall not be required to be members of the Board Directors. Except for the offices of Secretary and

Treasurer, which may be held by the same person, no person may hold more than one (1) office

Section 2. Election of Officers. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the members and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and until a successor is elected.

Section 3. Removal of Officers. Upon the affirmative vote of a Majority of the members of the Board of Directors, any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, and a successor may be elected.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise maybe filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. The President shall have all the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of the president of a corporation organized under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, including, but not limited to, the power to appoint committees from among the members from time to time as he or she may in his or her discretion decide is appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

Section 6. Vice President. The Vice President shall act in the President's absence and shall have all powers, duties and responsibilities provided for the President when so acting.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and shall have charge of such books and papers as the Board, of Directors may direct, and shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary of a corporation organized under Georgia law.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the Association's funds and securities and shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records and books of account showing all receipts and disbursements, for preparing all required financial statements and tax returns, and for the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name of the Association or the managing agent in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the budget as provided in the Declaration. The Treasurer may delegate all or a part of the preparation and notification duties associated with the above responsibilities to a management agent.

Section 9. Other Officers. Other offices may be created by the Board, and the Board members which hold such offices shall have such titles and duties as are defined by the Board.

Section 10. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Etc. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, promissory notes, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least (2) officers or by such other person or persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

## Article V

# Rule Making and Enforcement

Section 1. Authority and Enforcement. The Property shall he used only for those uses and purposes set out in the Declaration. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make,

modify, repeal and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct, use, and enjoyment of Units and the Common Area; provided, copies of all such rules and regulations shall be furnished to all Owners and Occupants. Any rule or regulation may be repealed by the affirmative vote or written consent of a Majority of the total Association vote at an annual or special meeting of the membership. The Board shall have the power to impose reasonable fines which shall constitute a lien upon the Owner's Unit, and to suspend an Owner's right to vote or to use the Common Area for violation of any duty imposed under the Declaration, these By-Laws, or any rules and regulations duly adopted hereunder; provided, however, nothing herein shall authorize the Association or the Board of Directors to limit ingress and egress to or from a Unit. In the event that any Occupant of a Unit violates the Declaration, By-Laws, or a rule regulation and a fine is imposed, the fine shall first be assessed against such Occupant; provided, however, if the fine is not paid by the Occupant within the time period set by the Board, the Unit Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Association, and the fine shall be an assessment and a lien against the Unit until paid. The failure of the Board to enforce any provision of the Declaration, By-Laws, or any rule or regulation shall not be deemed a waiver of the right of the Board to do so thereafter.

- Section 2. Fining Procedure. The Board shall not impose a fine, suspend the right to vote (unless an Owner is shown on the books or management accounts of the Association to be more than thirty (30) days delinquent in any payment due the Association in which case suspension shall be automatic), or suspend the right to use the Common Areas unless and until the following procedure is followed:
- (a) Notice. If any provision of the Declaration or By-Laws or any rule or regulation of the Association is violated, the Board shall serve the violator with written notice sent certified mail, return receipt requested, which shall state: (i) the nature of the alleged violation; (ii) the proposed sanction to be imposed; (iii) a statement that the violator may challenge the fact of the occurrence of a violation, the proposed sanction, or both; (iv) the name, address, and telephone number of a person to contact challenge the proposed action; and (v) a statement that the proposed sanction shall be imposed as contained in the notice unless a challenge is begun within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice. If a challenge is not made, the sanction shall be imposed ten (10) days from the date of the notice; provided, the Board may in its discretion, waive any sanction if the violation is cured within such ten (10) day period. In the event of a continuing violation, each day the violation continues beyond the ten (10) period constitutes a separate offense, and fines may be imposed on a per diem basis without further notice to the violator.
- (b) Hearing. If the alleged violator timely challenges the proposed action, a hearing before the Board of Directors shall be held in executive session affording the violator a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The hearing shall be set at a reasonable time and date by the Board, and notice of the time, date (which shall be not less than ten (10) days from the giving of notice), and place of the hearing and an invitation to attend the hearing and produce any statements, evidence, and witnesses shall be sent to the alleged violator. Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of such notice shall be placed in the minutes of the meeting. 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 or director who delivered such notice. The notice requirement shall be deemed satisfied if the violator appears at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing and the sanctions, if any, imposed. This Section shall be deemed complied with if a hearing is held and the violator attends and is provided an opportunity to be heard,

notwithstanding the fact that the notice requirements contained herein are not technically followed.

Section3. Additional Enforcement Rights. Not withstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the Association, acting through its Board of Directors, may elect to enforce any provision of the Declaration, the By-Laws, or the rule and regulations by self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking rules and regulations as is more fully discussed in Section 4 immediately below) or by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both without the necessity for compliance with the procedure set forth in Section (2) (b) of this Article. In any such action, to the maximum extent permissible, the Owner or Occupant responsible for the violation for which abatement is sought shall pay all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred.

The Association or its duly authorized agent shall have the power to enter a Unit or upon any portion of the Common Area to abate or remove, using such force as may be reasonably necessary any structure, thing or condition which violates the Declaration, the By-Laws, or the rules and regulations. All costs of self-help, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be assessed against the violating Unit Owner and shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments.

Section 4. Parking. No Owner or Occupant may keep or bring onto the Property more than two (2) vehicles per Unit at a time without prior written consent of the Board of Directors; provided, however, this provision shall not prohibit an Owner or Occupant from having guests or service vehicles park on the Property if otherwise in compliance with this Section. Without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors, no vehicles may be parked overnight on the Common Area, except in spaces designated as parking spaces by the Board.

Disabled and stored vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the Property. Boats, boat trailers, trucks with a load capacity of one (1) ton or more, full-size vans (excluding mini-vans used as passenger vehicles), recreational vehicles (RV's and motor homes), vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes, and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors are also prohibited from being parked on the Property, except in garages or other areas designated by the Board as parking areas for particular types of vehicles. Notwithstanding the above, trucks, vans, commercial vehicles and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors shall be allowed temporarily on the Common Area during normal business hours for the purpose of serving any Unit or the Common Area; provided, that no such vehicle shall be authorized to remain on the Common Area overnight or for any purpose except serving a Unit or the Common Area.

For purposes of this Section, a vehicle shall be considered "disabled" if it does not have a current license tag or is obviously inoperable. A vehicle shall be considered "stored" if it remains on the Property for seven (7) consecutive days or longer without the prior written permission of the Board of Directors.

If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the Property in violation of this Section, the Board may place a notice on the vehicle specifying the of the violation and stating that after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle may be towed. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the person or entity which will do the towing and the name and telephone number of a person to contact regarding the alleged violation. If twenty-four (24) hours after such notice is placed on the vehicle the violation continues or thereafter occurs again within six (6)

months of such notice, the vehicle may be towed in accordance with the notice without further notice to the owner or user of the vehicle.

If a vehicle is parked in a fire lane, is blocking another vehicles or access to another Owner or Occupant's Unit dwelling, is obstructing the flow of traffic, is parked in any grassy area, is parked in a space which has been assigned as exclusively serving another Unit, or otherwise creates a hazardous condition, no notice shall be required and the vehicle may be towed immediately. If a vehicle is parked in any manner in violation of this Declaration, the By-Laws, or the rules and regulations of the Association, then the Board shall have the power to tow that improperly parked vehicle in accordance with the procedure for towing set forth in this Section. If a vehicle is towed in accordance with this Section, neither the Association nor any officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any person for any claim of damage as a result of the towing activity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board of Directors may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its authority to tow as set forth herein.

Section 5. Conflict with Declaration. In the event that any term, condition, requirement or otherwise of this Article is in conflict with the Declaration, the Declaration shall control.

### Article VI

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Section 1. Notices. Unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under these By-Laws shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duty given if delivered personally or if sent by United States Mail, first class postage prepaid; (a) if to a Unit Owner, at the address which the Unit Owner has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, or if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Unit of such Owner;

- (b) If to an Occupant, at the address of the Unit occupied; or
- (c) If to the Association, the Board of Directors or the managing agent, at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, if any, or at such other address as shall be designated in writing and filed with the Secretary.
- Section 2. Severability. The invalidity of any part of these By-Laws shall not impair or affect in any manner the validity, enforceability, or effect of the balance of these By-Laws or the Declaration.
- Section 3. Captions. The captions herein are insert only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope of these By-Laws or the intent of any provision thereof.
- Section 4. Gender and Grammar. The use of the masculine gender in these By-Law shall be deemed to include the feminine gender, and the use of he singular shall be deemed to include the plural whenever the context so requires.
- Section 5. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of Association may be set by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such resolution by the Board of Directors, the fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Section 6. Financial Review. A financial review of the accounts of the Association shall be performed annually in the manner provided by the Board. However, after having received the Board's financial review at the annual meeting, the Owners may, by a Majority of the Association vote, require that the accounts of the Association be audited as a Common Expense by an independent accountant.

Section 7. Conflicts. The duties and powers of the Association shall be those set forth in the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, the Declaration, these By-Laws, and the Articles of Incorporation, together with those reasonably implied to affect the purposes of the Association; provided, however, that if their are conflicts or inconsistencies between the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, the Declaration, these By-Laws, or the Articles of Incorporation, then the provisions of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, as may be applicable, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, in that order shall prevail, and each Owner a Unit, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, covenants to vote in favor of such amendments as will remove such conflicts or inconsistencies

Section 8. Amendment. Except where a higher vote is required for action under a particular provision of the Declaration or By-Laws in which case such higher vote shall be necessary to amend, these By-Laws may be amended by the majority vote of the membership in attendance at a duly called meeting. Notice of any meeting at which an amendment will be considered shall state that fact and the subject matter of the proposed amendment. No amendment shall become effective until it is certified by the President and Secretary of the Association. Any amendment duly certified shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly adopted in accordance with these By-Laws.

Any action to challenge the validity of an amendment adopted under this Section must be brought within one (1) year of the amendment's effective date. No action to challenge any such amendment may be brought after such time.

Section 9. Books and Records. All members of the Association and any institutional holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled, upon written request, to inspect all books and records of the Association or upon reasonable notice at the office of the Association or at such other place designated reasonably by the Board of Directors as the depository of such books and records.