

## ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

### HIGHLAND MEADOW SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION

#### ARTICLE I

##### DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "**Association**" shall mean and refer to the 'Highland Meadow Subdivision Association', a Michigan Non-Profit Corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "**Owner**" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any lot which is a part of Highland Meadow Subdivision Association or the land contract purchaser thereof, but excluding those having any interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 3. "**Lot**" shall mean and refer to any numbered lot shown on the recorded plat of Highland Meadow Subdivision Association.

Section 4. "**Developer**" shall mean and refer to S.E. Michigan Development LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, its successors and assigns.

Section 5. "**Declaration**" shall mean and refer to Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Highland Meadow Subdivision Association recorded in Liber 33599, Page 515-527, and First Amendment to the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions recorded in Liber 34541, Page 635-636, Oakland County Records.

#### ARTICLE II

##### VOTING

Section 1. **Vote.** Except as limited in these Bylaws, each Owner shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot.

Section 2. **Eligibility to Vote.** No Owner, other than the Developer, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Association until he has presented evidence of ownership of a Lot in the Subdivision to the Association. Except as provided in Article IV, Section 2 of these Bylaws, no Owner, other than the Developer, shall be entitled to vote prior to the date of the First Annual Meeting of members held in accordance with Section 2 of Article III. The vote of each Owner maybe cast only by the individual representative designated by such Owner in the notice required in Section 3 of this Article II below or by a proxy given by such individual representative. The Developer shall be the only person entitled to vote at a meeting of the Association until the First

Annual Meeting of members and shall be entitled to vote during such period notwithstanding the fact that the Developer may own no Lots at some time or from time to time during such period. At and after the First Annual Meeting the Developer shall be entitled to vote for each Lot which it owns.

Section 3. **Designation of Voting Representative.** Each Owner shall file a written notice with the Association designating the individual representative who shall vote at meetings of the Association and receive all notices and other communications from the Association on behalf of such Owner. Such notice shall state the name and address of the individual representative designated, the number or numbers of the Lot or Lots owned by the Owner, and the name and address of each person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other entity who is the Owner. Such notice shall be signed and dated by the Owner. The individual representative designated may be changed by the Owner at any time by filing a new notice in the manner herein provided.

Section 4. **Quorum.** The presence in person or by proxy of 35% of the Owners qualified to vote shall constitute a quorum for holding a meeting of the members of the Association. The written vote of any person furnished at or prior to any duly called meeting at which meeting said person is not otherwise present in person or by proxy shall be counted in determining the presence of a quorum with respect to the question upon which the vote is cast.

Section 5. **Voting.** Votes may be cast only in person or by a writing duly signed by the designated voting representative not present at a given meeting in person or by proxy. Proxies and written votes must be filed with the secretary of the Association at or before the appointed time of each meeting of the members of the Association. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted.

Section 6. **Majority.** A majority shall consist of more than 50% of those qualified to vote and present in person or by proxy (or written vote, if applicable) at a given meeting of the members of the Association.

Section 7. **Transfer Date.** Developer shall have the sole vote in the Association, and the consequent right to appoint the Board of Directors of the Association (the "Board") until such date (the "Transfer Date") as shall be the earlier to occur of (i) one-hundred percent (100%) of the Lots in the Subdivision have been sold (as evidenced by delivery of a deed for such Lots to the Lot purchaser) to Owners other than builders purchasing for resale in the ordinary course of their business, or (ii) such earlier date as may be designated in writing by Developer.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **MEETINGS**

Section 1. **Place of Meeting.** Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Owners as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Association shall be conducted in accordance

with Sturgis' Code of Parliamentary Procedure, Roberts Rules of Order or some generally recognized manual of parliamentary procedure, when not otherwise in conflict with the laws of the State of Michigan.

**Section 2. First Annual Meeting.** The First Annual Meeting of members of the Association may be convened only by Developer and may be call no later than 120 days after the Transfer Date. Developer may call meetings of members for informative or other appropriate purposes prior to the First Annual Meeting of members and no such meeting shall be construed as the First Annual Meeting of members. The date, time and place of such meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors, and at least 10 days' written notice thereof shall be given to each Owner.

**Section 3. Annual Meetings.** Annual meetings of members of the Association shall be held each succeeding year after the year in which the First Annual Meeting is held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. At such meetings there shall be elected by ballot of the Owners a Board of Directors in accordance with the requirements of Article IV of these Bylaws. The Owners may also transact at annual meetings such other business of the Association as may properly come before them.

**Section 4. Special Meetings.** It shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the Owners as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors or upon a petition signed by 1/3 of the Owners presented to the Secretary of the Association. Notice of any special meeting shall state the time and place of such meeting and the purposes thereof. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

**Section 5. Notice of Meetings.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary (or other Association officer in the Secretary's absence) to serve a notice of each annual or special meeting, stating the purpose thereof as well as of the time and place where it is to be held, upon each Owner of record, at least 10 days but not more than 60 days prior to such meeting. The mailing, postage prepaid, of a notice to the representative of each Owner at the address shown in the notice required to be filed with the Association by Article II, Section 3 of these Bylaws shall be deemed notice served. Any member may, by written waiver of notice signed by such member, waive such notice, and such waiver, when filed in the records of the Association shall be deemed due notice.

**Section 6. Adjournment.** If any meeting of Owners cannot be held because a quorum is not in attendance, the Owners who are present may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than 48 hours from the time the original meeting was called.

**Section 7. Order of Business.** The order of business at all meetings of the members shall be as follows: (a) roll call to determine the voting power represented at the meeting; (b) proof of notice of meeting or waiver of notice; (c) reading of minutes of preceding meeting; (d) reports of officers; (e) reports of committees; (f) appointment of inspector of elections (at annual meetings or special meetings held for purpose of election of Directors or officers); (g) election of Directors (at annual meeting or special meetings held for such purpose); (h) unfinished business; and (i) new

business. Meeting of members shall be chaired by the most senior officer of the Association present at such meeting. For purposes of this Section, the order of seniority of officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Section 8. Action Without Meeting.** Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members (except for the election or removal of Directors) may be taken without a meeting by written ballot of the members. Ballots shall be solicited in the same manner as provided in Section 5 for the giving of notice of meetings of members. Such solicitations shall specify (a) the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; (b) the percentage of approvals necessary to approve the action; and (c) the time by which ballots must be received in order to be counted. The form of written ballot shall afford an opportunity to specify a choice between approval and disapproval of each matter and shall provide that, where the member specifies a choice, the vote shall be cast in accordance therewith. Approval by written ballot shall be constituted by receipt within the time period specified in the solicitation of (i) a number of ballots which equals or exceeds the quorum which would be required if the action were taken at a meeting; and (ii) a number of approvals which equals or exceeds the number of votes which would be required for approval if the action were taken at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the total number of ballots cast.

**Section 9. Consent of Absentees.** The transactions at any meeting of members, either annual or special, however called and noticed, shall be as valid as though made at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if a quorum is present either in person or by proxy; and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the members not present in person or by proxy, signs a written waiver of notice, or a consent to the holding of such meeting, or an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents or approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

**Section 10. Minutes, Presumption of Notice.** Minutes or a similar record of the proceedings of meetings of members, when signed by the President or Secretary, shall be presumed truthfully to evidence the matters set forth therein. A recitation in the minutes of any such meeting that notice of the meeting was properly given shall be prima facie evidence that such notice was given.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. Number and Qualification of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall initially be comprised of 3 members and shall continue to be so comprised until enlarged to 5 members in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 hereof. Thereafter, the affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of 5 Directors all of whom must be members of the Association, except for the first Board of Directors, or its successors as selected by the Developer. Directors shall serve without compensation.

## Section 2. **Election of Directors.**

(a) **First Board of Directors.** The first Board of Directors or its successors as selected by the Developer, shall be composed of 3 persons (or any number designated by the Developer) and such first Board of Directors or its successors as selected by the Developer shall manage the affairs of the Association until a successor Board of Directors is elected at the First Meeting of Members of the Association convened at the time required by these Bylaws. At such First Meeting of Members of the Association, the Board shall be increased in size from 3 persons to 5 persons. Thereafter, elections for non-Developer Owner Directors shall be held as provided in subsection (b) below.

(b) **Election of Directors at and After First Annual Meeting.** At the First Annual Meeting 3 Directors shall be elected for a term of 2 years and 2 Directors shall be elected for a term of 1 year. At such meeting all nominees shall stand for election as 1 slate and the 3 persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 2 years and the 2 persons receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 1 year. At each annual meeting held thereafter, either 2 or 3 Directors shall be elected depending upon the number of Directors whose terms expire. After the First Annual Meeting, the term of office (except for 2 of the Directors elected at the First Annual Meeting) of each Director shall be 2 years. The Directors shall hold office until their successors have been elected and hold their first meeting.

**Section 3. Powers and Duties.** The Board of Directors shall have the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Association and may do all acts and things as are not prohibited by the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation or required thereby to be exercised and done by the Owners.

**Section 4. Other Duties.** In addition to the foregoing duties imposed by these Bylaws or any further duties which may be imposed by resolution of the members of the Association, the Board of Directors shall be responsible specifically for the following:

- (a) To manage and administer the affairs of and to maintain 'Highland Meadow Subdivision Association', a platted subdivision (hereinafter called "Subdivision");
- (b) To encourage and to promote the highest standards of management and maintenance for the Subdivision.
- (c) To levy and collect assessments against and from the members of the corporation and to use the proceeds thereof for the purposes of the corporation;
- (d) To carry insurance and to collect and allocate the proceeds thereof;
- (e) To contract for and employ persons, firms, or corporations to assist in

management, operation, maintenance and administration of said Subdivision;

- (f) To make and enforce reasonable regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of said Subdivision;
- (g) To own, maintain and improve, and to buy, sell, convey, assign, mortgage, or lease (as landlord or tenant) any real and personal property, for the purpose of providing benefit to the members of the corporation and in furtherance of any of the purposes of the corporation;
- (h) To borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the objects of its business; to secure the same by mortgage, pledge or other lien;
- (i) To enforce the provisions of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Highland Meadow Subdivision Association and of these Articles of Incorporation and such Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of this corporation as may hereinafter be adopted;
- (j) In general, to enter into any kind of activity; to make and perform any contract and to exercise all powers necessary, incidental or convenient to the administration, management, maintenance, repair, replacement and operation of said Subdivision and to the accomplishment of any of the purposes thereof.

**Section 5. Management Agent.** The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent (which may include the Developer or any person or entity related thereto) at reasonable compensation established by the Board to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize, including, but not limited to, the duties listed in Sections 3 and 4 of this Article, and the Board may delegate to such management agent any other duties or powers which are not by law or by the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation or required to be performed by or have the approval of the Board of Directors or the members of the Association.

**Section 6. Vacancies.** Vacancies in the Board of Directors which occur after the First Annual Meeting caused by any reason other than the removal of a Director by a vote of the members of the Association shall be filled by vote of the majority of the remaining Directors, even though they may constitute less than a quorum, except that the Developer shall be solely entitled to fill the vacancy of any Director whom it is permitted in the first instance to designate. Each person so elected shall be a Director until a successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the Association.

**Section 7. Removal.** At any regular or special meeting of the Association duly called with due notice of the removal action proposed to be taken, any one or more of the Directors may be removed with or without cause by the affirmative vote of more than 50% in number and in value of all of the Owners and a successor may then and there be elected to fill any vacancy thus created. The quorum requirement for the purpose of filling such vacancy shall be the normal 35% requirement set forth in Article II, Section 4. Any Director whose removal has been

proposed by the Owner shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. The Developer may remove and replace any or all of the Directors selected by it at any time or from time to time in its sole discretion. Likewise, any Director selected by the non-Developer Owners to serve before the First Annual Meeting may be removed before the First Annual Meeting in the same manner set forth in this paragraph for removal of Directors generally.

**Section 8. First Meeting.** The first meeting of a newly elected Board of Directors shall be held within 10 days of election at such place as shall be fixed by the Directors at the meeting at which such Directors were elected, and no notice shall be necessary to the newly elected Directors in order legally to constitute such meeting, providing a majority of the whole Board shall be present.

**Section 9. Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors, but at least two such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year. Notice of regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given to each Director, personally, by mail, telephone or telegraph at least 10 days prior to the date named for such meeting.

**Section 10. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President on 3 days' notice to each Director, given personally, by mail, telephone or telegraph, 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 or Secretary in like manner and on like notice on the written request of two Directors.

**Section 11. Waiver of Notice.** Before or at any meeting of the Board of Directors, any Director may, in writing, waive notice of such meeting and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a Director at any meetings of the Board shall be deemed a waiver of notice by him of the time and place thereof. If all the Directors are present at any meeting of the Board, no notice shall be required and any business may be transacted at such meeting.

**Section 12. Adjournment.** At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the acts of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Board of Directors. If, at any meeting of the Board of Directors, there be less than a quorum present, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting to a subsequent time upon 24 hours' prior written notice delivered to all Directors not present. At any such adjourned meeting, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called may be transacted without further notice. The joinder of a Director in the action of a meeting by signing and concurring in the minutes thereof, shall constitute the presence of such Director for purposes of determining a quorum.

**Section 13. First Board of Directors.** The actions of the first Board of Directors of the Association or any successors thereto selected or elected before the Transfer Date shall be binding upon the Association so long as such actions are within the scope of the powers and duties which may be exercised generally by the Board of Directors.

Section 14. **Fidelity Bonds.** The Board of Directors may require that all officers and employees of the Association handling or responsible for Association funds shall furnish adequate fidelity bonds. The premiums on such bonds shall be expenses of administration.

## ARTICLE V

### OFFICERS

Section 1. **Officers.** The principal officers of the Association shall be a President, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Directors may appoint an Assistant Treasurer, and an Assistant Secretary, and such other officers as in their judgment may be necessary. Any two offices except that of President and Vice President may be held by one person.

(a) **President.** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors. He shall have all of the general powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of the President of an association, including, but not limited to, the power to appoint committees from among the members of the Association from time to time as he may in his discretion deem appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

(b) **Vice President.** The Vice President shall take the place of the President and perform his duties whenever the President shall be absent or unable to act. If neither the President nor the Vice President is able to act, the Board of Directors shall appoint some other member of the Board to so do on an interim basis. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as shall from time to time be imposed upon him by the Board of Directors.

(c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the minutes of all meetings of the members of the Association; he shall have charge of the corporate seal, if any, and of such books and papers as the Board of Directors may direct; and he shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary.

(d) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have responsibility for the Association funds and securities and shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association. He shall be responsible for the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association, and in such depositories as may, from time to time, be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. **Election.** The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the organizational meeting of each new Board and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

Section 3. **Removal.** Upon affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, any officer may be removed either with or without cause, and his successor elected at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, or at any special meeting of the Board called for



such purpose. No such removal action may be taken, however, unless the matter shall have been included in the notice of such meeting. The officer who is proposed to be removed shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting.

Section 4. **Duties.** The officers shall have such other duties, powers and responsibilities as shall, from time to time, be authorized by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI

### SEAL

The Association may (but need not) have a seal. If the Board determines that the Association shall have a seal, then it shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Association, the words "corporate seal", and "Michigan".

## ARTICLE VII

### FINANCE

Section 1. **Assessments.** Every member shall pay an annual assessment which shall be levied by the Board of Directors which shall be used exclusively for the purposes of the Association as set forth in the Declaration. The due date of such annual assessments shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and they shall send written notice of such assessment to each member.

Section 2. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Association shall be an annual period commencing on such date as may be initially determined by the Directors. The commencement date of the fiscal year shall be subject to change by the Directors for accounting reasons or other good cause.

Section 3. **Bank.** Funds of the Association shall be initially deposited in such bank or savings association as may be designated by the Directors and shall be withdrawn only upon the check or order of such officers, employees or agents as are designated by resolution of the Board of Directors from time to time. The funds may be invested from time to time in accounts or deposit certificates of such bank or savings association as are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation and may also be invested in interest-bearing obligations of the United States Government.

## ARTICLE VIII

### INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Every Director and officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party or in which he may become involved by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, whether or not he is a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the Director or officer is adjudged guilty of willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence in the performance of his duties; provided that, in the event of any claim for reimbursement or indemnification hereunder based upon a settlement by the Director or officer seeking such reimbursement or indemnification, the indemnification herein shall apply only if the Board of Directors (with the Director seeking reimbursement abstaining) approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Director or officer may be entitled. At least 10 days prior to payment of any indemnification which it has approved, the Board of Directors shall notify all Owners thereof. Further, the Board of Directors is authorized to carry officers' and directors' liability insurance covering acts of the officers and directors of the Association in such amounts as it shall deem appropriate.

## ARTICLE IX

### AMENDMENTS

Section 1. **Proposal.** Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors of the Association acting upon the vote of the majority of the Directors or may be proposed by 1/3 or more in number of the Owners by instrument in writing signed by them.

Section 2. **Meeting.** Upon any such amendment being proposed, a meeting for consideration of the same shall be duly called in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 3. **Voting.** These Bylaws may be amended by the Owners at any regular meeting or a special meeting called for such purpose by an affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4ths) of all Owners.

Section 4. **By Developer.** Prior to the elapse of 2 years after the First Annual Meeting, these Bylaws may be amended by the Developer without approval from any other person.

Section 5. **When Effective.** Any amendment to these Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 6. **Binding.** A copy of each amendment to the Bylaws shall be furnished to every

member of the Association after adoption; provided, however, that any amendment to these Bylaws that is adopted in accordance with this Article shall be binding upon all persons who have an interest in the Subdivision irrespective of whether such persons actually receive a copy of the amendment.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **COMPLIANCE**

These Bylaws are set forth to comply the requirements of Act No. 162 of the Public Acts of 1982, as amended, and with the duly recorded Declaration. In case any of these Bylaws conflict with the provisions of the statute or with the provisions of the Declaration, the provisions of the statute and Declaration shall be controlling.