# BYLAWS OF PENNLAND FARM WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE I INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 <u>Applicability</u>. These Bylaws provide for the governance of the Association pursuant to the requirements of Section 5306 of the Pennsylvania Uniform Planned Community Act, 68 Pa.C.S.A. Section 5101, et seq. (the "Act"). The Real Estate is located in Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, as more particularly described in the Declaration, and has been or will be submitted to the provisions of the Act by the recording of the Declaration of Planned Community in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Bucks County, in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.
- 1.2 <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings specified for such terms in the Declaration to which these Bylaws pertain or, if not defined therein, the meanings specified or used for such terms in the Act.
- 1.3 <u>Compliance</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, every Unit Owner and all those entitled to occupy a Unit shall comply with these Bylaws.
- 1.4 Office. The office of the Community, the Association, and the Executive Board shall be located at the Property or at such other places as may be designated from time to time by the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE II THE ASSOCIATION

2.1 <u>Composition</u>. The Association is or shall be organized as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Association shall consist of all of the Unit Owners acting as a group in accordance with the Act, the Declaration and these Bylaws. The Association shall have the responsibility of administering the Community, establishing the means and methods of collecting assessments and charges, arranging for the management of the Community and

performing all of the other acts that may be required or permitted to be performed by the Association pursuant to the Act and the Declaration. Except as to those matters which the Act specifically requires to be performed by the vote of the Association, the foregoing responsibilities shall be performed by the Executive Board or Managing Agent as more particularly set forth in these Bylaws.

- 2.2 <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in June of each year. At such annual meeting the Executive Board shall be elected by ballot of the Unit Owners in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.4 of these Bylaws (subject to the provisions of the Declaration) and such other business as may properly come before the meeting may be transacted.
- 2.3 <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meeting of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Unit Owners as may be designated by the Executive Board.

#### 2.4 Special Meetings.

- a. The President shall call a special meeting of the Association if so directed by resolution of the Executive Board or upon a petition signed and presented to the Secretary by Unit Owners entitled to cast at least 25% of the votes in the Association. The notice of any special meeting shall state the time, place and purpose thereof. Such meeting shall be held within 45 days after receipt by the Secretary of said resolution or petition; provided, however, if the purpose includes the consideration of a capital expenditure, such meeting shall be held within 15 days after receipt by the Secretary of said resolution or petition. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.
- b. On a day within 60 days after conveyance 25% of the Units to Unit Owners other than the Declarant, a special meeting of the Association shall be held at which two members of the Executive Board designated by the Declarant shall resign, and the Unit Owners, excluding the Declarant as a Unit Owner, shall thereupon elect two (2) successor members of the Executive Board to act in the place and stead of the members resigning. If such members are elected at a special meeting of the Association, the term of office shall end on the date of the regular annual meeting of the year in which the term of office would otherwise end.
- c. On a day within sixty (60) days preceding the date by which all Declarant-appointed members of the Executive Board must resign pursuant to Article XIX of the Declaration, a special meeting of the Association shall be held at which all of the members of the Executive Board shall resign and the Unit Owners (including Declarant to the extent of Units owned by Declarant) shall elect a five member Executive Board. The two successors receiving the highest number of votes shall serve

for 3 years, the two successors receiving next highest number of votes shall serve for 2 years, and the remaining member shall serve for 1 year.

- d. If any meeting required pursuant to subparagraphs a, b and c above can be held on the date of the annual meeting, then such meeting shall be held concurrently with such annual meeting.
- 2.5 Notice of Meetings. The Secretary shall mail to each Unit Owner a notice of each annual or regularly scheduled meeting of the Association at least ten but not more than sixty days prior to such meeting, and of each special meeting of the Unit Owners at least ten but not more than sixty days prior to such meeting. The notice of any meeting must state the time and place of the meeting and the items on the agenda, including the general nature of any proposed amendment to the Declaration or Bylaws; any budget or assessment changes; and, where the Declaration or Bylaws require approval of Unit Owners, any proposal to remove a director or officer.
- 2.6 <u>Adjournment of Meetings</u>. If at any meeting of the Association a quorum is not present, the Executive Board may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than forty-eight hours after the time the original meeting was called.
- 2.7 Voting. As set forth in Article IV of the Declaration, each Unit shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Where the ownership of a Unit is in more than one Person, the Person who shall be entitled to cast the vote of such Unit shall be the Person named in a certificate executed by all of the owners of such Unit and filed with the Secretary or, in the absence of such named Person from the meeting, the Person who shall be entitled to cast the vote of such Unit shall be the person owning such Unit is present. If more than one of the multiple Owners are present, then such vote shall be cast only in accordance with their unanimous agreement pursuant to Section 5310(a) of the Act. There shall be deemed to be unanimous agreement if any one of the multiple owners casts the vote allocated to that Unit without protest being made promptly to the Person presiding over the meeting by any of the other Owners of the Unit. Such certificate shall be valid until revoked by a subsequent certificate similarly executed. Subject to the requirements of the Act, wherever the approval or disapproval of a Unit Owner is required by the Act, the Declaration or these Bylaws, such approval or disapproval shall be made only by the person who would be entitled to cast the vote of such Unit at any meeting of the Association. Except with respect to election of members of the Executive Board, and except where a greater number is required, at a duly convened meeting at which a quorum is present, a majority of the aggregate Percentage Interest in the Community voting in person, by proxy and by absentee ballot at one time ("Majority of the Unit Owners present") is required to adopt decisions at any meeting of the Association. Any specified percentage of the Unit Owners means the Unit Owners owning such Percentage Interests in the aggregate. In all elections for Executive Board members, each Unit Owner shall be entitled to cast for each vacancy to be filled the

number of votes allocated to his Unit in the Declaration. Those nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected and, if nominees are being elected for unequal terms, the nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the longest terms. Except as set forth in Section 2.4b above, the Declarant shall have the right at any meeting of the Association to cast the votes to which such Unit or Units owned by the Declarant are entitled. No votes allocated to a Unit owned by the Association may be cast. There shall be no cumulative or class voting.

- 2.8 Proxies and Absentee Ballots. A vote may be cast in person, proxy or by absentee ballot. If a Unit is owned by more than one Person, each Owner of the Unit may vote or register protest to the casting of votes by the other Owners of the Unit through a duly executed proxy. Such proxy may be granted by any Unit Owner in favor of only another Unit Owner, a Mortgagee or the Declarant. Proxies shall be duly executed in writing, shall be valid only of the particular meeting designated therein and must be filed with Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting. Such proxy shall be deemed revoked only upon actual receipt by the person presiding over the meeting of written notice of revocation from the grantors of the proxy. No proxy shall be valid for a period in excess of one year after the execution thereof. A proxy is void if it is not dated or purports to be revocable without notice.
- 2.9 Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the presence in person, by proxy or by absentee ballot of Unit Owners of ten percent (10%) or more of the aggregate Percentage Interests at the commencement of a meeting shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association. If a meeting is adjourned pursuant to Section 2.6 above, the quorum at such second meeting shall be deemed to be present, throughout any meeting if persons entitled to cast 10% of the votes of the Association are present in person, by proxy and by absentee ballot at the beginning of the meeting.
- 2.10 <u>Conduct of Meeting</u>. The President (or in his absence, any Vice-President) shall preside over all meetings of the Association and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting as well as a record of all transactions occurring thereat. The President may appoint a person to serve as parliamentarian at any meeting of the Association. The then current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Association when not in conflict with the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Act. All votes shall be tallied by tellers appointed by the President.

### ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE BOARD

3.1 Number and Qualification. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by an Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be composed of five (5)

persons, all of whom shall be Unit Owners or designees of the Declarant. The Declarant shall have the right in its sole discretion to replace such directors as may be designated by the Declarant, and to designate their successors.

3.2 Powers and Duties. The Executive Board shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Association and may do all such acts and things as are not by the Act, the Declaration, or by these Bylaws required to be exercised and done by the Association. The Executive Board shall have the power from time to time to adopt any Rules and Regulations deemed necessary for the benefit and enjoyment of the Community; provided, however, that such Rules and Regulations shall not be in conflict with the Act, the Declaration, or these Bylaws. The Executive Board shall delegate to one of its members or to a person employed for such purpose the authority to act on behalf of the Executive Board on such matters relating to the duties of the Managing Agent (as defined in Section 3.3), if any, which may arise between meetings of the Executive Board as the Executive Board deems appropriate.

The following are supplements and restrictions with respect to the duties and powers of the Executive Board.

- a. The Executive Board shall keep books with detailed accounts in chronological order of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Property, and the administration of the Community, specifying the expenses of maintenance and repair of the Common Facilities and any other expenses incurred. Such books and vouchers evidencing the entries thereupon shall be available for examination by the Unit Owners, their duly authorized agents or attorneys, during general business hours on working days at the times and in the manner set and announced by the Executive Board for the general knowledge of the Unit Owners. All books and records shall be kept in accordance with good and accepted accounting practices, and the same shall be reviewed at least once each year by an independent accountant retained by the Executive Board who shall not be a resident of the Community or a Unit Owner. The cost of such review shall be a Common Expense.
- b. The Executive Board may notify a Mortgagee of any default thereunder by the Unit Owner of the Unit subject to such Mortgage, in the event default continues for a period exceeding thirty days, if such notice is requested by a Mortgagee.
- c. The Executive Board may borrow money on behalf of the Community when required in connection with any one instance relating to the operation, care, upkeep and maintenance of the Common Facilities; provided, however, that the unanimous consent of all Unit Owners obtained at a meeting duly called and held for such purpose shall be required to borrow any sum in excess of \$20,000.00. If any sum borrowed by the Executive Board on behalf of the Community pursuant to the authority contained in this sub-paragraph c is not repaid by the Association, a Unit

Owner who pays to the creditor such proportion thereof as his Percentage Interest bears to the total Percentage Interest in the Community shall be entitled to obtain from the creditor a release of any judgment or other lien which such creditor shall have filed or shall have the right to file against such Unit Owner's Unit.

- d. The Executive Board may adopt the annual budget, amendments thereto, and assess Common Expenses, late fees, fines and special assessments.
- e. The Executive Board may appoint such committees as are deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of the Executive Board.
- f. The Executive Board may do such other things and acts not inconsistent with the Act, the Declaration, or these Bylaws which the Executive Board may be authorized to do by a resolution of the Association.
- 3.3 <u>Managing Agent</u>. The Executive Board may employ for the Community a "Managing Agent" at a compensation established by the Executive Board.
- a. Requirements. The Managing Agent shall be a bona fide business enterprise, unaffiliated with the Declarant, which manages residential communities with common areas and facilities. Such firm shall have a minimum of two years experience in real estate community management and shall employ persons possessing a high level of competence and the technical skills necessary to proper management of the Community. The Managing Agent must be able to advise the Executive Board regarding the administrative operation of the Community and shall employ a personnel expert in the areas of Community insurance, accounting, labor relations and Community regulations.
- b. <u>Duties</u>. The Managing Agent shall perform such duties and services as the Executive Board shall authorize, including, but not limited to, all of the duties listed in the Act, the Declaration and these Bylaws; provided, however, where a Managing Agent does not have the power to act under the Act, the Declaration or these Bylaws, such duties shall be performed as advisory to the Executive Board. The Executive Board may delegate to the Managing Agent all of the powers granted to the Executive Board by the Act, the Declaration and these Bylaws other than the following powers:
- (1) To adopt the annual budget, any amendment thereto, and to assess any common expense;
  - (2) To adopt, repeal or remand rules and regulations;

- (3) To designate signatures on Association Bank Accounts;
- (4) To borrow money on behalf of the Association;
- (5) To acquire and mortgage Units;
- (6) To designate Controlled Facilities;
- (7) To allocate Limited Common Facilities.

The Managing Agent shall perform the obligations, duties and services relating to management of the property, the rights of mortgagees and the maintenance of reserve funds in compliance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

- c. <u>Standards</u>. The Executive Board shall impose appropriate standards of performance upon the Managing Agent, unless the Managing Agent is instructed otherwise by the Executive Board:
  - (1) The accrual method of accounting shall be employed;
- (2) Two or more persons shall be responsible for handling cash to maintain adequate financial control procedures;
- (3) Cash accounts of the Association shall not be commingled with any other accounts;
- (4) 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, finders fees, services fees or otherwise; any discounts received shall benefit the Association;
- (5) Any financial or other interest which the Managing Agent may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association, shall be disclosed promptly to the Executive Board; and
- (6) A monthly financial report shall be prepared for the Association disclosing:
- a. All income and disbursement activity for the preceding months;

- b. The status of all accounts in an "actual" as compared to "projected" (budget) format.
- d. <u>Limitations</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 5305 of the Act, during the period when persons designated by the Declarant constitutes a majority of the Executive Board, the Executive Board may employ any Managing Agent. Any contract with the Managing Agent must provide that it may be terminated prior to the end of the contract term with cause only, on no more than thirty days written notice; excepting, however, that following the termination of Declarant's control and the election of a new three (3) member Executive Board as set forth in Section 2.4(c) hereof, the new Executive Board may terminate the contract with the Managing Agent without cause on no more than ninety (90) days written notice.

#### 3.4 Election and Term of Office.

- a. At the annual meeting of the Association, subject to the provisions of the Declaration, the term of office of members of the Executive Board to be elected (except as set forth in Section 2.4(b) and 2.4(c) above) shall be fixed at 3 years. The members of the Executive Board shall hold office until the earlier to occur of the election of their respective successors, of their death, adjudication of incompetency, removal or resignation. An Executive Board member may serve an unlimited number of terms and may succeed himself.
- b. Persons qualified to be members of the Executive Board may be nominated for election only as follows:
- (1) Any Unit Owner may submit to the Association at least fifteen days before the meeting at which the election is to be held a nominating petition signed by said Unit Owner together with a statement that the person nominated is willing to serve on the Executive Board and a biographical sketch of the nominee. The Association shall mail or hand deliver the submitted items to every Unit Owner along with the notice of such meeting; or
- (2) Nominations may be submitted from the floor at the meeting at which the election is held.
- 3.5 Removal or Resignation of Members of the Executive Board. Except with respect to members designated by Declarant, at any regular or special meeting of the membership of the Association duly called, any one or more of the members of the Executive Board may be removed with or without cause by a majority of the Unit Owners and a successor must then and there be elected by the Unit Owners to fill the vacancy thus created. Any Unit Owners proposing the removal of a Board Member shall give notice thereof to the Secretary. Any member whose removal has been

proposed by Unit Owners shall be given at least seven days' notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. A member of the Executive Board may resign at any time and shall be deemed to have resigned upon transfer of title to his Unit.

- 3.6 <u>Vacancies</u>. Except as set forth in Section 3.1 above with respect to members appointed by the Declarant, vacancies in the Executive Board caused by any reason other than the removal of a member by a vote of the Unit Owners shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the remaining Board members at a special meeting of the Executive Board held for such purpose promptly after the occurrence of any such vacancy, even though the members present at such meeting may constitute less than a quorum. Each person so elected shall be a member of the Executive Board for the remainder of the terms of the member being replaced and until a successor shall be elected at an annual meeting of the Association at which such seat is to be filled upon expiration of the term of his predecessor. In the case of multiple vacancies, the member receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected for the longest term.
- 3.7 Organization Meeting. The first meeting of the Executive Board following the annual meeting of the Association shall be held within ten days thereafter at such time and place as shall be fixed by the President (even if he is outgoing President) at the meeting at which such Executive Board shall have been elected, and no notice shall be necessary to the newly elected members of the Executive Board in order legally to constitute such meeting, if a majority of the Executive Board members shall be present at such meeting.
- 3.8 <u>Regular Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the Executive Board may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the members, but such meeting shall be held at least once very four months during each fiscal year. Notice of regular meeting of the Executive Board shall be given to each member, by mail or telegraph, at least three business days prior to the day named for such meeting.
- 3.9 <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President on three business days' notice to each member, given by mail, facsimile machine or telegraph, which notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. Special meeting of the Executive Board shall be called by the President or Secretary in like manner and on like notice on the written request of at least two members of the Executive Board.
- 3.10 <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Any member may at any time, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Executive Board, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a member at any meeting of the Executive Board shall constitute a waiver of notice by him of the time, place and

purpose of such meeting. If all members are present at any meeting of the Executive Board, no notice shall be required any business may be transacted at such meeting.

- 3.11 Quorum of the Executive Board. At all meetings of the Executive Board a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Executive Board. If at any meeting of the Executive Board there shall be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice. One or more members of the Executive Board may participate in and be counted for quorum purposes at any meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other.
- 3.12 <u>Fidelity Bonds</u>. As may be required by the Declaration, there shall be obtained fidelity bonds for all officers, members of the Executive Board and employees of the Association, including without limitation the Managing Agent, handling or responsible for Community funds. The premiums on such bonds shall constitute a Common Expense. Fidelity insurance may be provided through the Managing Agent in lieu of the above.
- 3.13 <u>Compensation</u>. No member of the Executive Board shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such, but may be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.
- 3.14 <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of the Executive Board meeting, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and a record of all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings. The then current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the meeting of the Executive Board when not in conflict with the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Act.
- 3.15 Action Without Meeting. Any action by the Executive Board required or permitted to be taken at any meeting may be taken without meeting if all of the members of the Executive Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Any such written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Board.
- 3.16 <u>Validity of Contracts With Interested Executive Board Members</u>. No contract or other transaction between the Association and one or more of its Executive Board members or between the Association and any corporation, firm, or association in

which one or more of the Executive Board members are directors or officers, or are financially interested, shall be void or violable because such Executive Board member or members are present at any meeting of the Executive Board which authorized or approved the contract or transaction or because his or their votes are counted, if the circumstances specified in either of the following subparagraphs exists:

- a. The fact that an Executive Board member is also such a director or officer or has such financial interest is disclosed or known to the Executive Board and is noted in the minutes thereof, and the Executive Board authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract or transaction in good faith by a vote sufficient for the purpose without counting the vote or votes of such Executive Board member or members; or
- b. The contract or transaction is made in good faith and is not unconscionable to the Association at the time it is authorized, approved or ratified.
- 3.17 <u>Inclusion of Interested Executive Board Members in the Quorum</u>. Any Executive Board member holding such director or officer position or having such financial interest in another corporation, firm or association may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Board or a committee thereof which authorizes, approves or ratifies a contract or transaction of the type described in Section 3.16 hereof.

#### ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

- 4.1 <u>Designation</u>. The principal officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Executive Board. The Executive Board may appoint an assistant treasurer, an assistant secretary and such other officers as in its judgment may be necessary. The President and Vice-President shall be members of the Executive Board. Any other officers may, but need not be, Unit Owners or members of the Executive Board. An officer other than the President may hold more than one office.
- 4.2 <u>Election of Officers</u>. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Executive Board at the organization meeting of such new Board and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Board.
- 4.3 <u>Removal of Officers</u>. Upon the affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Executive Board, any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, and a successor may be elected at any regular meeting of the Executive Board called for such purpose.

- 4.4 <u>President</u>. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association; preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board; and have all of the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of president of a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania including without limitation the power to appoint committees from among the Unit Owners from time to time as the President may in his discretion decide is appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association. the President shall cease holding such office at such time as he ceased to be a member of the Executive Board.
- 4.5 <u>Vice-President</u>. The Vice-President shall take the place of the President and perform the duties of the President whenever the President shall be absent or unable to act. If neither the President nor the Vice-President is able to act, the Executive Board shall appoint some other member of the Executive Board to act in the place of the President, 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 Executive Board or by the President. The Vice-President shall cease holding such office at such time as he ceases to be a member of the Executive Board.
- 4.6 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board; have charge of such books and papers as the Executive Board may direct; maintain a register setting forth the place to which all notices to Unit Owners and Permitted Mortgagees hereunder shall be delivered; and, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary of a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania. The Secretary shall, upon request, provided any Person or cause to provide to any Person entitled thereto a written statement or certification of the information required to be provided by the Association pursuant to Sections 5315(g), 5407(a) and 5407(b) of the Act and Section 5.10 below.
- 4.7 <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the safekeeping of Association funds and securities and shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records and books of account showing all receipts and disbursements, and for the preparation of all required financial data; and be responsible for the deposit of all monies in the name of the Executive Board, the Association or the Managing Agent, in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Executive Board; and, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer of a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania.
- 4.8 Execution of Documents. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks and other instruments of the Association for expenditures or obligations in excess of \$500.00 shall be executed by two officers of the Association. All such instruments for expenditures or obligations of \$500.00 or less may be executed by any one officer of the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the authority to execute all such documents may be delegated to the Managing Agent by the Executive Board.

4.9 <u>Compensation of Officers</u>. No officer who is also a member of the Executive Board shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such officer, but may be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in performing his duties; provided, however, the Secretary and Treasurer may be compensated for their services if the Executive Board determines such compensation to be appropriate.

### ARTICLE V COMMON EXPENSES

5.1 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by the Executive Board; provided, however, that the first fiscal year may begin anytime and end at the end of the calendar year.

#### 5.2 Preparation and Approval of Budget.

days before the beginning of the fiscal year if the fiscal year is other than the calendar year), the Executive Board shall adopt an annual budget for the Association containing an estimate of the total amount considered necessary to pay the cost of maintenance, management, operation, repair and replacement of the Common Facilities and those portions of the Units and/or townhouses which it is the responsibility of the Association to maintain, repair and replace, and the cost of wages, materials, insurance premiums, services, supplies and other expenses that may be declared to be Common Expenses by the Act, the Declaration, these Bylaws or a resolution of the Association and which will be required during the ensuing fiscal year for the administration, operation, maintenance and repair of the Common Facilities and the rendering to the Unit Owners of all related services. Such budget shall also include such reasonable amounts as the Executive Board considers necessary to provide working capital, a general operating reserve and reserves for contingencies and replacements.

5.2.2 At least thirty days before the beginning of the fiscal year, the Executive Board shall make the budget available for inspection at the Association office and shall send to each Unit Owner a copy of the budget in a reasonably itemized form which sets forth the amount of the Common Expenses. Such budget shall constitute the basis for determining each Unit Owners' assessments for General Common Expenses and Limited Expenses of the Association and shall automatically take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year for which it is adopted, subject to Section 5.8 below.

5.2.3 The Executive Board shall make reasonable efforts to meet the deadlines set forth above, but compliance with such deadlines shall not be conditions precedent to the effectiveness of any budget.

### 5.3 Assessment and Payment of Common Expenses.

5.3.1 General Common Expenses. The Executive Board shall calculate the annual assessments for General Common Expenses against each Unit by multiplying (a) the total amount of the estimated funds required for the operation of the Property set forth in the budget adopted by the Executive Board for the fiscal year in question, after deducting any income expected to be received from sources other than Common Expense assessments and the operation of the Limited Common Facilities to which the Limited Expenses pertain, if any, by (b) the Percentage Interest (expressed in percentage form) allocated to such Unit. Such assessments shall be deemed to have been adopted and assessed on an annual basis, and shall be due and payable on the first day of each year (unless the Executive Board, in its sole discretion, determines that the annual assessment shall be payable in monthly installments) and shall be a lien against each Unit Owner's Unit as provided in the Act and the Declaration. Any net shortage with regard to General Common Expenses, after application of such reserves as the Executive Board may determine, shall be assessed promptly against the Unit Owners in accordance with their Percentage Interests and shall be payable in one or more monthly assessments, as the Executive Board may determine.

5.3.2 Reserves. The Executive Board shall build up and maintain reasonable reserves for working capital, operations, contingencies and replacements. Extraordinary expenditures not originally included in the annual budget which may become necessary during the year may be charged first against reserves. If the reserves are deemed to be inadequate for any reason, including nonpayment of any Unit Owner's assessments, the Executive Board may at any time levy further assessments for General Common Expense and/or Limited Expense, which shall be assessed against the Unit Owners either according to their respective Percentage Interests with regard to General Common Expenses or in accordance with allocable share of Limited Expense with regard to Limited Expenses (whichever is appropriate), and shall be payable in one or more assessments as the Executive Board may determine.

5.4 <u>Further Assessments</u>. The Executive Board shall serve notice on any or all Unit Owners of any further assessments pursuant to Sections 5.3.1 or 5.3.2 or otherwise as permitted or required by the Act, the Declaration and these Bylaws on any or all Unit Owners by a statement in writing giving the amount and reasons therefor, and such further assessments shall become effective as set forth in the notice. All Unit Owners so assessed shall be obligated to pay the amount of such assessments. Such assessment shall, be a lien as of the effective date as set forth in the preceding Sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2.

5.5 <u>Initial Budget</u>. At or prior to the time the Executive Board determines to begin assessments, the Executive Board shall adopt the budget, as described in this Article V, for the period commencing on the date assessments are to begin and ending

on the last day of the fiscal year in which such determinations occurs. Assessments shall be levied and become a lien against the Units during such period as provided in Section 5.3 above.

- 5.6 Effect of Failure to Prepare or Adopt Budget. The failure or delay of the Executive Board to prepare or adopt a budget for any fiscal year shall not constitute a waiver or release in any manner of a Unit Owner's obligation to pay his allocable share of the Common Expenses as herein provided whenever the same shall be determined and, in the absence of any annual budget or adjusted budget, each Unit Owner shall continue to pay an annual assessment at the rate established for the previous fiscal year until notice of the annual assessment which is due more than ten days after such new annual or adjusted budget shall have been delivered.
- 5.7 Accounts; Annual Financial Statement. All sums collected by the Executive Board with respect to assessments against the Unit Owners or from any other source may be commingled into a single fund. All books and records of the Association shall be kept in accordance with good and accepted accounting practices and the same shall be inspected at least once a year by an independent accountant retained by the Executive Board. Within 180 days of the close of the fiscal year, the Association shall prepare annual financial statements consisting of at least a balance sheet and a statement of revenues and expenses for the Association. The cost of preparing the financial statements shall be a Common Expense. Each Unit Owner, within thirty days following the Owner's written request for same to the Association, shall be entitled to receive a copy of the annual financial statements and, if such financial statements are prepared by an independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant, a copy of the independent accountant's report on the financial statements. The Association may charge a fee not to exceed the cost of producing copies of records other than the financial statements.
- 5.8 Payment of Common Expenses. Each Unit Owner shall pay the Common Expenses assessed by the Executive Board pursuant to the provisions of this Article V. No Unit Owner may exempt himself from liability for his contribution toward Common Expenses by waiver of the use or enjoyment of any of the Common Facilities or by abandonment of his Unit. No Unit Owner shall be liable for the payment of any part of the Common Expenses assessed against his Unit subsequent to the date of recordation of a conveyance by him in fee of such Unit. The purchaser of a Unit shall be jointly and severally liable with the selling Unit Owner for all unpaid assessments against the latter for his proportionate share of the Common Expenses up to the time of such recordation, without prejudice to the purchaser's right to recover from the selling Unit Owner amounts paid by the purchaser therefor; provided, however, that any such purchaser shall be entitled to a statement setting forth the amount of the unpaid assessments against the selling Unit Owner within five days following a written request therefor to the Executive Board or Managing Agent and

such purchaser shall not be liable for, nor shall the Unit conveyed be subject to a lien for, any unpaid assessments in excess of the amount herein set forth; and provided, further, that, subject to Section 5315(b)(2) of the Act, each Mortgagee who comes into possession of a Unit by virtue of foreclosure or by deed or assignment in lieu of foreclosure, or any purchaser at a foreclosure sale, shall take the Unit free of any claims for unpaid assessments or charges against such Unit which accrue prior to the time such Mortgagee comes into possession thereof, except for claims for a pro rata share of such assessments or charges resulting from a pro rata reallocation of such assessments or charges to all Units including the mortgaged Unit.

5.9 Collection of Assessments. The Executive Board or the Managing Agent, at the request of the Executive Board, shall take a prompt action to collect any assessments for Common Expenses due from any Unit Owner which remain unpaid for more than thirty days from the due date for payment hereof. Any assessment not paid within fifteen days after due shall accrue interest at the rate established by the Board at not more than 15% per annum. In addition, the Executive Board shall have the right to establish and assess a late charge for assessments not paid within fifteen days after the due date. If any assessment or installment thereof is not paid within sixty (60) days after the due date, the Executive Board shall have the right, in addition to charging interest and late charges as set forth above, to accelerate payment of all remaining proposed monthly payments of any assessments for the following twelve (12) months, including the amount of any special assessments.

5.10 <u>Statement of Common Expenses</u>. The Executive Board shall promptly provide any Unit Owner, contract purchaser or Permitted Mortgagee so requesting the same in writing with a written statement for all unpaid assessments for Common Expenses due from such Unit Owner. The Executive Board may impose a reasonable charge for the preparation of such statement to cover the cost of its preparation, to the extent permitted by the Act.

#### ARTICLE VI COMPLIANCE AND DEFAULT

6.1 Relief. Each Unit Owner shall be governed by, and shall comply with, all of the terms of the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations and the Act as any of the same may be amended from time to time. In addition to the remedies provided in the Act and the Declaration, a default by a Unit Owner shall entitle the Association, acting through its Executive Board or through the Managing Agent, to the following relief:

a. <u>Additional Liability</u>. Each Unit Owner shall be liable for the expense of all maintenance, repair or replacement to the Common Facilities rendered

necessary by his act, neglect or carelessness or the act, neglect or carelessness of any members of his family, of his employees, agents or licensees, but only to the extent that such expense is not covered by the proceeds of insurance carried by the Executive Board. Such liability shall include any increase in casualty insurance rates occasioned by use or misuse of the Common Facilities or its appurtenances. Nothing contained herein, however, shall be construed as modifying any waiver by any insurance company of its right of subrogation.

- b. <u>Costs and Attorney's Fees</u>. In any proceeding arising out of any alleged default by a Unit Owner, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover the costs of such proceedings and such reasonable attorney's fees as may be determined by the Court; provided, however, that no costs or attorney's fees may be recovered against the Executive Board or the Association in any action unless the Court shall first expressly find that the Executive Board or the Association acted in bad faith.
- c. No Waiver of Rights. The failure of the Association, the Executive Board or of a Unit Owner to enforce any right, provision, convenient or condition which may be granted by the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations or the Act shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Association, the Executive Board or the Unit Owner to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association, the Executive Board or any Unit Owner pursuant to any term, provision, covenant or condition of the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations or the Act shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one or more thereof shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude the party exercising the same from exercising such other privileges as may be granted to such party by the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations or the Act or at law or in equity.
- d. Abating and Enjoining Violations by Unit Owners. The violation of any of the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Executive Board, the breach of any Bylaw contained herein or the breach of any provision of the Declaration, or the Act shall give the Executive Board the right, in addition to any other rights: to enjoin, abate or remedy by appropriate legal proceedings, either at law or in equity, the continuance of any such breach.
- e. <u>Penalty Assessment</u>. In addition to any of the assessments provided for in Article V, should any Unit Owner violate any of the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Executive Board, or breach any Bylaw therein contained or breach any provisions of the Declaration, or the Act, then, in that event, the Executive Board in addition to other rights granted to it herein, may upon a majority vote of the Executive Board members present, impose a penalty assessment upon the defaulting Unit Owner in an amount determined by the Executive Board, which may be in the form of a per diem penalty, periodic penalty or one-time penalty charge, as determined

in the Board's sole discretion. All Unit Owners so assessed shall be obligated to pay the amount of such assessment within the time set forth in the notice of the penalty assessment, and such penalty assessment shall be a lien as of the effective date as set forth in the preceding sections of these Bylaws.

### ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

- 7.1 Amendments to Bylaws. These Bylaws may be modified or amended by a simple majority of all Unit Owners, except where otherwise expressly set forth herein or in the Act; provided, however, that until the date on which all Declarantappointed Board members voluntarily resign or are required to resign pursuant to the provisions of the Declaration, Section 2.2, Section 2.4, Section 3.1, and this Section 7.1. of the Bylaws may not be amended without the consent in writing of the Declarant. Additionally, if any amendment is necessary in the judgment of the Executive Board to cure any ambiguity or to correct or supplement any provision of these Bylaws that is defective, missing or inconsistent with any other provisions hereof, or with the Act or the Declaration, or if such amendment is necessary to conform to the requirements of the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation with respect to Community projects, then at any time and from time to time the Executive Board may effect an appropriate corrective amendment without the approval of the Unit Owners or the Owners of any liens on all or part of the Property, upon receipt by the Executive Board of an opinion from independent legal counsel to the effect that the proposed amendment is permitted by the terms of this sentence.
- 7.2 Approval of Mortgagees. These Bylaws contain provisions concerning various rights and interest of Permitted Mortgagees. Such provisions in these Bylaws are to be construed as covenants for the protection of such Permitted Mortgagees on which they may rely in making loans secured by such Mortgages. Accordingly, no amendment or modification of these Bylaws impairing or affecting such rights, priorities, remedies or interests of a Permitted Mortgagee shall be adopted without the prior written consent of such Permitted Mortgagee.
- 7.3 Amendments to the Association Documents. Amendments to Association documents shall be approved in accordance with the applicable terms of the documents or the applicable law, as appropriate. Any two officers or Executive Board members of the Association may prepare, execute, certify, record and file, as applicable, amendments to the Association Documents on behalf of the Association, including but not limited to the Declaration, Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

### ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS

- 8.1 Notices. All notices, demands, bills, statements or other communications under these Bylaws shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid (or otherwise as the Act may permit), (i) if to a Unit Owner, at the single address which the Unit Owner shall designate in writing and file with the Secretary or, if no such address is designated, at the address of the Unit of such Unit Owner, or (ii) if the Unit Owners Association, the Executive Board or to the Managing Agent, at the principal office of the Managing Agent or at such other address as shall be designated by notice in writing to the Unit Owners pursuant to this Section. If a Unit is owned by more than one Person, each such Person who so designates a single address in writing to the Secretary shall be entitled to receive all notices hereunder.
- 8.2 <u>Captions</u>. The captions herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define, limit or describe the scope of these Bylaws or the intents of any provision thereof.
- 8.3 <u>Gender</u>. The use of the masculine gender in these Bylaws shall be deemed to include the feminine and neuter genders and the use of the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and vice versa, whenever the context so requires.

