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OF

THE SLATE CREEK AT NORTH ORANGE CONDOMINIUM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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THE SLATE CREEK AT NORTH ORANGE CONDOMINIUM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the Association is The Slate Creek at North Orange Condominium Community Association, (11the Association"), which corporation, not-for-profit, is created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 1702 of the Revised Code of Ohio, and which Association is also created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5311 of the Revised Code of Ohio as the unit owners' association for The Slate Creek at North Orange Condominium Community. The principal office of the Association shall be as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation (11the Articles"), and the place of meetings of Unit owners (members) and of the Directors (Board of Managers) of the Association shall be at such place in Delaware County as the Board of Directors ("the Board"), may from time to time designate.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

All the terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Declaration of Condominium, (11the Declaration"), recorded simultaneously herewith with the Recorder of Delaware County, Ohio.

ARTICLE III

UNIT OWNERS (MEMBERS)

Section 1. Composition. Each Unit owner, as defined in the Declaration, is a member of the Association.

<u>Section 2. Annual Meetings</u>. For the election of the Board of Directors, the presentation of reports, and the transaction of any other business as is set forth in the meeting notice, the Association's annual meeting will be held at a time, at a place, and on a date during the second quarter of each calendar year as the Board of Directors determines and as stated in the meeting notice.

<u>Section 3. Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Unit owners may be called at any time by the president or by the Board, or upon written request of Unit owners entitled to exercise one-fourth (1/4) or more of the voting power of Unit owners, and when required by the Condominium Act.

<u>Section 4. Notice of Meetings</u>. Written notice of each meeting of Unit owners will be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, delivered in accordance with Declaration Article XX, Section 6, as amended, at least fifteen days before the meeting, to each Unit owner entitled to vote at the meeting. The notice will specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, the specific purposes of the meeting, and in the case of special meetings called by the Unit owners, the specific motion or motions (other than procedure) to be voted upon.

If the meeting is held via Authorized Communications Equipment, the meeting notice must include any applicable links, access codes, password, telephone numbers, and/or other pertinent information that is necessary to allow the Unit owner to participate at the meeting via the Authorized Communications Equipment. "Authorized Communications Equipment," as used in these Bylaws, means any communications equipment that is selected by the Board, in its sole discretion, that provides an electronic communication transmission, including but not limited to, by telephone, video conference, or any electronic means, from which it can be determined that the transmission was authorized by, and accurately reflects the intention and participation of the Unit owner.

Section 5. Conduct of Meetings. Prior to the meeting notice being sent to the Unit owners in accordance with Bylaws Article III, Section 4, as amended, the Board will determine whether the meeting will be conducted physically so that the Unit owners may attend in person, or by the use of Authorized Communications Equipment. If it is determined that the meeting will be held via Authorized Communications Equipment, the Board will decide if the owners have the option to attend in person or via Authorized Communications Equipment or both.

If Authorized Communications Equipment is used, the persons utilizing the Authorized Communications Equipment must have the ability to communicate with the other participants to indicate their motion, vote, or statement, provided that the president, chair, or other person designated by the Board moderating the meeting, may silence or mute the Authorized Communications Equipment utilized by Unit owners to attend the meeting, unless the Unit owner is voting or has been recognized by the meeting chair or moderator to participate in the meeting. The meeting chair or moderator has the authority to decide and determine all procedural motions or other procedural matters to be decided at the meeting, including points of order and adjournment. The Board's purpose or reason for not conducting an in person meeting and instead having a meeting via Authorized Communications Equipment must be documented in the Board's meeting minutes.

Section 6. Quorum; Adjournment. The Unit owners present, either in person or by proxy, at any duly called and noticed meeting of Unit owners providing for in person attendance or that attend by using the method of Authorized Communications Equipment approved by the Board for meetings that are held via Authorized Communications Equipment, shall constitute a quorum for the meeting. Unit owners entitled to exercise a majority of the voting power of Unit owners represented at a meeting may, at any time, adjourn the meeting. If any meeting is so adjourned, notice of adjournment need not be given if the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned are fixed and announced at such meeting. Ballots submitted via mail or by Electronic Voting Technology, as defined in Bylaws Article III. Section 9, as amended, also will count that Unit towards the quarum. The Board of Directors may adopt procedures and guidelines to permit the Association to verify that the person attending either in person or by Authorized Communications Equipment, is a Unit owner that is eligivle to vote and to maintain a record of any vote.

<u>Section 7. Voting Rights</u>. Each Unit owner shall be entitled to one vote for each Unit owned in fee simple, and, in the case of a Unit owned by more than one person, a proportionate part of a vote for ownership of an undivided fee simple interest in that Unit, provided, that unless timely challenged by an owner of a fee simple interest in a Unit, any owner of a fee simple interest in that Unit may cast the entire vote with respect to that Unit. The Board, from time to time, may suspend the right of a member to vote with respect to his, her, or its Unit for failure to pay assessments when due, or for failure to observe other of the terms hereof, the Declaration, or rules and regulations of the Association, pursuant to rules and regulations duly adopted by the Board from time to time.

<u>Section 8. Voting Power</u>. Except as otherwise provided in the Condominium organizational documents, or by law, a majority of the voting power of Unit owners voting on any matter that may be determined by the Unit owners at a duly called and noticed meeting shall be sufficient to determine that matter. The rules of Roberts Rules of Order shall apply to the conduct of all meetings of Unit owners except as otherwise specifically provided in the Condominium organizational documents or by law.

Section 9. Voting Methods. Prior to sending the notice for any meeting, as required by Bylaws Article III, Section 4, as amended, and depending on the conduct of the meeting as determined by the Board in accordance with Bylaws Article III, Section 5, voting will be conducted via one of the following methods:

- (a) Voting in Person or by Proxy. For meetings that are held in person and provide for physical attendance, Unit owners may vote in person or by proxy. The person appointed as proxy need not be a Unit owner of the Association. Each proxy will be executed in writing by the Unit owner entitled to vote and must be returned to the Association by regular mail, hand delivery, electronic mail, or other method of delivery provided for or permitted by the Board. Every proxy will automatically cease upon conveyance of the Unit by the Unit owner.
- (b) Voting by Mail and Electronic Voting Technology. For meetings that are held via Authorized Communications Equipment, voting will be conducted by mail, through the use of Electronic Voting Technology that is approved by the Board, or both. "Electronic Voting Technology" as used in these Bylaws, means an electronic voting system that accurately and securely records the voting Unit owner's intent to cast a ballot on a matter in the way identified by the Unit owner, and provides for the counting of electronic votes submitted, including by means of internet, application, web, virtual, or other electronic technology. All matters to be voted on at a meeting utilizing Authorized Communications Equipment must be sent to the Unit owners no later than the date the meeting notice is sent to the Unit owners in accordance with Bylaws Article III, Section 4, as amended. Voting via mail or by use of Electronic Voting Technology is considered to be voting at the meeting, as if the Unit owner were physically present.
- (c) Voting in Person, by Proxy, by Mail, and by Electronic Voting Technology. For meetings that are held in person and provide for physical attendance, voting may be conducted in person or by proxy, as provided for in this Bylaws Article III, Section 9(a) above, and in addition the Board may authorize the Unit owners to vote by mail or Electronic Voting Technology as provided for in this Bylaws Article III, Section 9(b) above.

Any ballots, regardless of method, received subsequent to the date and time the Board sets for ballots to be turned in will be held invalid. Any costs associated with voting, including mailing costs, printing, Authorized Communications Equipment and Electronic Voting Technology costs and subscriptions, are common expenses. The Board may adopt any additional regulations, procedures, or rules as may be necessary to effectuate the intent and purpose of this voting provision to provide for the use of the desired voting method.

Section 10. Action In Writing Without Meeting. Any action except for election or removal of a Director that could be taken by Unit owners at an Association meeting may be taken without a meeting in accordance with voting methods in Bylaws Article III, Section 9, as amended with the affirmative vote or approval, in a writing or writings, of Unit owners or their proxies having not less than seventy five percent (75%) of the voting power of Unit owners, or such greater proportion of the voting power as may be required by the Condominium organizational documents, or by law. The voting records will be filed with the Association.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (BOARD OF MANAGERS)

<u>Section 1. Initial Directors</u>. The initial Directors shall be those three persons named as the initial Directors in the Articles, or such other person or persons as may from time to time be substituted by the Declarant.

Section 2. Successor Directors. No later than the time that Units to which twenty-five percent (25%) of the undivided interests in the Common Elements appertain have been sold and conveyed by the Declarant, the Unit owners shall meet, and the Unit owners other than the Declarant shall elect one Director at such meeting to replace whichever Director Declarant designates. Within the earlier of (a) five years from the date of the establishment of the Association, and (b) sixty (60) days after the sale and conveyance, to purchasers in good faith and for value, of Units to which seventy-five percent (75%) of the undivided interests in the Common Elements appertain, the Association shall meet and all Unit owners, including the Declarant, shall elect six Directors to replace all of those Directors earlier elected or designated by the Unit owners or Declarant, respectively. The terms of the six Directors shall be staggered so that the terms of one-third (two) of the Directors will expire and successors will be elected at each annual meeting of the Association. Thereafter, at such annual meetings, successors to the two Directors whose terms then expire shall be elected to serve threeyear terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Unit owners, by the vote of Unit owners exercising not less than a majority of the voting power of Unit owners, may, from time to time, change the number and terms of Directors, provided, that in any such event the terms of not less than one-third of the Directors shall expire annually. For purposes of computing undivided interests pursuant to the foregoing, those interests shall be computed by comparing the number of Units sold and conveyed to the maximum number of Units (95) that may be in the Condominium. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant shall have the right at any time to waive its right to select one or more Directors or to vote in an election of Directors.

<u>Section 3. Removal</u>. Excepting only Directors named in the Articles or selected by Declarant, any Director may be removed from the Board with or without cause, by the holders of not less than seventy-five percent of the voting power of Unit owners. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of a Director other than one named in the Articles or a substitute selected by the Declarant, that Director's successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve until the next annual meeting of Unit owners, when a Director shall be elected to complete the term of such deceased, resigned or removed Director. In the event of removal of all Directors, the Unit owners shall, at the meeting at which all Directors are removed, elect Directors to complete the terms of the removed Directors. Declarant shall have the sole right to remove, with or without cause, any Director designated in the Articles, or a substitute selected by the Declarant, and select the successor of any Director so selected who dies, resigns, is removed or leaves office for any reason before the election of Directors by all of the Unit owners as provided in the Declaration.

Section 4. Qualification. To qualify for nomination, election or appointment as a Director (other than by Declarant), the prospect must be an individual who is a Unit owner or a designated officer of an entity that is a Unit owner a Unit owner or the spouse of a Unit owner, provided that if a Unit owner is not an individual, that Unit owner may nominate for the Board of Directors any principal, member of a limited liability company, partner. director. officer. or employee of that Unit owner. Such Unit owner must not then be delinquent in the payment of any obligation to the Association or then be an adverse party to the Association, or its Board or any member thereof (in that member's capacity as a Board member) in any litigation involving one or more of those parties.

Section 5. Nomination. Nominations for the election of Directors to be elected by the Unit owners will be made by a nominating committee appointed by the Board, or, if a committee is not appointed, by the Board itself. The nominating committee, or Board will make as many nominations for election to the Board as it, in its discretion, determines, but no fewer than the number of vacancies that are to be filled and will verify that the nominees satisfy all qualification requirements of Bylaws Article IV, Section 4, as amended. Any Unit owner may submit their name to the nominating committee as a candidate, and the nominating committee must nominate that Unit owner if that Unit owner satisfies all the qualifications to be a Director as further provided for in Bylaws Article IV, Section 4 as amended. If there are fewer nominees than vacancies, the nominating committee must nominate additional Unit owner(s) to be elected prior to the ballots being sent to the Unit owners so that there are, at all times, a sufficient number of nominees to fill all Board vacancies that are up for election.

Prior to sending the meeting notice, the nominating committee or the Board will establish deadlines for when a request for nominations is sent to all Unit owners and when receipt of nominations must be obtained. Nominations must be made and received within a reasonable time period prior to the notice of any meeting where Directors are to be elected is sent in accordance with Bylaws Article ill, Section 4, as amended, so that the voting information containing all the candidates' names and an informational sheet, within size limitations determined by the Board, containing their biographical information and affirming their candidacy, can be transmitted to the Unit owners no later than the sending of the meeting notice. The Board may adopt any additional regulations, procedures, or rules necessary to establish processes and deadlines in accordance with this nominations provision.

<u>Section 6. Election of Directors</u>. Unless there are no more nominees than vacancies, election to the Board by the Unit owners is by secret ballot, submitted either in person, by proxy, by mail, or by Electronic Voting Technology, as determined by the Board pursuant to Bylaws Article III, Section 9, as amended. The Association is not required to send ballots to the Unit owners via any method if there are an equal number of nominations as there are candidates; in which case the nominated candidates will automatically be elected to the Board of Directors at the election meeting.

Regardless of the voting method, the Board must adopt rules and safeguards to determine a method by which the secrecy of the ballots are maintained for those Unit owners while also maintaining the integrity of the voting process to ensure each Unit owner has only exercised their allotted vote once so that any other individuals can only identify that a Unit has voted, and not how a Unit has voted. The ballots, whether electronic or written, will list the number of open seats for Directors up for election and list the names of all of the nominated candidates.

If voting by mail, ballots must be submitted within dual envelopes. One of the two envelopes must contain the ballot itself, the "Ballot Envelope." The Ballot Envelope need not be signed. The second envelope must contain the Ballot Envelope and the ballot, the "Signature Envelope." The Signature Envelope must be signed by the Unit owner(s) voting, and will be used as a record of receipt of the Unit owners' ballot as well as to determine quorum. If the Signature Envelope is not signed by the Unit owner(s), the ballot in the Ballot Envelope will not be counted.

For the election of Directors, the Unit owners, or their proxies, may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration and these Bylaws. The persons receiving the largest number of votes will be elected. Unless the nominated candidates whom have received the largest number of votes agree otherwise, ties, including if there are an equal number of nominees as there are positions with different terms, will be determined by lot or flip of a coin by the chair or moderator of the meeting. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

The nominating committee, or if the Board fails to appoint a nominating committee, the Board itself (excluding any incumbent Directors who are running for re-election), is responsible for (i) confirming all nominated candidates meet the qualifications to serve as a Director, (ii) receiving and verifying any ballots that are cast in person or by mail, (ill) receiving and verifying any ballots cast using Electronic Voting Technology, (iv) counting each ballot submitted through any voting method, and (v) verifying the results of the election by providing the ballots and results to the chair or moderator of the meeting.

The chair or moderator will announce the election results at the meeting to be reflected in the meeting minutes and ensuring the election results are provided to all Unit owners no later than fifteen days after the meeting.

<u>Section 7. Compensation</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Unit owners at a meeting duly called and noticed for such purpose, no Director shall receive compensation for any service rendered to the Association as a Director. However, any Director may be reimbursed for his or her actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties.

<u>Section 8. Regular Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on such dates and at such places and times as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board, but not less than quarterly.

<u>Section 9. Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by the president of the Board, or by a majority of the Directors, after not less than three days notice to each Director.

<u>Section 10. Quorum</u>. The presence at any duly called and noticed meeting of Directors entitled to cast a majority of the voting power of Directors, in person and/ or by participation by means of communications equipment if all persons participating can hear each other and participate, shall constitute a quorum for such meeting.

<u>Section 11. Voting Power</u>. Each Director shall be entitled to a single vote, and, except as otherwise provided in the Condominium organizational documents, or by law, vote of a majority of the Directors voting on any matter that may be determined by the Board at a duly called and noticed meeting at which a quorum is present, in person or by participation as provided in Section 10, above, shall be sufficient to determine that matter.

<u>Section 12. Action In Writing Without Meeting</u>. Any action that could be taken by the Board at a meeting may be taken without a meeting with the affirmative vote or approval, in a writing or writings, of all of the Directors.

<u>Section 13. Powers and Authority</u>. The Board shall exercise all powers and have all authority, under law, and under the provisions of the Condominium organizational documents, that are not specifically and exclusively reserved to the Unit owners by law or by other provisions thereof, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board shall have the right, power and authority to:

- (a) take all actions deemed necessary or desirable to comply with all requirements of law, and the Condominium organizational documents;
- (b) obtain insurance coverage no less than that required pursuant to the Declaration;
- (c) enforce the covenants, conditions and restrictions set forth in the Declaration;
- (d) repair, maintain and improve the Common Elements;

- (e) establish, enforce, levy and collect assessments, late fees, delinquent interest, and such other charges as are provided for in the Declaration;
- (f) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Elements and the personal conduct of Unit owners, occupants and their guests thereon, and establish and levy enforcement charges for the infraction thereof;
- (g) suspend the voting rights of a Unit owner during any period in which such Unit owner shall be in default in the payment of any charge levied by the Association (such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for each infraction of published rules and regulations or of any provisions of the Condominium organizational documents);
- (h) declare the office of a member of the Board to be vacant in the event such Director shall be absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board;
- (i) subject to such approvals, if any, as may be required pursuant to the provisions of Condominium organizational documents, authorize the officers to enter into one or more agreements necessary or desirable to fulfill the purposes and objectives of the Association, including, without limitation, management agreements, purchase agreements and loan documents, all on such terms and conditions as the Board in its sole and absolute discretion may determine;
- (j) cause funds of the Association to be invested in such reasonable investments as the Board may from time to time determine;
- (k) borrow funds, as needed, and pledge such security and rights of the Association as might be necessary or desirable to obtain any such loan; and
- (I) do all things and take all actions permitted to be taken by the Association by law, or the Condominium organizational documents not specifically reserved thereby to others.
- (m) In addition to all other powers enumerated above, the Board may exercise all powers of the Association, including the power to do the following:
 - (i) Hire and fire managing agents, attorneys, accountants, and other independent contractors and employees that the Board determines are necessary or desirable in the management and operation of the Condominium Property and the Association:
 - (ii) Commence, defend, intervene in, settle, or compromise any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding that is in the name of, or threatened against, the Association, the Board, or the Condominium Property, or that involves two or more Unit owners and relates to matters affecting the Condominium Property;
 - (iii) Grant easements, leases, licenses, and concessions through or over the Common Elements;
 - (iv) Impose and collect fees or other charges for the use, rental, or operation of the Common Elements or for services provided to Unit Owners;
 - (v) Enter a Unit for bona fide purposes when conditions exist that involve an imminent risk of damage or harm to Common Elements, another Unit, or to the health or safety of the occupants of that Unit or another Unit;

Section 14. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board to:

- (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the Unit owners at each annual meeting of Unit owners, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by Unit owners representing one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) or more of the voting power of Unit owners;
- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Association and see that their duties are properly performed;
- (c) cause an annual budget to be prepared;
- (d) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to establish, levy, enforce and collect assessments;
- (e) issue, or to cause an appropriate representative to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid;
- (f) procure and maintain insurance and bonds as provided in the Declaration, and as the Board deems advisable;
- (g) cause the property subject to the Association's jurisdiction to be maintained within the scope of authority provided in the Declaration;
- (h) cause the restrictions created by the Declaration to be enforced; and
- (i) take all other actions required to comply with all requirements of law and the Condominium organizational documents.

Section 15. Delegation of Authority; Management; Contracts. The Board may delegate all or any portion of its authority to discharge its responsibilities to a managing agent. This delegation of authority and responsibility to a managing agent may be evidenced by one or more management contracts which may provide for the payment of reasonable compensation to such managing agent as a common expense, provided, however, that any agreement for professional management shall be terminable by the Association for cause on thirty (30) days' written notice; shall be terminable by either party without cause and without penalty, on written notice of ninety (90) days or less; shall not exceed one year unless renewed by agreement of the parties for successive one-year periods; and shall be bona fide and commercially reasonable at the time entered into under the circumstances then prevailing, provided that, in the case of any professional management contract entered into before control of the Association is vested in Unit owners other than Declarant, the contract must give the Association the right to terminate it without cause and without penalty at any time after control of the Association has been transferred to or assumed by Unit owners other than Declarant. Subject to the foregoing, nothing contained herein shall preclude Declarant, or any other entity designated by Declarant, from being employed as managing agent. The managing agent, or the Board, if there is no managing agent, shall have the authority to enter into contracts with Declarant or an affiliate of Declarant, as defined by an institutional first mortgagee or an agency or organization which purchases or insures first mortgages, for goods, services, or for any other thing, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, contracts for the providing of maintenance and repair services, provided the same are bona fide and commercially reasonable to the Unit owners at the time entered into under the circumstances then prevailing. In any case, no agreement by the Association executed prior to the transfer to or assumption of the Association by Unit owners other than Declarant shall extend more than one year subsequent to that transfer or assumption of control unless renewed by vote of Unit owners pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws.

Section 16. Indemnification of Directors, Officers, and Committee Members. The Association must indemnify and defend (as provided below): (1) any current or former Association Director, (2) any current or former Association officer, (3) any current or former Association committee member, or (4) any of said Director's, officer's, or committee member's respective heirs, executors, and administrators; against reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, decrees, fines, penalties, or amounts paid in settlement, actually and necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense of any pending or threatened action, suit, or proceeding, criminal or civil, derivative or third party, to which they are or may be made a party by reason of being or having been such Director, officer, or committee member provided it is determined, in the manner set forth below, that

- (i) such Director, officer, or committee member was not and is not adjudicated to have been grossly negligent or guilty of misconduct in the performance of their duty to the Association;
- (ii) such Director, officer, or committee member acted in good faith in what they reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the Association's best interest;
- (iii) in any criminal action, suit, or proceeding, such Director, officer, or committee member had no reasonable cause to believe that their conduct was unlawful and is not convicted of theft or other theft related crime including but not limited to larceny, forgery, false pretenses, fraud, embezzlement, conversion, or any conspiracy related to any such theft related crime: and
- (iv) in case of settlement, the amount paid in the settlement was reasonable.

The above determination required will be made by written opm1on of independent legal counsel the Board chooses. Notwithstanding the opinion of legal counsel, to the extent that a Director, officer, or committee member is successful in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding, or in the defense of any claim, issue, or matter, as the Board so verifies, they must, in that event, be indemnified and reimbursed for any costs and expenses, including legal fees, incurred in such defense. Any defense the Association provides will be by legal counsel the Association's insurance carrier selects or, if not selected by the Association's insurance carrier, a majority of the Directors excluding the accused or threatened Director(s). If a majority of the Directors cannot agree on legal counsel or if all the Directors are accused or threatened in any such action, the Board will appoint a special committee of three Unit owners to select legal counsel to defend the Directors.

- (a) Advance of Expenses. The Association may advance funds to cover expenses, including attorneys' fees, with respect to any pending or threatened action, suit, or proceeding prior to the final disposition upon receipt of a request to repay such amounts.
- (b) Indemnification Not Exclusive; Insurance. The indemnification provided for in this Section is not exclusive, but is in addition to any other rights to which any Person may be entitled under the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, these Bylaws, or rules and regulations of the Association, any agreement, any insurance provided by the Association, the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 1702.12(E) and its successor statutes, or otherwise. The Association must purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any Person who is or was a Director, officer, or committee member against any liability asserted against them, incurred by them in such capacity, or ar1smg out of their status as a Director, officer, or committee member.
- (c) Directors, Officers, and Committee Members Liability. The Association's Directors, officers, and committee members are not personally liable to the Unit owners for any mistake of judgment, negligence, or otherwise, except for their own willful misconduct or bad faith. The Association's and Unit owners' indemnification includes, but is not limited to, all contractual liabilities to third

parties arising out of contracts made on the Association's behalf, except with respect to any such contracts made in bad faith or contrary to the provisions of the Declaration or these Bylaws. Every contract or agreement approved by the Board and made by any Director, officer, or committee member is made only in such Director's, officer's, or committee member's capacity as a representative of the Association and has no personal liability under such contract or agreement (except as a Unit owner).

(d) Cost of Indemnification. Any sum paid or advanced by the Association under this Section constitutes a Common Expense. The Board has the power and the responsibility to raise, by special Assessment or otherwise, any sums required to discharge the Association's obligations under this Section; provided, however, that the liability of any Unit owner arising out of the contract made by any Director, officer, or committee member or out of the aforesaid indemnity in favor of such Director, officer, or committee member is limited to such proportion of the total liability as said Unit owner's pro rata share bears to the total percentage interest of all the Unit owners as Association members.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

<u>Section 1. Enumeration of Officers</u>. The officers of this Association shall be a president, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as the Board may from time to time determine. No officer other than the President need be a member of the Association, nor need any officer be a Director. The same person may hold more than one office.

<u>Section 2. Selection and Term</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Declaration or by law, the officers of the Association shall be selected by the Board, from time to time, to serve until the Board selects their successors.

<u>Section 3. Special Appointments</u>. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period,, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

<u>Section 4. Resignation and Removal</u>. Any officer may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the president, or the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 5. Duties. The duties of the officers shall be as the Board may from time to time determine. Unless the Board otherwise determines, the duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- (a) President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board, shall have the authority to see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out, and shall sign all legal instruments on behalf of the Association.
- (b) Secretary. The secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes and proceedings of meetings of the Board and of the Unit owners, serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the Unit owners, keep appropriate current records showing the names of Unit owners of the Association together with their addresses, and shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of the president's absence or refusal to act.

(c) Treasurer. The treasurer shall assume responsibility for the receipt and deposit in such bank accounts, and investment of funds in such vehicles, as the Board directs, the disbursement of such funds as directed by the Board, the keeping of proper books of account, the preparation of a proposed annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the Unit owners at annual meetings, and the delivery or mailing of a copy of each to each of the Unit owners.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

The Board shall appoint a nominating committee and may appoint such other committees as it deems appropriate in carrying out its purposes.

ARTICLE VII

BOOKS AND RECORDS

The books, records and financial statements of the Association, including current copies of the Declaration, Bylaws and rules governing the Condominium, shall be available during normal business hours or under other reasonable circumstances, upon request to the Association, for inspection by Unit owners, lenders, and the holders, insurers and guarantors of first mortgages on Units. Likewise, during normal business hours or under other reasonable circumstances, the Association shall make available to prospective purchasers current copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, other rules governing the Condominium, and the most recent annual audited financial statement, if such is prepared.

ARTICLE VIII

AUDITS

The Association (through its Board) shall cause the preparation and furnishing of an audited financial statement for the immediately preceding fiscal year when deemed desirable by the Board, and, in any event, within a reasonable time, no more than 120 days, (1) following request from any institutional or government agency which has an interest or prospective interest in the Condominium, or (2) upon the affirmative vote of Unit owners exercising a majority of the voting power of Unit owners.

ARTICLE IX

FISCAL YEAR

Unless otherwise changed by the Board, the fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation of this Association.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Any modification or amendment of these Bylaws shall be made only by means of an amendment to the Declaration, in the manner and subject to the approvals, terms and conditions set forth therein, and shall be effective from the time a certificate setting forth such modification or amendment is delivered for recording to the Delaware County Recorder.