SUGGESTED LEGAL DOCUMENTS FOR PLANNED-UNIT DEVELOPMENTS





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INSTRUCTIONS

The Federal Housing Administration and the Veterans Administration suggest the use of the attached legal documents for planned-unit developments. However, since the documents were prepared for nationwide use, they should be carefully examined for conformance with local laws. It is important that these forms be tailored to fit the needs of the particular development, and therefore a developer or his attorney should not hesitate to make appropriate changes. The pages are not bound so that this may be accomplished and the blank spaces may be completed.

Your attention is directed to Land Planning Bulletin No. 6 and Data Sheet 40, which are printed by the Federal Housing Administration and are available at local insuring offices.

If multifamily structures are to be built, the documents will have to be amended as they are prepared for single-family dwellings.

The following comments are made to assist in adapting these forms for use:

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

<u>First Whereas Clause</u>: The legal description must include all common areas which will be conveyed to the homeowners' association as well as individual lots.

Article II, Section 2: This section is included to provide for annexation in staged developments, as explained in sections 4.36 and 4.37 of FHA Land Planning Bulletin No. 6, and should be deleted if a staged development is not contemplated. The general plan should contain: (1) a general indication of size and location of additional development stages and proposed land uses in each; (2) the approximate size and location of common properties proposed for each stage; (3) the general nature of proposed common facilities and improvements; and (4) a statement that the proposed additions, if made, will become subject to assessment for their just share of Association expenses. Unless otherwise stated therein, such general plan shall not bind the developer to make the proposed additions or to adhere to the plan in any subsequent development. The general plan shall contain a statement to this effect. However, if the developer does proceed with development, as provided in this section, he must then submit detailed plans for the land to be developed.

If it is anticipated that no applications will be made for FHA mortgage insurance, Federal Housing Administration should be deleted. If it is anticipated that no applications will be made for VA loan guarantee, Veterans Administration should be deleted. If submissions will be made to both agencies, no deletion is necessary.

Article IV: The date on which Class B membership will convert to Class A membership should correspond with the estimated time required to complete and market seventy-five percent (75%) of the houses in the planned-unit development.

Article V, Sections 1(f) and 4: These sections should be employed in those cases where the land planning makes it inadvisable or impracticable to provide a parking space or spaces for the homeowner on his own lot as, for example, with some townhouse-on-the-green plans.

Article VI, Section 1: This section is intended to make the obligation to pay assessments a covenant running with the land and binding on every owner. If additional or different phraseology is required by local law to produce this effect, appropriate changes should be made.

Article VI, Section 3(b): The method of computation of the maximum amount to which the assessments may be increased without a vote of the membership in conformance with the Consumer Price Index is set forth in Article XII, Section 4, of the By-Laws. For this purpose, developers and homeowners' associations should use "Consumer Price Index - United States City Average for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers - All Items". The index is available on request from the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D. C., 20210.

The United States City average numerical rating for the month of July 1964, was 108.3. This figure should be entered in the blank space in section 4 in all legal documents adopted up to December 31, 1965. For legal documents adopted in 1966, the numerical rating for July 1965, will be used.

Example No. 1:

A PUD is formed in September 1965. The base rating is 108.3. The maximum annual assessment would be inserted in the appropriate space. Let us assume an assessment of \$125. The directors, at a meeting held in November 1967, decide to increase the assessment for the year 1968 above the amount of the stated maximum annual assessment pursuant to this section. For the purposes of this example, assume that the numerical rating for the month of July 1967 is 109.5.

The computation is as follows:

July 1967 rating		109.5%
Base rating	+	108.3%
Adjustment percentage		101.11%

Maximum annual assessment \$125.00 Adjustment percentage $\times \frac{101.11}{126.39}$ New maximum annual assessment \$126.39

The adjustment percentage is applied to the original maximum annual assessment, so that the maximum annual assessment effective January 1968 is \$126.39.

Example No. 2:

In the same PUD, the directors, at a meeting held in November 1968, decide to increase again the assessment pursuant to this section. Let us assume that the numerical rating for the month of July 1968, is 109.9.

The computation is as follows:

July 1968 rating	109.9%
Base rating	+ 108.3%
Adjustment percentage	101,48%

Maximum annual assessment \$125.00 Adjustment percentage $\times \frac{101.48}{126.85}$ New maximum annual assessment \$126.85

The adjustment percentage is applied to the original maximum annual assessment, so that the maximum annual assessment effective January 1969 is \$126.85.

Article VI. Section 8: The rate of interest on delinquent assessments should correspond to the current FHA/VA interest rate.

Article IX: This covenant provides for exterior maintenance by the Association upon each lot subject to assessments. If there are dwellings on some lots which require far more maintenance than dwellings on other lots because of greater exterior exposures, the covenants could be changed to provide for a different basis upon which assessment would be calculated. If there are exterior features which the Association will not maintain, such as patios or carports, such features may be itemized under this Article following the words "glass surfaces". In no event should the Association provide interior maintenance of structures not owned by the Association.

If it is contemplated that the homeowners will provide their own exterior maintenance, the following paragraph may be substituted:

"In the event an owner of any Lot in the Properties shall fail to maintain the premises and the improvements situated thereon in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the Association, after approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon said parcel and to repair, maintain, and restore the Lot and the exterior of the buildings and any other improvements erected thereon. The cost of such exterior maintenance shall be added to and become part of the assessment to which such Lot is subject."

Article X: All use restrictions should be included in this Article.

 $\underline{\text{Article XI}}$: Provisions should be made in this Article for easements for public utilities.

Article XII, Section 4: If it is anticipated that no applications will be made for FHA mortgage insurance, Federal Housing Administration should be deleted. If it is anticipated that no applications will be made for VA loan guarantee, Veterans Administration should be deleted. If submissions will be made to both agencies, no deletion is necessary.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article IV: The legal description must be the same as that set forth in the first Whereas clause of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

Article VI: The date on which Class B membership will convert to Class A membership should correspond with the estimated time required to complete and market seventy-five percent (75%) of the houses in the planned-unit development.

Article VIII: The amount to be inserted in the blank space should be determined by negotiation between the developer and the field office of the Veterans Administration or the Federal Housing Administration. It should be approximately 150 percent of the estimated annual assessment.

Article IX, Section 2: This section is included to provide for annexation in staged developments, as explained in sections 4.36 and 4.37 of FHA Land Planning Bulletin No. 6, and should be deleted if a staged development is not contemplated. See comment to Article II, Section 2 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

Article XIII: In some jurisdictions state laws provide that non-profit corporations may be dissolved only with the assent of seventy-five percent (75%) of the membership. This Article should be altered to conform to local law.

Article XVII: If it is anticipated that no applications will be made for FHA mortgage insurance, Federal Housing Administration should be deleted. If it is anticipated that no applications will be made for VA loan guarantee, Veterans Administration should be deleted. If submissions will be made to both agencies, no deletion is necessary.

BY-LAWS

Article VII, Section 2: If cumulative voting is desired and is permitted by local law, provisions for such voting should be made in this section.

Article XII, Section 1: This section should conform with Article VI, Section 1 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

Article XII, Section 4: See comments under Article VI, Section 3(b) of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions relating to the method of computation.

Article XII, Section 9: The rate of interest on delinquent assessments should correspond to the current FHA/VA interest rate.

Article XV, Section 1: If it is anticipated that no applications will be made for FHA mortgage insurance, Federal Housing Administration should be deleted. If it is anticipated that no applications will be made for VA loan guarantee, Veterans Administration should be deleted. If submissions will be made to both agencies, no deletion is necessary.

DEDICATION OF COMMON AREAS

There is attached a suggested form of dedication which may be entered on the plat, one purpose of which is to prevent an implication of dedication to public use.

DEED CLAUSE

There is attached a suggested provision to be included in deeds to the individual lots. This is important in those jurisdictions where land owners take title to the middle of abutting streets, streams, etc.

DEDICATION OF COMMON AREAS

(Declarant)
in recording this plat of(name of subdivision)
has designated certain areas of land as (park(s), playground(s), etc.)
intended for use by the homeowners in(name of subdivision)
for recreation and other related activities.
The designated areas are not dedicated hereby for use by the general
public but are dedicated to the common use and enjoyment of the homeowners
inas more fully pro-
vided in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions ap-
plicable to dated
, 19 Said Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and
Restrictions is hereby incorporated and made a part of this plat.

DEED CLAUSE

The fee title to any lot described as bounded by any street, lane,
walkway, park, playground, lake, pond, pool or any other common property
which has not been dedicated or accepted by the public and the fee title
to any lot shown on the recorded plat of
as abutting upon any such common property shall not extend upon such
common property and the fee title to such common property is reserved
to the grantor to be conveyed to the
Association for the common enjoyment of all of the residents in
(name of subdivision)

DECLARATION

OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

	THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by
	hereinafter referred to
as	"Declarant",
	WITNESSETH:
	WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain property in
	County of
St	ate of, which is more particularly described as:
	(Insert legal description)

FHA Form 1401 VA Form 26-8201 AND WHEREAS, Declarant will convey the said properties, subject to certain protective covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, liens and charges as hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the properties described above shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, all of which are for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability, and attractiveness of the real property. These easements, covenants, restrictions, and conditions shall run with the real property and shall be binding on all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in the described properties or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.	"Association"	shall mean	and	refer	to	
	. its :	successors	and	assign	5.	

<u>Section 2</u>. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinbefore described, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 3. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the members of the Association.

Section 4. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Properties with the exception of the Common Area.

<u>Section 5</u>. "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds membership in the Association.

Section 6. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

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ARTICLE II

ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

Section 1. Annexation of additional property shall require the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A members and two-thirds (2/3) of the Class B members, if any, at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purpose of the meeting. The presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called, subject to the notice requirement set forth above, and the required quorum at such subsequent meeting shall be one-half of the required quorum

of the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting. In the event that two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A membership or two-thirds (2/3) of the Class B membership are not present in person or by proxy, members not present may give their written assent to the action taken thereat.

Section 2. If within ____ years of the date of incorporation of this Association, the Declarant should develop additional lands within the area described in Deed Book _____, page _____, of the records of , such additional lands may be annexed to said Properties without the assent of the Class A members; provided however, that the development of the additional lands described in this section shall be in accordance with a general plan submitted to the Federal Housing Administration and the Veterans Administration with the processing papers for the first section. Detailed plans for the development of additional lands must be submitted to the Federal Housing Administration and the Veterans Administration prior to such development. If either the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration determines that such detailed plans are not in accordance with the general plan on file and either agency so advises the Association and the Declarant. the development of the additional lands must have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purpose of the meeting. At this meeting. the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%)

of all of the votes of the Class A membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called, subject to the notice requirement set forth above, and the required quorum at any such subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the Association, including contract sellers, shall be a member of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. No Owner shall have more than one membership. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment by the Association. Ownership of such Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership.

ARTICLE IV

VOTING RIGHTS

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A members shall be all those Owners as defined in Article III with the exception of the Declarant. Class A members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot in which they hold the interest

required for membership by Article III. When more than one person holds such interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for &uch Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class B. The Class B member(s) shall be the Declarant. The Class B member(s) shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot in which it holds the interest required for membership by Article III, provided that the Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) when the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership, or
- (b) on . 19 .

ARTICLE V

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. Members' Easements of Enjoyment. Every member shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area and such easement shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every assessed Lot, subject to the following provisions:

(a) the right of the Association to limit the number of guests of members;

- (b) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Area;
- (c) the right of the Association, in accordance with its Articles and By-Laws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area and facilities and in aid thereof to mortgage said property, and the rights of such mortgagee in said properties shall be sub-ordinate to the rights of the homeowners hereunder;
- (d) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities by a member for any period during which any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid; and for a period not to exceed ____ days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;
- (e) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument signed by members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the Class A membership and two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the Class B membership, if any, has been recorded, agreeing to such dedication or transfer, and unless written notice of the proposed action is sent to every member not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance; and
- (f) the right of the individual owners to the exclusive use of parking spaces as provided in this Article.

Section 2. Delegation of Use. Any member may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the property.

Section 3. Title to the Common Area. The Declarant hereby covenants for itself, its heirs and assigns, that it will convey fee simple title to the Common Area to the Association, free and clear of all encumbrances and liens, prior to the conveyance of the first Lot.

Section 4. Parking Rights. Ownership of each Lot shall entities

the owner or owners thereof to the use of not more than

automobile parking spaces, which shall be as near and convenient to said

Lot as reasonably possible, together with the right of ingress and egress
in and upon said parking areas. The Association shall permanently assign

vehicular parking spaces for each dwelling.

ARTICLE VI

COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Properties, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any such deed or other conveyance, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges, and (2) special assessments for capital improvements, such assessments to be fixed, established, and collected from time

to time as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with such interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the residents in the Properties and in particular for the improvement and maintenance of the Properties, services, and facilities devoted to this purpose and related to the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, and of the homes situated upon the Properties.

Section 3. Basis and Maximum of Annual Assessments. Until January

1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an

Owner, the maximum annual assessment shall be ______ dollars

(\$) per Lot.

(a) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased effective January 1 of each year without a vote of the

membership in conformance with the rise, if any, of the Consumer Price Index (published by the Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.) for the preceding month of July.

- (c) After consideration of current maintenance costs and future needs of the Association, the Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum.
- Section 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only,

for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction or reconstruction, unexpected repair or replacement of a described capital improvement upon the Common Area, including the necessary fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purpose of the meeting.

Section 5. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis.

Section 6. Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Sections 3 and 4.

At the first meeting called, as provided in sections 3 and 4 hereof, the presence at the meeting of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called, subject to the notice requirement set forth in sections 3 and 4, and the required quorum at any such subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting.

No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments; Due Dates.

The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of the month following the conveyance of the Common Area. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall upon demand at any time furnish a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any assessment therein stated to have been paid.

Section 8. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of _____ percent per annum, and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the property, and interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such

assessment. No owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandon-ment of his Lot.

Section 9. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage or mortgages. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot which is subject to any mortgage, pursuant to a decree of foreclosure under such mortgage or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments thereof which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

ARTICLE VII

PARTY WALLS

Section 1. General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall which is built as a part of the original construction of the homes upon the Properties and placed on the dividing line between the Lots shall constitute a party wall, and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

Section 2. Sharing of Repair and Maintenance. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall in proportion to such use.

Section 3. Destruction by Fire or Other Casualty. If a party wall destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, any Owner who has used the wall may restore it, and if the other Owners thereafter make use of the wall, they shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in proportion to such use without prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owners to call for a larger contribution from the others under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

Section 4. Weatherproofing. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, an Owner who by his negligent or willful act causes the party wall to be exposed to the elements shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements.

Section 5. Right to Contribution Runs With Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Article shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title.

Section 6. Arbitration. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall, or under the provisions of this Article, each party shall choose one arbitrator, and such arbitrators shall choose one additional arbitrator, and the decision shall be by a majority of all the arbitrators.

ARTICLE VIII

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

No building, fence, wall or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon the Properties, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Board of Directors of the Association, or by an architectural committee composed of three (3) or more representatives appointed by the Board. In the event said Board, or its designated committee, fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required and this Article will be deemed to have been fully complied with.

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ARTICLE IX

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

In addition to maintenance upon the Common Area, the Association shall provide exterior maintenance upon each Lot which is subject to assessment hereunder, as follows: paint, repair, replace and care for roofs, gutters, downspouts, exterior building surfaces, trees, shrubs, grass, walks, and other exterior improvements. Such exterior maintenance shall not include glass surfaces.

In the event that the need for maintenance or repair is caused through the willful or negligent act of the Owner, his family, or guests, or invitees, the cost of such maintenance or repairs shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such lot is subject.

ARTICLE X

USE RESTRICTIONS

ARTICLE XI

EASEMENTS

ARTICLE XII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. The Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

Section 2. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no wise affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Amendment. The covenants and restrictions of this
Declaration shall run with and bind the land, and shall inure to the
benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, or the Owner of any Lot
subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs,
successors, and assigns, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this
Declaration is recorded, after which time said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. The covenants
and restrictions of this Declaration may be amended during the first twenty
(20) year period by an instrument signed by not less than ninety percent
(90%) of the Lot Owners, and thereafter by an instrument signed by not

less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners. Any amendment must be properly recorded.

Section 4. FHA/VA Approval. As long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration: Annexation of additional properties, dedication of Common Area, and amendment of this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersig	ned, being the Declarant herein, has
nereunto set its hand and seal this _	day of, 19
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	Dealerant
	Declarant
Ву:	

(Add appropriate acknowledgement)

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

ASSOCIATION

	In compliance with the requirements of (reference to statute under
	the undersigned, all of whom h incorporation is sought)
re	residents of
nd	all of whom are of full age, have this day voluntarily associated them-
elv	es together for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and
o h	ereby certify:
	ARTICLE I
	The name of the corporation is
	hereafter called the "Association".
	ARTICLE II
	The principal office of the Association is located at
	ARTICLE III
	, whose address is
	, is hereby appoint
he i	initial registered agent of this Association.

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ARTICLE IV

PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for maintenance, preservation and architectural control of the residence Lots and Common Area within that certain tract of property described as:

and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the above described property and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association by annexation, as provided in Article IX herein, and for this purpose to:

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and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth at length;

- (b) fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association;
- (c) acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association;
- (d) borrow money, to mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred; and

(e) have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges
which a corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the

State of _______ by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the Association, including contract sellers, shall be a member of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. No owner shall have more than one membership. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment by the Association. Ownership of such Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership.

ARTICLE VI

VOTING RIGHTS

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

<u>Class A.</u> Class A members shall be all those Owners as defined in Article V with the exception of the Declarant. Class A members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot in which they hold the interest required for membership by Article V. When more than one

person holds such interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class B. The Class B member(s) shall be the Declarant (as defined in the Declaration). The Class B member(s) shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot in which it holds the interest required for membership by Article V. provided that the Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) when the total votes outstanding in the Class

 A membership equal the total votes outstanding
 in the Class B membership; or
- (b) on ______, 19____.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) Directors, who need not be members of the Association. The number of directors may be changed by amendment of the By-Laws of the Association. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of directors until the selection of their successors are:

NAME	ADDRESS
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At the first annual meeting the members shall elect three directors for a term of one year, three directors for a term of two years and three directors for a term of three years; and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect three directors for a term of three years.

ARTICLE VIII

LIABILITIES

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability, direct or contingent
to which this Association may be subject at any one time shall not exceed
\$ while there is a Class B membership, and thereafter shall
not exceed 150 percent of its income for the previous fiscal year, provide
that additional amounts may be authorized by the assent of two-thirds (2/3
of the membership.

ARTICLE IX

ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

Section 1. The Association may, at any time, annex additional residential properties and common areas to the Properties described in Article IV, and so add to its membership under the provisions of Article V, provided that any such annexation shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Class A membership and two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Class B membership, if any.

Section 2. If withinyears of the date of incorporation of this
Association, the Declarant should develop additional lands within the area
described in Deed Book, page, of the Records of
, such
additional lands may be annexed to said Properties without the assent of the
Class A members, provided however, that the development of the additional
lands described in this section shall be in accordance with a general plan
submitted to the Federal Housing Administration and the Veterans Administra-
tion with the processing papers for the first section. Detailed plans for
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Administration and the Veterans Administration prior to such development. If either the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration determines that such detailed plans are not in accordance with the general plan on file and such agency or agencies so advises the Association and the Declarant, the development of the additional lands must have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purpose of the meeting.

At this meeting, the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all of the votes of the Class A membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called, subject to the notice requirement set forth above, and the required quorum at any such subsequent meeting shall be one-half of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting.

ARTICLE X

MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS

To the extent permitted by law, the Association may participate in mergers and consolidations with other nonprofit corporations organized for the same purposes, provided that any such merger or consolidation shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Class A membership and two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Class B membership, if any.

ARTICLE XI

AUTHORITY TO MORTGAGE

Any mortgage by the Association of the Common Area defined in the Declaration shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Class A membership and two-thirds (2/3) of the Class B membership, if any.

ARTICLE XII

AUTHORITY TO DEDICATE

The Association shall have power to dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument has been signed by members entitled to cast two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the entire Class A membership and two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Class B membership, if any, agreeing to such dedication, sale or transfer.

ARTICLE XIII

DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Class A membership and two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Class B membership, if any. Upon dissolution of the Association, the assets, both real and personal of the Association, shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be

devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any nonprofit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to purposes and uses that would most nearly reflect the purposes and uses to which they were required to be devoted by the Association.

ARTICLE XIV

DURATION

The corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE XV

MEETINGS FOR ACTIONS GOVERNED BY ARTICLES VIII THROUGH XIII

In order to take action under Articles VIII through XIII, there must be a duly held meeting. Written notice, setting forth the purpose of the meeting shall be given to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting. The presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum, except for Article IX, Section 2, where the quorum requirement is specifically set forth. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called subject to the notice requirement set forth above, and the required quorum at such subsequent meeting shall be one-half of the required quorum of the preceding

meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting. In the event that two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A membership or two-thirds (2/3) of the Class B membership, if any, are not present in person or by proxy, members not present may give their written assent to the action taken thereat.

ARTICLE XVI

AMENDMENTS

Amendment of these Articles shall require the assent of 75 percent (75%) of the entire membership.

ARTICLE XVII

FHA/VA APPROVAL

As long as there is a Class B membership the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration: annexation of additional properties, mergers and consolidations, mortgaging of Common Area, dedication of Common Area, dissolution and amendment of these Articles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the	purpose of forming this corporation
under the laws of the State of	, we, the
undersigned, constituting the inc	orporators of this Association, have
executed these Articles of Incorp	oration thisday of
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(Add appropriate acknowledgment)

OF

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ARTICLE I

INCLUDE
NAME AND LOCATION. The name of the corporation is
, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".
The principal office of the corporation shall be located at
but meetings of members and directors
may be held at such places within the State of,
County of, as may be designated by the Board of
Directors.
ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS
Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to
, its successors and assigns.
Section 2. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real
property described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and
Restrictions, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought
within the jurisdiction of the Association.
Section 3. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the
Association for the common use and enjoyment of the members of the
Association.

"Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon

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Section 4.

any recorded subdivision map of the Properties with the exception of the Common Area.

<u>Section 5</u>. "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds a membership in the Association.

Section 6. "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 the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 7. "Do	eclarant" shall mean and refe	er to
,	its successors and assigns i	f such successors or assigns
should acquire more	than one undeveloped Lot fro	om the Declarant for the
purpose of developme	ent.	

Section	on 8. "Dec	laration"	shall me	ean and refe	er to th	ne Declarat:	ion of
Covenants,	Conditions	and Rest	rictions	applicable	to the	Properties	recorded
in the Off:	ice of						

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership. Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the Association, including contract sellers, shall be a member of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. No Owner shall have more than one membership.

Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment by the Association. Ownership of such Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership.

Section 2. Suspension of Membership. During any period in which a member shall be in default in the payment of any annual or special assessment levied by the Association, the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities of such member may be suspended by the Board of Directors until such assessment has been paid. Such rights of a member may also be suspended, after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed ______ days, for violation of any rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors governing the use of the Common Area and facilities.

ARTICLE IV

PROPERTY RIGHTS: RIGHTS OF ENJOYMENT

Section 1. Each member shall be entitled to the use and enjoyment of the Common Area and facilities as provided in the Declaration. Any member may delegate his rights of enjoyment of the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants or contract purchasers, who reside on the property. Such member shall notify the secretary in writing of the name of any such delegee. The rights and privileges of such delegee are subject to suspension to the same extent as those of the member.

Section 2. Irrespective of the fact that Section 1(b) of Article V of the Declaration gives the Association the right to charge reasonable

admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facilities situated upon the Common Area, this right shall not be exercised as to members for a period of five years from the date of the recordation of the Declaration, and after this period, only upon written approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Class A membership.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION: TERM OF OFFICE

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Number</u>. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) directors, who need not be members of the Association.

Section 2. Election. At the first annual meeting the members shall elect three directors for a term of one year, three directors for a term of two years and three directors for a term of three years; and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect three directors for a term of three years.

Section 3. Removal. Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 4. Compensation. No director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Association. However, any director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting. The directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could Rev. April, 1965

take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the directors.

Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the president of the Association, or by any two directors, after not less than three (3) days notice to each director.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

ARTICLE VII

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. <u>Nomination</u>. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of

a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among members or non-members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the members 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. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

ARTICLE VIII

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power to:

- (a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities, and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the Rev. April, 1965

membership by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;

- (c) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and
- (d) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties.

 Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:
- (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the members at the annual meeting of the members or at any special meeting, when such statement is requested in writing by one-fourth (1/4) of the Class A members who are entitled to vote;
- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
 - (c) as more fully provided herein, and in the Declaration, to:
 - (1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each

 Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period, as hereinafter provided in Article XII, and
 - (2) send written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;
- (d) issue, or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any

assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;

- (e) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;
- (f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;
 - (g) cause the Common Area to be maintained; and
 - (h) cause the exterior of the dwellings to be maintained.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Association shall appoint an Architectural Control
Committee, as provided in the Declaration, and a Nominating Committee, as
provided in these By-Laws. In addition, the Board of Directors shall
appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purposes,
such as:

- (a) A <u>Recreation Committee</u> which shall advise the Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to the recreational program and activities of the Association and shall perform such other functions as the Board, in its discretion, determines;
- (b) A <u>Maintenance Committee</u> which shall advise the Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to the maintenance, repair or

improvement of the Properties, and shall perform such other functions as the Board in its discretion determines;

- (c) A <u>Publicity Committee</u> which shall inform the members of all activities and functions of the Association, and shall, after consulting with the Board of Directors, make such public releases and announcements as are in the best interests of the Association; and
- (d) An Audit Committee which shall supervise the annual audit of the Association's books and approve the annual budget and statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, as provided in Article XI, Section 8(d). The Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of the Committee.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each committee to receive complaints from members on any matter involving Association functions, duties, and activities within its field of responsibility. It shall dispose of such complaints as it deems appropriate or refer them to such other committee, director or officer of the Association as is further concerned with the matter presented.

ARTICLE X

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one year from the date of incorporation of the Association, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held on the same day of the same month of each year thereafter, at the

hour of ______ o'clock, P.M. If the day for the annual meeting of the members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the president or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the members who are entitled to vote one-fourth (1/4) of all of the votes of the entire membership or who are entitled to vote one-fourth (1/4) of the votes of the Class A membership.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the members shall be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least 15 days before such meeting to each member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by such member to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-tenth (1/10) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be represented.

Section 5. Proxies. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of his Lot.

ARTICLE XI

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Offices. The officers of this Association shall be a president and vice-president, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the members.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Term.</u> The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Special Appointments. 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.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. 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 unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled in the manner prescribed for regular election. The officer elected to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

Section 7. Multiple Offices. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

Section 8. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

President

(a) The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

Vice-President

(b) The vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board.

Secretary

(c) The secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of

all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the members; keep appropriate current records showing the members of the Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

Treasurer

(d) The treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the members.

ARTICLE XII

ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. By the Declaration each member is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges, and (2) special assessments for capital improvements. The annual and special assessments, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assess-

ment, together with such interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due and shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the residents in the Properties and in particular for the improvement and maintenance of the Properties, services and facilities devoted to this purpose and related to the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, and of the homes situated upon the Properties.

Section 3. Basis and Maximum of Annual Assessments. Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an owner, the maximum annual assessment shall be ______ dollars

(\$) per Lot.

- (a) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased effective January 1 of each year without a vote of the membership in conformance with the rise, if any, of the Consumer Price Index (published by the Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.) for the preceding month of July.
- (b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased above that established by the Consumer Price Index formula by a vote of the members for the next succeeding ______

years and at the end of each such period of ______ years, for each succeeding period of ______ years, provided that any such change shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purpose of the meeting. The limitations hereof shall not apply to any change in the maximum and basis of the assessments undertaken as an incident to a merger or consolidation in which the Association is authorized to participate under its Articles of Incorporation.

(c) After consideration of current maintenance costs and future needs of the Association, the Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum.

Section 4. Method of Computation When Using the Consumer Price Index.

The Consumer Price Index establishes the United States City Average numerical rating for the month of July, 19____ as _____. This will be the base rating. To determine the percentage to be applied to the maximum annual assessment for each subsequent year, divide this base rating into the numerical rating established by the Consumer Price Index for the month of July preceding the proposed assessment year. This adjustment percentage, if in excess of 100 percentum, is multiplied by the original maximum annual assessment to obtain the maximum assessment for the subsequent year.

Section 5. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction or reconstruction, unexpected repair or replacement of a described capital improvement upon the Common Area, including the necessary fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purpose of the meeting.

Section 6. Uniform Rate. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis.

Section 7. Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Sections 3 and 5.

At the first meeting called, as provided in sections 3 and 5 hereof, the presence at the meeting of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called, subject to the notice requirement set forth in sections 3 and 5, and the required quorum at any such subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting.

No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 8. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates. The annual assessment provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of the month following the conveyance of the Common Area. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner subject thereto. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall upon demand at any time furnish a certificate in writing, signed by an officer of the Association, setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any assessment therein stated to have been paid.

Association. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of ______ percent per annum, and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property, and interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandomment of his Lot.

Section 10. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any mortgage or mortgages. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot which is subject to any mortgage, pursuant to a decree of foreclosure under such mortgage or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments thereof which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

Section 11. Exempt Property. The following property subject to the Declaration shall be exempt from the assessments created therein: (a) all properties dedicated to and accepted by a local public authority, (b) the Common Area, and, (c) all properties owned by a charitable or nonprofit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of _____. However, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments.

ARTICLE XIII

BOOKS AND RECORDS

The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any member. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

ARTICLE XIV

CORPORATE SEAL

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ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS

<u>Section 1</u>. These By-Laws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of members present in person or by proxy, except that the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration shall have the right to veto amendments while there is Class B membership.

Section 2. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XVI

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

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	TIFICATION
I, the undersigned, do hereby ce	rtify:
THAT I am the duly elected and a	cting secretary of the
	Association, a(State)
corporation, and,	
THAT the foregoing By-Laws const	itute the original By-Laws of said
Association, as duly adopted at a mee	ting of the Board of Directors thereof
neld on the day of	, 19
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereu	nto subscribed my name and affixed
the seal of said Association this	, day of, 19
	Secretary