

**BYLAWS
OF
NORTHWOODS AT AVERY RANCH OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I
INTRODUCTION**

The name of the corporation is Northwoods at Avery Ranch Owners' Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Association." The principal office of the Association shall be located in Williamson County, Texas, but meetings of Members and Directors may be held at such places within the State of Texas, County of Williamson, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

The Association is organized to be a nonprofit corporation.

**ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context otherwise specifies or requires, the following words and phrases when used in these Bylaws shall have the meanings hereinafter specified:

Section 2.1. Assessment. "Assessment" or "Assessments" shall mean assessment(s) levied by the Association under the terms and provisions of the Declaration.

Section 2.2. Association. "Association" shall mean and refer to Northwoods at Avery Ranch Owners' Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation.

Section 2.3. Association Property. "Association Property" shall mean Common Area (as defined in the Declaration) and all real or personal property now or hereafter owned by the Association, including without limitation, all easement estates, licenses, leasehold estates and other interests of any kind in and to real or personal property which are now are hereafter owned or held by the Association.

Section 2.4. Association Rules. "Association Rules" shall mean the rules and regulations adopted by the Board or the Architectural Control Committee pursuant to the Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 2.5. Board. "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 2.6. Bylaws. "Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association which may be adopted by the Board and as from time to time amended.

Section 2.7. Certificate. "Certificate" shall mean the Certificate of Formation of Northwoods at Avery Ranch Owners' Association, Inc., which is filed in the office of the Secretary of the State of Texas, as the same may be amended.

Section 2.8. Condominium Unit. "Condominium Unit" shall mean an individual unit within a condominium regime established within the Development.

Section 2.9. Declarant. "Declarant" shall mean Northwoods Avery Ranch, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, and its successors or assigns.

Section 2.10. Declaration. "Declaration" shall mean the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions – Northwoods at Avery Ranch, recorded as Document No. 2011031122 in the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 2.11. Development. "Development" shall mean and refer to the property subject to the terms and provisions of the Declaration.

Section 2.12. Development Period. "Development Period" shall mean and refer to the period of time in which Declarant owns or has the option to acquire any portion of the Development.

Section 2.13. Lot. "Lot" or "Lots" shall mean any parcel or parcels of land within the Development shown as a subdivided lot on the Plat of the Development, together with all improvements located thereon excluding, however, any Association Property.

Section 2.14. Majority. "Majority" shall mean more than half.

Section 2.15. Manager. "Manager" shall mean the person, firm, or corporation, if any, employed by the Association pursuant to the Declaration and delegated the duties, powers, or functions of the Association.

Section 2.16. Master Restrictions. "Master Restrictions" means the Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, Association Rules, the Certificate and the Bylaws of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 2.17. Member. "Member" or "Members" shall mean any person(s), entity or entities holding membership privileges in the Association as provided in the Declaration.

Section 2.18. Mortgage. "Mortgage" or "Mortgages" shall mean any mortgage(s) or deed(s) of trust covering any portion of the Development given to secure the payment of a debt.

Section 2.19. Mortgagee. "Mortgagee" or "Mortgagees" shall mean the holder or holders of any lien or liens upon any portion of the Development.

Section 2.20. Owner. "Owner" or "Owners" shall mean the person(s), entity or entities, including Declarant, holding a fee simple interest in any Lot or Condominium Unit, but shall not include the Mortgagee of a Mortgage.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP, MEETINGS, QUORUM, VOTING, PROXIES

Section 3.01. Membership. Each Owner is a mandatory Member of the Association, as more fully set forth in the Declaration.

Section 3.02. Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Association shall be held where designated by the Board, either within the Development or as convenient as possible and practical.

Section 3.03. Annual Meetings. All annual meetings of the Association, whether a regular or special meeting, shall be held at such reasonable place, date and time as set by the Board.

Section 3.04. Special Meetings. Special meetings of Members may be called in accordance with Section 22.155 of the Texas Business Organizations Code or any successor statute.

Section 3.05. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of the Members shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each Member entitled to vote at such

meeting or by publication in a newspaper of general circulation, not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President, the Secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting. In the case of a special meeting or when otherwise required by statute or these Bylaws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Member at the Member's address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage prepaid.

Section 3.06. Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the Members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Member may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a Member shall be deemed waiver by such Member of notice of the time, date, and place thereof, unless such Member specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting by a Member shall be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted at such meeting unless an objection by a Member on the basis of lack of proper notice is raised before the business is put to a vote.

Section 3.07. Quorum. Except as provided in these Bylaws or in the Declaration, the presence of the Members representing twenty percent (20%) of the total votes in the Association shall constitute a quorum at all Association meetings. The Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the departure of enough Members to leave less than a quorum, provided that Members representing at least ten percent (10%) of the total votes in the Association remain in attendance, and provided that any action taken is approved by at least a Majority of the votes present at such adjourned meeting, unless otherwise provided in the Declaration.

Section 3.08. Conduct of Meetings. The President or any other person appointed by the Board shall preside over all Association meetings, and the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, shall keep the minutes of the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting, as well as a record of all transactions occurring at the meeting.

Section 3.09. Voting. The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration, and such voting rights provisions are specifically incorporated by reference. Except as otherwise provided in the Declaration, action may be taken at any legally convened meeting of the Members upon the affirmative vote of the Members having a Majority of the total votes present at such meeting in person or proxy or by absentee ballot or electronic voting, if such votes are considered present at the meeting as further set forth herein. Cumulative voting shall not be allowed. The person holding legal title to a Lot or Condominium Unit shall be entitled to cast the vote allocated to such Lot or Condominium Unit and not the person merely holding beneficial title to the same unless such right is expressly delegated to the beneficial Owner thereof in writing. **Any provision in the Association's governing documents that would disqualify an Owner from voting in an Association election of Board Members or on any matter concerning the rights or responsibilities of the Owner is void.**

Section 3.10. Methods of Voting: In Person; Proxies; Absentee Ballots; Electronically. The voting rights of an Owner may be cast or given: (a) in person or by proxy at a meeting of the Association; (b) by absentee ballot; or (c) by electronic ballot. Any vote cast in an election or vote by a Member of the Association must be in writing and signed by the member. Electronic votes constitute written and signed ballots. In an Association-wide election, written and signed ballots are not required for uncontested races. Votes shall be cast as provided in this section:

(a) **Proxies.** Any Member may give a revocable written proxy in the form as prescribed by the Board from time to time to any person authorizing such person to cast the Member's vote on any matter. A Member's vote by proxy is subject to any limitations of Texas law relating to the use of general proxies and subject to any specific provision to the contrary in the Declaration or these Bylaws. No proxy shall be valid unless signed by the Member for which it is given or his duly authorized attorney-in-fact, dated, and filed with the Secretary of the Association prior to the meeting for which it is to be effective. Proxies shall be valid only for the specific meeting for which given and for lawful adjournments of such meeting. In no event shall a proxy be valid more than eleven

(11) months after the effective date of the proxy. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance of the Lot or Condominium Unit for which it was given.

(b) **Absentee and Electronic Ballots.** An absentee or electronic ballot: (i) may be counted as an Owner present and voting for the purpose of establishing a quorum only for items appearing on the ballot; (ii) may not be counted, even if properly delivered, if the Owner attends any meeting to vote in person, so that any vote cast at a meeting by an Owner supersedes any vote submitted by absentee or electronic ballot previously submitted for that proposal; and (iii) may not be counted on the final vote of a proposal if the proposal was amended at the meeting to be different from the exact language on the absentee or electronic ballot.

(i) **Absentee Ballots.** No absentee ballot shall be valid unless it is in writing, signed by the Member for which it is given or his duly authorized attorney-in-fact, dated, and filed with the Secretary of the Association prior to the meeting for which it is to be effective. Absentee ballots shall be valid only for the specific meeting for which given and for lawful adjournments of such meeting. In no event shall an absentee ballot be valid after the specific meeting or lawful adjournment of such meeting at which such ballot is counted or upon conveyance of the Lot which it was given. Any solicitation for votes by absentee ballot must include:

- a. an absentee ballot that contains each proposed action and provides an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action;
- b. instructions for delivery of the completed absentee ballot, including the delivery location; and
- c. the following language: *"By casting your vote via absentee ballot you will forgo the opportunity to consider and vote on any action from the floor on these proposals, if a meeting is held. This means that if there are amendments to these proposals your votes will not be counted on the final vote on these measures. If you desire to retain this ability, please attend any meeting in person. You may submit an absentee ballot and later choose to attend any meeting in person, in which case any in-person vote will prevail."*

(ii) **Electronic Ballots.** "Electronic ballot" means a ballot: (a) given by email, facsimile or posting on a website; (b) for which the identity of Owner submitting the ballot can be confirmed; and (c) for which the Owner may receive a receipt of the electronic transmission and receipt of the Owner's ballot. If an electronic ballot is posted on a website, a notice of the posting shall be sent to each Owner that contains instructions on obtaining access to the posting on the website.

Section 3.11. Tabulation of and Access to Ballots. A person who is a candidate in an Association election or who is otherwise the subject of an Association vote, or a person related to that person within the third degree by consanguinity or affinity may not tabulate or otherwise be given access to the ballots cast in that election or vote except such person may be given access to the ballots case in the election or vote as part of a recount process. A person tabulating votes in an Association election or vote may not disclose to any other person how an individual voted.

Section 3.12. Recount of Votes. Any Member may, not later than the fifteenth (15th) day after the date of the meeting at which the election was held, require a recount of the votes. A demand for a recount must be submitted in writing either: (a) by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by delivery by the U.S. Postal Service with signature confirmation service to the Association's mailing address as reflected on the latest management certificate; or (b) in person to the Association's managing agent as reflected on the latest management certificate or to the address to which absentee and proxy ballots are mailed. The Member requesting the recount will be required to pay, in advance, expenses associated with the recount as estimated by the Association. Any recount

must be performed on or before the thirtieth (30th) day after the date of receipt of a request and payment for a recount is submitted to the Association for a vote tabulator as set forth below.

(a) **Vote Tabulator.** At the expense of the Member requesting the recount, the Association shall retain for the purpose of performing the recount, the services of a person qualified to tabulate votes. The Association shall enter into a contract for the services of a person who: (i) is not a Member of the Association or related to a Member of the Association Board within the third degree by consanguinity or affinity; and (ii) is either a person agreed on by the Associations and any person requesting a recount or is a current or former county judge, county elections administrator, justice of the peace or county voter registrar.

(b) **Reimbursement for Recount Expenses.** If the recount changes the results of the election, the Association shall reimburse the requesting Member for the cost of the recount to the extent such costs were previously paid by the Member to the Association. The Association shall provide the results of the recount to each Member who requested the recount.

(c) **Board Action.** Any action taken by the Board in the period between the initial election vote tally and the completion of the recount is not affected by any recount.

Section 3.13. Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted by law to be taken at a meeting of the Members may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice, and without a vote if written consent specifically authorizing the proposed action is signed by Members holding at least the minimum number of votes necessary to authorize such action at a meeting if all Members entitled to vote thereon were present. Such consents shall be signed within sixty (60) days after receipt of the earliest dated consent, dated, and delivered to the Association at its principal place of business in Texas. Such consents shall be filed with the minutes of the Association and shall have the same force and effect as a vote of the Members at a meeting. Within ten (10) days after receiving authorization for any action by written consent, the Secretary shall give written notice to all Members entitled to vote who did not give their written consent, fairly summarizing the material features of the authorized action.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4.1. Authority; Number of Directors.

(a) The affairs of the Association shall be governed by the Board. The number of Directors shall be fixed by the Board from time to time. The initial Directors shall be three (3) in number and shall be those Directors named in the Certificate. The initial Directors shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

(b) **In accordance with the terms of Section 11.2 below, During the Development Period, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint and remove all members of the Board.**

(c) Upon expiration or termination of the Development Period, the Declarant will thereupon call a meeting of the Members of the Association where the Declarant appointed Directors will resign and the Members, including Declarant, will elect three (3) new directors (to replace all Declarant appointed Directors and the First Member Elected Director) (the "**Member Election Meeting**"), one (1) Director for a three (3) year term, one (1) Director for a two (2) year term, and one (1) Director for a one (1) year term (with the individual receiving the highest number of votes to serve the three (3) year term, the individual receiving the next highest number of votes to serve the two (2) year term, and the individual receiving the third highest number of votes to serve a one (1) year term). Upon expiration of the term of a Director elected by the Members pursuant to this Section 4.1(c), his or her successor will be elected for a term of two (2) years.

(d) A Director takes office upon the adjournment of the meeting or balloting at which he is elected or appointed and, absent death, ineligibility, resignation, or removal, will hold office until his successor is elected or appointed.

(e) Each Director, other than Directors appointed by Declarant, shall be a Member and resident, or in the case of corporate or partnership ownership of a Lot or Condominium Unit, a duly authorized agent or representative of the corporate or partnership Owner. The corporate, or partnership Owner shall be designated as the Director in all correspondence or other documentation setting forth the names of the Directors.

Section 4.2. Compensation. The Directors shall serve without compensation for such service. As determined by the Board, Directors may be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket expenses.

Section 4.3. Nominations to Board of Directors. Members may be nominated for election to the Board in either of the following ways:

(a) A Member who is not a Director and who desires to run for election to that position shall be deemed to have been nominated for election upon his filing with the Board of Directors a written petition of nomination; or

(b) A Director who is eligible to be re-elected shall be deemed to have been nominated for re-election to the position he holds by signifying his intention to seek reelection in a writing addressed to the Board of Directors.

Section 4.4. Removal of Directors for Cause. An elected Director may be removed, with or without cause, by the vote of Members holding a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the Association. If a Director breaches such Director's duties hereunder or violates the terms of the Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Rules and Regulations or these Bylaws, such Director may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining Directors.

Section 4.5. Vacancies on Board of Directors. At such time as Declarant's right to appoint and remove Directors has expired or been terminated, if the office of any elected Director shall become vacant by reason of death, resignation, or disability, the remaining Directors, at a special meeting duly called for this purpose, shall choose a successor who shall fill the unexpired term of the directorship being vacated. If there is a deadlock in the voting for a successor by the remaining Directors, the one Director with the longest continuous term on the Board shall select the successor. At the expiration of the term of his position on the Board, the successor Director shall be re-elected or his successor shall be elected in accordance with these Bylaws. Except with respect to Directors appointed by the Declarant, any Director whose term has expired or who has been removed from the Board must be elected by the Members.

Section 4.6. Removal of Directors by Members. Subject to the right of Declarant to nominate and appoint Directors as set forth in Section 4.1 of these Bylaws, an elected Director may be removed, with or without cause, by the vote of Members holding a Majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the Association.

Section 4.7. Eligibility for Board Membership. With the exception of Board member positions appointed by the Declarant as permitted herein, the Association may not restrict an Owner's right to run for a position on the Board.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 5.1. Definition of Board Meetings. A meeting of the Board means a deliberation between a quorum of the Board, or between a quorum of the Board and another person, during which Association business is considered and the Board takes formal action.

Section 5.2. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held annually or such other frequency as determined by the Board, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.

Section 5.3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board 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 5.4. 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.

Section 5.5. Open Board Meetings. All regular and special Board meetings must be open to Owners. However, the Board has the right to adjourn a meeting and reconvene in closed executive session to consider actions involving: (a) personnel; (b) pending or threatened litigation; (c) contract negotiations; (d) enforcement actions; (e) confidential communications with the Association's attorney; (f) matters involving the invasion of privacy of individual Owners, or matters that are to remain confidential by request of the affected parties and agreement of the Board. Following an executive session, any decision made by the Board in executive session must be summarized orally in general terms and placed in the minutes. The oral summary must include a general explanation of expenditures approved in executive session.

Section 5.6. Location. Except if otherwise held by electronic or telephonic means, a Board meeting must be held in the county in which all or a party of the property in the subdivision is located or in a county adjacent to that county, as determined in the discretion of the Board.

Section 5.7. Record; Minutes. The Board shall keep a record of each regular or special Board meeting in the form of written minutes of the meeting. The Board shall make meeting records, including approved minutes, available to a Member for inspection and copying on the Member's written request to the Association's managing agent at the address appearing on the most recently filed management certificate or, if there is not a managing agent, to the Board.

Section 5.8. Notices. Members shall be given notice of the date, hour, place, and general subject of a regular or special board meeting, including a general description of any matter to be brought up for deliberation in executive session. The notice shall be: (a) mailed to each Member not later than the tenth (10th) day or earlier than the sixtieth (60th) day before the date of the meeting; or (b) provided at least seventy-two (72) hours before the start of the meeting by: (i) posting the notice in a conspicuous manner reasonably designed to provide notice to Members in a place located on the Association's common area or on any website maintained by the Association; and (ii) sending the notice by e-mail to each Member who has registered an e-mail address with the Association. It is the Member's duty to keep an updated e-mail address registered with the Association. The Board may establish a procedure for registration of email addresses, which procedure may be required for the purpose of receiving notice of Board meetings. If the Board recesses a regular or special Board meeting to continue the following regular business day, the Board is not required to post notice of the continued meeting if the recess is taken in good faith and not to circumvent this section. If a regular or special Board meeting is continued to the following regular business day, and on that following day the Board continues the meeting to another day, the Board shall give notice of the continuation in at least one manner as set forth above within two (2) hours after adjourning the meeting being continued.

Section 5.9. Meeting Without Prior Notice. The Board may meet by any method of communication, including electronic and telephonic, without prior notice to the Members if each Board member may hear and be heard, and may take action by unanimous written consent to consider routine and administrative matters or a reasonably unforeseen emergency or urgent necessity that requires immediate Board action. Any action taken without notice to Members must be summarized orally, including an explanation of any known actual or estimated expenditures approved at the meeting, and documented in the minutes of the next regular or special Board meeting. The Board may not, without prior notice to the Members pursuant to *Section 5.8* above consider or vote

on: (a) fines; (b) damage assessments; (c) initiation of foreclosure actions; (d) initiation of enforcement actions, excluding temporary restraining orders or violations involving a threat to health or safety; (e) increases in assessments; (f) levying of special assessments; (g) appeals from a denial of architectural control approval; or (h) a suspension of a right of a particular Owner before the Member has an opportunity to attend a Board meeting to present the Member's position, including any defense, on the issue.

Section 5.10. Telephone and Electronic Meetings. Any action permitted to be taken by the Board without prior notice to Owners may be taken by telephone or electronic methods by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in such a meeting constitutes presence in person at the meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 5.11. Consent in Writing. Any action permitted to be taken by the Board by unanimous written consent occurs if all Directors individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. The written consent must be filed with the minutes of Board meetings. Action by written consent has the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Directors.

Section 5.12. Development Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, or any provision in these Bylaws to the contrary, the provisions of this *Article V* do not apply to Board meetings during the Development Period (as defined in the Declaration) unless the meeting is conducted for the purpose of: (a) adopting or amending the Restrictions; (b) increasing the amount of regular assessments of the Association or adopting or increasing a special assessment; (c) electing non-developer Board members or establishing a process by which those members are elected; or (d) changing the voting rights of Members.

ARTICLE VI POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 6.1. Powers. The Board shall have power and duty to undertake any of the following actions, in addition to those actions to which the Association is authorized to take in accordance with the Declaration:

- (a) Adopt and publish the Association Rules, including regulations governing the use of the Association Property and facilities, and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) Suspend the right of a Member to use of the Association Property during any period in which such Member shall be in default in the payment of any Assessment levied by the Association, or after notice and hearing, for any period during which an infraction of the Association Rules by such Member exists;
- (c) Exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or related to the Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of the Master Restrictions;
- (d) Enter into any contract or agreement with a municipal agency or utility company to provide electric utility service to all or any portion of the Development;
- (e) Declare the office of a member of the Board to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board;
- (f) Employ such employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties;
- (g) As more fully provided in the Declaration, to:

- (1) Fix the amount of the Assessments against each Lot and/or Condominium Unit in advance of each annual assessment period and any other assessments provided by the Declaration; and
- (2) Foreclose the lien against any property for which Assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same;
- (h) 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 and to levy a reasonable charge for the issuance of these certificates (it being understood that if a certificate states that an Assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment);
- (i) Procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;
- (j) Cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate; and
- (k) Exercise such other and further powers or duties as provided in the Declaration or by law.

**ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

Section 7.1. Enumeration of Offices. The officers of the Association shall be a President and a Vice-President, who shall at all times be members of the Board, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time create by resolution.

Section 7.2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the Members.

Section 7.3. Term. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he resigns sooner, or shall be removed or otherwise disqualified to serve.

Section 7.4. 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 7.5. 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 7.6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled through appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

Section 7.7. 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 7.4.

Section 7.8. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

(a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board; 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.

(b) **Vice President.** The Vice President, if any, shall generally assist the President and shall have such powers and perform such duties and services as shall from time to time be prescribed or delegated to him by the President or the Board.

(c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members; 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.

(d) **Assistant Secretaries.** Each Assistant Secretary shall generally assist the Secretary and shall have such powers and perform such duties and services as shall from time to time be prescribed or delegated to him or her by the Secretary, the President, the Board or any committee established by the Board.

(e) **Treasurer.** 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; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account in appropriate form such that they could be audited by a public accountant whenever ordered by the Board or the membership; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the Members.

ARTICLE VIII OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Section 8.1. Committees. The Board may, by resolution adopted by affirmative vote of a Majority of the number of Directors fixed by these Bylaws, designate two or more Directors (with such alternates, if any, as may be deemed desirable) to constitute another committee or committees for any purpose; provided, that any such other committee or committees shall have and may exercise only the power of recommending action to the Board and of carrying out and implementing any instructions or any policies, plans, programs and rules theretofore approved, authorized and adopted by the Board.

ARTICLE IX BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 9.1. 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 Master Restrictions shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

ARTICLE X CORPORATE SEAL

Section 10.1. Seal Optional. The Association may, but shall have no obligation to, have a seal in a form adopted by the Board.

ARTICLE XI DECLARANT PROVISIONS

Section 11.1. Conflict. The provisions of this Article control over any provision to the contrary elsewhere in these Bylaws.

Section 11.2. Board of Directors. During the Development Period, The Declarant is entitled to appoint and remove all members of the Board until Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Development. Until Declarant's right to appoint all members of the Board terminates, the Directors appointed by Declarant need not be Owners or residents and may not be removed by the Owners. In addition, Declarant has the right to fill vacancies in any directorship vacated by a Declarant appointee. Declarant's right to appoint and remove all members of the Board may be terminated by the recording in the Official Public Records of Williamson County of an instrument executed by the Declarant.

**ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS**

Section 12.1. Amendment. These Bylaws may be amended by a Majority vote of the Board.

Section 12.2. Conflicts. In the case of any conflict between the Certificate and these Bylaws, the Certificate shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Declaration shall control.

**ARTICLE XIII
INDEMNIFICATION**

Section 13.1. Mandatory Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify every Director, Officer and committee member of the Association against, and reimburse and advance to every Director, Officer and committee member for, all liabilities, costs and expenses' incurred in connection with such directorship or office and any actions taken or omitted in such capacity to the greatest extent permitted under the Texas Business Organizations Code and all other applicable laws at the time of such indemnification, reimbursement or advance payment; provided, however, no Director, Officer or committee member shall be indemnified for: (a) a breach of duty of loyalty to the Association or its Members; (b) an act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law; (c) a transaction from which such Director, Officer or committee member received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of directorship or office; or (d) an act or omission for which the liability of such Director, Officer or committee member is expressly provided for by statute.

**ARTICLE XIV
FISCAL YEAR**

Section 14.1. Fiscal Year. 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.