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EAST PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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#### EAST PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

# Article I **Name. Principal Office, and Definitions**

- 1.1. <u>Name.</u> The name of the corporation is East Park Community Association, Inc. (the "Association").
- 1.2. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Association shall be located in Cobb County, Georgia. The Association may have such other offices, either within or outside the State of Georgia, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require.
- 1.3. <u>Definitions</u>. The words used in these By-Laws shall be given their normal, commonly understood definitions. Capitalized terms shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for East Park filed in the Public Records of Cobb County, Georgia, as it may be amended (the "Declaration"), unless the context indicates otherwise.

## Article II Membership: Meetings, Quorum, Voting. Proxies

- 2.1. <u>Membership.</u> The Association shall have two classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B," as more fully set forth in the Declaration, the terms of which pertaining to membership are incorporated by this reference.
- 2.2. <u>Place of Meetings.</u> Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Members as may be designated by the Board, either within the Community or as convenient as is possible and practical.
- 2.3. <u>Annual Meetings.</u> The first meeting of the Association, whether a regular or special meeting, shall be held within one year from the date of incorporation of the Association. Subsequent regular annual meetings shall be set by the Board so as to occur during the third quarter of the Association's fiscal year on a date and at a time set by the Board.
- 2.4. <u>Special Meetings.</u> The President may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting if so directed by resolution of the Board or upon a petition signed by Members representing at least 25% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association.

2.5. <u>Notice of Meetings.</u> 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, not less than 10 nor more than 50 days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President or 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 By-Laws, 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 its address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage prepaid.

- 2.6. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. 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 or the Member's proxy shall be deemed waiver by such Member of notice of the time, date, and place thereof, unless such Member or proxy specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting also shall be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted at such meeting unless an objection on the basis of lack of proper notice is raised before the business is put to a vote.
- 2.7. <u>Adjournment of Meetings.</u> If any meeting of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, Members or their proxies holding a majority of the votes represented at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than 5 nor more than 30 days from the time the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called. If a time and place for reconvening the meeting is not fixed by those in attendance at the original meeting or if for any reason a new date is fixed for reconvening the meeting after adjournment, notice of the time and place for reconvening the meeting shall be given to Members in the manner prescribed for regular meetings.

The Members represented at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum, provided that any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the votes required to constitute a quorum.

- 2.8. <u>Voting.</u> The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration and in these By-Laws, and such voting rights provisions are specifically incorporated by this reference.
- 2.9. <u>Proxies.</u> At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person (if a corporation, partnership or trust, through any officer, director, partner or trustee duly authorized to act on behalf of the Member) or by proxy, subject to the limitations of Georgia law. All

proxies shall be in writing specifying the Unit(s) for which it is given, signed by the Member or its duly authorized attorney-in-fact, dated and filed with the Secretary of the Association prior to any meeting for which it is to be effective. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the proxy, a proxy shall be presumed to cover all votes which the Member giving such proxy is entitled to cast, and in the event of any conflict between two or more proxies purporting to cover the same voting rights, the later dated proxy shall prevail, or if dated as of the same date, both shall be deemed invalid. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance of any Unit for which it was given, or upon receipt of notice by the Secretary of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a Member who is a natural person, or of written revocation, or 11 months from the date of the proxy, unless a shorter period is specified in the proxy.

- 2.10. <u>Majority</u>. As used in these By-Laws, the term "majority" shall mean those votes, Owners, Members, or other group, as the context may indicate, totaling more than 50% of the total eligible number.
- 2.11. Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws or in the Declaration, the presence, in person or by proxy, of Members representing 25% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association.
- 2.12. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted and all other transactions occurring at such meetings.
- 2.13. 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 all Members entitled to vote thereon. Such consent 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 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 III Board of Directors: Selection, Meetings.. Powers

#### A. Composition and Selection.

3.1. Governing Body: Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, each of whom shall have one equal vote. Except with respect to directors appointed by the Class "B" Member, the directors shall be Members or Residents; provided, no Owner and Resident representing the same Unit may serve on the Board at the same time. A "Resident" shall be any natural person 18 years of age or older whose principal place of residence is a Unit within the Community. In the case of a Member which is not a natural person, any officer, director, partner, employee or trust officer of such Member shall be eligible to serve as a director unless otherwise specified by written notice to the Association signed by

such Member; provided, no Member may have more than one such representative on the Board at a time, except in the case of directors appointed by the Class "B" Member.

- 3.2. <u>Number of Directors.</u> The Board shall consist of three to five directors, as provided in Sections 3.3 and 3.5 below. The initial Board shall consist of three directors as identified in the Articles of Incorporation.
- 3.3. <u>Directors During Class "B" Control Period.</u> During the Class "B" membership, the directors shall be selected by the Class "B" Member acting in its sole discretion and shall serve at the pleasure of the Class "B" Member. Upon the termination of the Class "B" membership, or at such earlier time if the Class "B" Member, in its discretion, so determines, directors shall be elected at a meeting of the Association by the Class "A" Members and shall serve terms as set forth in Section 3.5.

#### 3.4. Nomination and Election Procedures.

(a) <u>Nominations and Declarations of Candidacy.</u> Prior to each election of directors by the Class "A" Members, the Board shall prescribe the opening date and the closing date of a reasonable filing period in which each and every eligible person who has a bona-fide interest in serving as a director may file as a candidate for any position to be filled by votes of Class "A" Members. The Board shall also establish such other rules and regulations as it deems appropriate to conduct the nomination of directors in a fair, efficient and cost-effective manner.

Except with respect to directors selected by the Class "B" Member, nominations for election to the Board may also be made by a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, if any, shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board, and three or more Members or representatives of Members. The Board shall appoint the members of the Nominating Committee, if any, and their appointments shall be made known to the membership in the notice of the election.

The Nominating Committee may make as many nominations for election to the Board as it shall in its discretion determine. In making its nominations, the Nominating Committee shall use reasonable efforts to nominate candidates representing the diversity which exists within the pool of potential candidates. Each candidate shall be given a reasonable, uniform opportunity to communicate his or her qualifications to the Members and to solicit votes.

- (b) <u>Election Procedures</u>. Each Owner may cast the entire vote assigned to his or her Unit for each position to be filled on the Board. There shall be no cumulative voting. That number of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. Directors may be elected to serve any number of consecutive terms.
- 3.5. Election and Term of Office. Within 30 days of the termination of the Class "B" membership, or such earlier time if the Class <sup>M</sup>B" Member, in its discretion, so determines, the Board shall increase to five members. The President shall call for an election by which the Class "A" Members shall be entitled to elect all of the directors to the Board. In order to assure balanced Board representation based on distinct product type, one of the five directors shall be

elected from the Alexandria Neighborhood. The remaining four directors may be elected from any Neighborhood. The three of the five directors receiving the largest number of votes are elected for a term of two years and the remaining two directors are elected for a term of one year. All subsequent elections shall elect directors for a term of two years. The directors elected by the Class "A" Members shall hold office until their respective successors have been elected.

3.6. Removal of Directors and Vacancies. Any director elected by the Class "A" Members may be removed, with or without cause, by Class "A" Members holding a majority of the votes entitled to be cast for his or her election. Any director whose removal is sought shall be given notice prior to any meeting called for that purpose. Upon removal of a director, a successor shall be elected by the Class "A" Members to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of such director.

Any director elected by the Class "A" Members who has three or more consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings, or who is more than 30 days delinquent (or is the representative of a Member who is so delinquent) in the payment of any assessment or other charge due the Association, may be removed by a majority of the directors present at a regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present, and the Board may appoint a successor to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

In the event of the death, disability, or resignation of a director elected by the Class "A" Members, the Board may declare a vacancy and appoint a successor to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting, at which time the Class "A" Members shall elect a successor for the remainder of the term. Any director removed or vacancy occurring from the Alexandria Neighborhood shall be filled by a Person from such Neighborhood,

This Section shall not apply to directors appointed by the Class "B" Member nor to any director serving as a representative of the Declarant. The Class "B" Member shall be entitled to appoint a successor to fill any vacancy on the Board resulting from the death, disability or resignation of a director appointed by or elected as a representative of the Class "B" Member.

### B. Meetings.

- 3.7. <u>Organizational Meetings</u>. The first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the membership shall be held within 10 days thereafter at such time and place as the Board shall fix.
- 3.8. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place as a majority of the directors shall determine, but at least four such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year with at least one per quarter.
- 3.9. <u>Special Meetings.</u> Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by written notice signed by the President or Vice President or by any two directors. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered.

#### 3.10. Notice: Waiver of Notice.

- (a) Notice of the time and place of a regular meeting shall be communicated to directors not less than four calendar days prior to the meeting. Notice of the time and place of a special meeting shall be communicated to directors not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. No notice need be given to any director who has signed a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding of the meeting. The notice shall be given to each director by: (i) personal delivery; (ii) first class mail, postage prepaid; (iii) telephone communication, either directly to the director or to a person at the director's office or home who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the director; or (iv) facsimile, computer, fiber optics or such other communication device,, All such notices shall be given at the director's telephone number, fax number, electronic mail number, or sent to the directors address as shown on the records of the Association. Notices of special meetings of the Board shall be posted in a prominent place within the Community. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited into a United States mailbox at least seven business days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, or other device shall be delivered or transmitted at least 72 hours before the time set for the meeting.
- (b) The transactions of any meeting of the Board, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if (i) a quorum is present, and (ii) either before or after the meeting each of the directors not present signs i written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting also shall be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.
- 3.11. <u>Telephonic Participation in Meetings.</u> Members of the Board or any committee designated by the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this subsection shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.
- 3.12. Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board, unless otherwise specifically provided in these By-Laws or the Declaration. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting. If any meeting of the Board cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the directors present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five nor more than 30 days from the date of the original meeting. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.
- 3.13. <u>Compensation.</u> Directors shall not receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such unless approved by Members representing a majority of the total

Class "A" votes in the Association at a regular or special meeting of the Association. Any director may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association upon approval of a majority of the other directors. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Association from compensating a director, or any entity with which a director is affiliated, for services or supplies furnished to the Association in a capacity other than as a director pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Association, provided that such director's interest was made known to the Board prior to entering into such contract and such contract was approved by a majority of the Board of Directors, excluding the interested director.

- 3.14. <u>Conduct of Meetings.</u> The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of Board meetings recording all Board resolutions and all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings.
- 3.15. Open Meetings. Subject to the provisions of Section 3.16, all meetings of the Board shall be open to all Members, but Members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless permission to speak is requested on his or her behalf by a director. In such case, the President may limit the time any Member may speak. Notwithstanding the above, the President may adjourn any meeting of the Board and reconvene in executive session, and may exclude Members, to discuss matters of a sensitive nature, such as pending or threatened litigation, personnel matters, etc.
- 3.16. Action Without a Formal Meeting. Any action to be taken at a meeting of the directors or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

  C. Powers and Duties.
- 3.17. <u>Powers.</u> The Board of Directors shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and for performing all responsibilities and exercising all rights of the Association as set forth in the Governing Documents and as provided by law. The Board may do or cause to be done all acts and things as are not directed by the Governing Documents or Georgia law to be done and exercised exclusively by the membership generally.
  - 3.18. Duties. The duties of the Board shall include, without limitation:
- (a) preparing and adopting, in accordance with the Declaration, an annual budget establishing each Owner's share of the Common Expenses and any Neighborhood Expenses;
  - (b) levying and collecting such assessments from the Owners;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of the Area of Common Responsibility;

- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary to carry out the rights and responsibilities of the Association and where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and materials to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;
- (e) depositing all funds received on behalf of the Association in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using such funds to operate the Association; provided, any reserve fund may be deposited, in the directors<sup>1</sup> best business judgment, in depositories other than banks:
- (f) making and amending use restrictions and rules in accordance with the Declaration:
- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to or alterations of the Common Area in accordance with the Declaration and these By-Laws;
- (i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Governing Documents and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association; provided, the Association shall not be obligated to take action to enforce any covenant, restriction or rule which the Board reasonably determines is, or is likely to be construed as, inconsistent with applicable law, or in any case in which the Board reasonably determines that the Association's position is not strong enough to justify taking enforcement action:
- (j) obtaining and carrying property and liability insurance and fidelity bonds, as provided in the Declaration, paying the cost thereof, and filing and adjusting claims, as appropriate;
  - (k) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association;
- (l) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Association;
- (m) making available to any prospective purchaser of a Unit, any Owner, and the holders, insurers, and guarantors of any Mortgage on any Unit, current copies of the Governing Documents and all other books, records, and financial statements of the Association, as provided in Section 6.4:
- (n) permitting utility suppliers to use portions of the Common Area reasonably necessary to the ongoing development or operation of the Community; and

- (o) indemnifying a director, officer or committee member, or former director, officer or committee member of the Association to the extent such indemnity is required under Georgia law, the Articles of Incorporation or the Declaration.
- 3.19. <u>Right of Class "B" Member to Disapprove Actions.</u> So long as the Class "B" membership exists, if the Class "B" Member has voluntarily terminated the Class "B" Control Period and the Class "A" Members are entitled to elect a majority of the directors to the Board, the Class "B" Member shall have a right to disapprove any action, policy or program of the Association, the Board and any committee which, in the sole judgment of the Class "B" Member, would tend to impair rights of the Declarant or Builders under the Declaration or these By-Laws, or interfere with development of or construction on any portion of the Community, or diminish the level of services being provided by the Association.
- (a) The Class "B" Member shall be given written notice of all meetings and proposed actions approved at meetings (or by written consent in lieu of a meeting) of the Association, the Board or any committee. Such notice shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery at the address it has registered with the Secretary of the Association, which notice complies as to the Board meetings with Sections 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, and 3.11 and which notice shall, except in the case of the regular meetings held pursuant to the By-Laws, set forth in reasonable particularity the agenda to be followed at said meeting; and
- (b) The Class "B" Member shall be given the opportunity at any such meeting to join in or to have its representatives or agents join in discussion from the floor of any prospective action, policy, or program which would be subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein.

No action, policy or program subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein shall become effective or be implemented until and unless the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) above have been met.

The Class "B" Member, its representatives or agents shall make its concerns, thoughts, and suggestions known to the Board and/or the members of the subject committee. The Class "B" Member, acting through any officer or director, agent or authorized representative, may exercise its right to disapprove at any time within 10 days following the meeting at which such action was proposed or, in the case of any action taken by written consent in lieu of a meeting, at any time within 10 days following receipt of written notice of the proposed action. This right to disapprove may be used to block proposed actions but shall not include a right to require any action or counteraction on behalf of any committee, or the Board or the Association. The Class "B" Member shall not use its right to disapprove to reduce the level of services which the Association is obligated to provide or to prevent capital repairs or any expenditure required to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

3.20. <u>Management.</u> The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at such compensation as the Board may establish, to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize. The Board of Directors may delegate such powers as are necessary to perform the manager's assigned duties, but shall not



delegate policy making authority. The Declarant, or an affiliate of the Declarant, may be employed as managing agent or manager

The Board of Directors may delegate to one of its members the authority to act on behalf of the Board on all matters relating to the duties of the managing agent or manager, if any, which might arise between meetings of the Board.

- 3.21. <u>Accounts and Reports.</u> The following management standards of performance shall be followed unless the Board by resolution specifically determines otherwise:
- (a) accrual accounting, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, shall be employed;
- (b) accounting and controls should conform to generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) cash accounts of the Association shall not be commingled with any other accounts;
- (d) no remuneration shall be accepted by the managing agent from vendors, independent contractors, or others providing goods or services to the Association, whether in the form of commissions, finder's fees, service fees, prizes, gifts, or otherwise; any thing of value received shall benefit the Association;
- (e) any financial or other interest which the managing agent may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association shall be disclosed promptly to the Board;
- (f) an annual report consisting of at least the following shall be made available to all Members within 120 days after the close of the fiscal year: (1) a balance sheet; (2) an operating (income) statement; and (3) a statement of changes in financial position for the fiscal year. Such annual report may be prepared on an audited, reviewed or compiled basis, as the Board determines by an independent public accountant; provided, upon written request of any holder, guarantor or insurer of any first Mortgage on a Unit, the Association shall provide an audited financial statement.
- 3.22. <u>Borrowing.</u> The Association shall have the power to borrow money for any legal purpose; provided, the Board shall obtain Member approval in the same manner provided for Special Assessments in Section 8.6 of the Declaration if the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of making discretionary capital improvements and the total amount of such borrowing, together with all other debt incurred within the previous 12-month period, exceeds or would exceed 20% of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year.
- 3.23. <u>Right to Contract.</u> The Association shall have the right to contract with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions. This right shall include, without limitation, the right to enter into common management, operational, or other agreements with trusts, condominiums, cooperatives, or other owners or residents associations, within and outside

the Community; provided, any common management agreement shall require the consent of a majority of the total number of directors of the Association.

- 3.24. <u>Enforcement.</u> In addition to such other rights as are specifically granted under the Declaration, the Board shall have the power to impose reasonable monetary fines, which shall constitute a lien upon the Unit of the violator, and to suspend an Owner's right to vote for violation of any duty imposed under the Governing Documents. In addition, the Board may suspend any services provided by the Association to an Owner or the Owner's Unit if the Owner is more than 30 days delinquent in paying any assessment or other charges owed to the Association. In the event that any occupant, tenant, employee, guest or invitee of a Unit violates the Governing Documents and a fine is imposed, the fine shall first be assessed against the occupant; provided, however, if the fine is not paid by the occupant within the time period set by the Board, the fine shall be assessed against the Unit and the Owner thereof upon notice from the Association. The failure of the Board to enforce any provision of the Governing Documents shall not be deemed a waiver of the right of the Board to do so thereafter.
- (a) Notice. Prior to imposition of any sanction hereunder or under the Declaration, the Board or its delegate shall serve the alleged violator with written notice describing (i) the nature of the alleged violation, (ii) the proposed sanction to be imposed, (iii) a period of not less than 10 days within which the alleged violator may present a written request for a hearing to the Board or the Covenants Committee, if one has been appointed pursuant to Article V; and (iv) a statement that the proposed sanction shall be imposed as contained in the notice unless a challenge is begun within 10 days of the notice. If a timely challenge is not made, the sanction stated in the notice shall be imposed; provided, the Board or Covenants Committee may, but shall not be obligated to, suspend any proposed sanction if the violation is cured within the 10-day period. Such suspension shall not constitute a waiver of the right to sanction future violations of the same or other provisions and rules by any Person.
- (b) <u>Hearing.</u> If a hearing is requested within the allotted 10-day period, the hearing shall be held before the Covenants Committee, if one, or if none, then before the Board in executive session. The alleged violator shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of proper notice shall be placed in the minutes of the meeting. Such proof shall be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice, together with a statement of the date and manner of delivery, is entered by the officer, director, or agent who delivered such notice. The notice requirement shall be deemed satisfied if the alleged violator or its representative appears at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing and the sanction, if any, imposed.
- (c) <u>Appeal.</u> Following a hearing before the Covenants Committee, the violator shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors. To exercise this right, a written notice of appeal must be received by the manager, President, or Secretary of the Association within 10 days after the hearing date.
- (d) <u>Additional Enforcement Rights.</u> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article, the Board may elect to enforce any provision of the Governing Documents by self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the towing of vehicles that are in violation of

parking rules) or, following compliance with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Article XV of the Declaration, if applicable, by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both, without the necessity of compliance with the procedure set forth above. In any such action, to the maximum extent permissible, the Owner or occupant responsible for the violation of which abatement is sought shall pay all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred. Any entry onto a Unit for purposes of exercising this power of self-help shall not be deemed as trespass.

3.25. <u>Board Standards.</u> While conducting the Association's business affairs, the Board shall be protected by the business judgment rule. The business judgment rule protects a director from personal liability so long as the party claiming liability does not prove that the director failed to: (a) serve in a manner the director believes to be in the best interests of the Association and the Members; (b) serve in good faith; or (c) act with such care as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.

In fulfilling its governance responsibilities, the Board's actions shall be governed and tested by the rule of reasonableness. The Board shall exercise its power in a fair and nondiscriminatory manner and shall adhere to the procedures established in the Governing Documents.

Operational standards of the Board and any committee appointed by the Board shall be the requirements set forth in the Governing Documents or the minimum standards which Declarant, the Board, and the Architectural Review Committee may establish. Such standard shall, in all cases, meet or exceed the standards set by Declarant and the Board during the Class "B" membership. Operational standards may evolve as the needs and demands of East Park change.

# Article IV Officers

- 4.1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Secretary shall be elected from among the members of the Board; other officers may, but need not be members of the Board. The Board may appoint such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have such authority and perform such duties as the Board prescribes. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.
- 4.2. <u>Election and Term of Office.</u> The Board shall elect the officers of the Association at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the Members, to serve until their successors are elected.
- 4.3. <u>Removal and Vacancies.</u> The Board may remove any officer whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association will be served, and may fill any vacancy in any

office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, for the unexpired portion of the term.

- 4.4. <u>Powers and Duties.</u> The officers of the Association shall each have such powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices, as well as such powers and duties as may specifically be conferred or imposed by the Board of Directors. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the preparation of the budget as provided for in the Declaration and may delegate all or part of the preparation and notification duties to a finance committee, management agent, or both.
- 4.5. <u>Resignation.</u> Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the 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.
- 4.6. <u>Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks, Etc.</u> All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least two officers or by such other person or persons as may be designated by Board resolution.
- 4.7. <u>Compensation.</u> Compensation of officers shall be subject to the same limitations as compensation of directors under Section 3.13.

# Article V Committees

- 5.1. <u>General.</u> The Board may appoint such committees as it deems appropriate to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as the Board may designate by resolution. Each committee shall operate in accordance with the terms of such resolution,
- 5.2. <u>Covenants Committee.</u> In addition to any other committees which the Board may establish pursuant to the Declaration, these By-Laws and, specifically, Section 5.1, the Board may appoint a Covenants Committee consisting of at least three and no more than seven Members. Acting in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws, and resolutions the Board may adopt, the Covenants Committee, if established, shall be the hearing tribunal of the Association and shall conduct all hearings held pursuant to Section 3.24 of these By-Laws.
- 5.3. <u>Neighborhood Committee.</u> In addition to any other committees appointed as provided above, each Neighborhood may elect a Neighborhood Committee to determine the nature and extent of services, if any, to be provided to the Neighborhood by the Association in addition to those provided to all Members of the Association in accordance with the Declaration. A Neighborhood Committee may advise the Board on any other issue but shall not have the authority to bind the Board. Such Neighborhood Committees, if elected, shall consist of three to

five Members, as determined by the vote of at least 51% of the Owners of Units within the Neighborhood.

Neighborhood Committee members shall be elected for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. Any director elected to the Board from a Neighborhood shall be an ex officio member of the Neighborhood Committee.

In the conduct of its duties and responsibilities, each Neighborhood Committee shall abide by the notice and quorum requirements applicable to the Board under Sections 3.9, 3.10, 3.11, and 3.12. Meetings of a Neighborhood Committee shall be open to all Owners of Units in the Neighborhood and their representatives. Members of a Neighborhood Committee may act by unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting.

## Article VI Miscellaneous

- 6.1. <u>Fiscal Year.</u> The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year unless the Board establishes a different fiscal year by resolution.
- 6.2. <u>Parliamentary Rules.</u> Except as may be modified by Board resolution, <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> (current edition) shall govern the conduct of Association proceedings when not in conflict with Georgia law or the Governing Documents.
- 6.3. <u>Conflicts.</u> If there are conflicts between the provisions of Georgia law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, and these By-Laws, the provisions of Georgia law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws (in that order) shall prevail.

#### 6.4. Books and Records.

- (a) <u>Inspection by Members and Mortgagees.</u> The Board shall make available for inspection and copying by any holder, insurer or guarantor of a first Mortgage on a Unit, any Member, or the duly appointed representative of any of the foregoing at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her interest in a Unit: the Declaration, By-Laws, and Articles of Incorporation, any amendments to the foregoing, the Use Restrictions and Rules, the membership register, books of account, and the minutes of meetings of the Members, the Board, and committees. The Board shall provide for such inspection to take place at the office of the Association or at such other place within the Community as the Board shall designate.
- (b) <u>Rules for Inspection.</u> The Board shall establish reasonable rules with respect to: (i) notice to be given to the custodian of the records; (ii) hours and days of the week when such an inspection may be made; and (iii) payment of the cost of reproducing copies of documents requested.
- (c) <u>Inspection by Directors.</u> Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of the Association and the physical

properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a director includes the right to make a copy of relevant documents at the expense of the Association.

- 6.5. <u>Notices.</u> Except as otherwise provided in the Declaration or these By-Laws, all notices, demands, bills, statements, and other communications under the Declaration or these By-Laws shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or when sent by United States mail, first class postage prepaid:
- (a) if to a Member, at the address which the Member has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary or, if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Unit of such Member; or
- (b) if to the Association, the Board of Directors, or the managing agent, at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, or at such other address as shall be designated by notice in writing to the Members pursuant to this Section.

#### 6.6. Amendment.

- (a) <u>By Class "B" Member.</u> During the Class "B" membership, the Class "B" Member may unilaterally amend these By-Laws for any purpose. Thereafter, the Class "B" Member may amend these By-Laws if such amendment is specifically required to enable any governmental or institutional lender, purchaser, guarantor, or insurer of mortgage loans to make, purchase, insure or guarantee mortgage loans on the Units; provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Unit unless the Owner shall consent thereto in writing.
- (b) <u>By Members.</u> Except as provided above, these By-Laws may be amended only by the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Members representing at least 51% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association, and the consent of the Class "B" Member, if such exists. Notwithstanding the above, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause.
- (c) <u>Validity and Effective Date of Amendments.</u> Amendments to these By-Laws shall become effective upon recordation in the Public Records, unless a later effective date is specified therein. Any procedural challenge to an amendment must be made within six months of its recordation or such amendment shall be presumed to have been validly adopted. In no event shall a change of conditions or circumstances operate to amend any provisions of these By-Laws.

No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of Declarant or the Class "B" Member without the written consent of Declarant, the Class "B" Member, or the assignee of such right or privilege.

If a Member consents to any amendment to the Declaration or these By-Laws, it will be conclusively presumed that such Member has the authority so to consent and no contrary



provision in any Mortgage or contract between the Member and a third party will affect the validity of such amendment.

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# **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

That I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of East Park Community Association, Inc., a Georgia corporation;

That the foregoing By-Laws constitute the original By-Laws of said Association, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof held on the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

Secretary

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#### EXHIBIT "F"

### **Immunity and Indemnification of Municipal Emergency Service Providers**

- 1. Declarant, its successors in title and all subsequent Owners shall be liable in the event the City of Marietta ("City") or other emergency vehicles must "crash" a Neighborhood gate to obtain entry for emergency purposes. Such liability shall include damage to the entry gate and accompanying equipment as well as any and all damage to the emergency vehicle or personnel The decision on whether or not to crash the gate shall be left within the sole discretion of the driver of the emergency vehicle.
- 2. Neither the City nor any other emergency provider shall be liable to any Owner, occupant, employee, invitee, guest, or purchaser for delay caused by not being able to obtain access to any person or home needing emergency service caused by the inability or delay to get through the main gate of a Neighborhood.
- 3. Declarant and all subsequent Owners shall and do hereby indemnify, release, and hold harmless the City of Marietta, its Mayor, its elected officials, its employees, its agents and all emergency providers and their agents from any and all claims of any parties arising out of delays or non-entry into a gated Neighborhood. This indemnity, release, and hold harmless shall apply to claims of all parties, including the occupants of the subdivision, their guests, and any and all persons located within a gated Neighborhood.
- 4. Declarant and all subsequent Owners shall allow the City and other emergency vehicles immediate access on a twenty-four (24) hour basis to a gated Neighborhood. Neither the City nor any emergency provider shall be liable in the event that the access code should become available to other parties.
- 5. This document and the matters contained herein shall be binding upon the Association. All property held by the Association shall be subject to this agreement and the covenants set forth herein.
- 6. The above covenants shall be placed on the approved subdivision plat recorded on the deed records of Cobb County, Georgia, shall be placed in the Governing Documents of the Association and shall be referenced in each deed of conveyance from the Declarant to each subsequent lot/home purchaser in a gated Neighborhood.
- 7. Declarant and all subsequent Owners shall arrange for access for all nonemergency vehicles, such as garbage pick up, cable and other utility service.
  - 8. The amenities, common areas and streets shall be deeded to the Association.