

Common Properties; and, if necessary, enforce the payment of delinquent assessments in the manner set forth herein. In the alternative, upon assuming such maintenance obligations, the Town may levy an assessment upon each Lot on a pro rata basis for the costs of such maintenance, notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this Declaration, which assessment shall constitute a lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made. During any period that the Town assumes the obligations to maintain and care for the Common Properties, the Association shall have no obligation or authority with respect to such maintenance. The right and authority of the Town to maintain the Common Properties shall cease and terminate when the Association, its successors and assigns, shall present to the Town reasonable evidence of its willingness and ability to resume maintenance of the Common Properties. In the event the Town assumes the duty of performing the maintenance obligations of the Association as provided herein, the Town, its agents, representatives and employees shall have the right of access, ingress and egress to and over the Common Properties for the purposes of maintaining, improving, and preserving the same, and in no event, and under no circumstances, shall the Town be liable to the Association or any Owner or their respective heirs, devisees, personal representatives, successors and assigns for negligent acts or omissions (excluding, however, malfeasance and gross negligence) relating in any manner to maintaining, improving, and preserving the Common Properties.

**ARTICLE VI  
GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES  
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**6.01 Powers and Duties.** The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by its Board of Directors. Prior to the incorporation of the Association, the Declarant shall select and appoint the Board of Directors, each of whom shall be a Class A or Class B Member, or an officer, employee, representative or agent of a Class A or Class B Member. From and after the effective date of the Association's incorporation, the Board of Directors shall be selected in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association. The Board, for the benefit of the Properties, the Common Properties and the Owners, shall provide and pay for, out of the funds(s) collected by the Association pursuant to Article V above, the following:

(a) Care and preservation of the Common Properties and the furnishing and upkeep of any desired personal property for use in the Common Properties. Expenditures for the repair or installation of capital improvements, not included in the annual maintenance budget, may be paid from the reserve fund as specifically provided in Section 6.05 herein.

(b) Care and maintenance of the streets, landscaping, screening walls and entry features which may be constructed by Declarant on the Common Properties or on private property. Maintenance includes all repair, rebuilding or cleaning deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

(c) Should the Board so elect, maintenance of exterior grounds, drives, parkways, streets and access areas, including care of trees, shrubs and grass, the exact scope of which shall be further specified by the Board from time to time. In particular, the Board shall be empowered to contract with persons or entities who shall be responsible for the maintenance of landscaping, trees, shrubs, grass and like improvements which are located on the Common Properties and/or the

Lots, except for landscaping and other like improvements which are located within rear yards or side yards enclosed by solid fence, which shall be maintained by the individual Lot Owner. Maintenance services contracted for by the Board in accordance with this paragraph shall be paid for out of Association funds.

(d) The services of a person or firm to manage and/or provide consultation to the Association or any separate portion thereof, to the extent deemed advisable by the Board, and the services of such other personnel as the Board shall determine to be necessary or proper for the operation of the Association, whether such personnel are employed directly by the Board or by the manager.

(e) Legal and accounting services.

(f) A policy or policies of insurance ensuring the Association, its officers and directors against any liability to the public or to the Owners (and/or their invitees or tenants) incident to the operation of the Association, including, without limitation, officers' and directors' liability insurance.

(g) Workers' compensation insurance to the extent necessary to comply with any applicable laws.

(h) Such fidelity bonds as may be required by the Bylaws or as the Board may determine to be advisable.

(i) Any other materials, supplies, insurance or property owned by the Association, furniture, labor, services, maintenance, repairs, alterations, taxes or assessments which the Board is required to obtain or pay for pursuant to the terms of this Declaration or by law or which in its opinion shall be necessary or proper for the operation or protection of the Association or for the enforcement of this Declaration.

(j) To execute all declarations of ownership for tax assessment purposes and to pay all taxes with regard to the Common Properties.

(k) To enter into agreements or contracts with insurance companies, taxing authorities and the holders of mortgage liens on one or more Lots with respect to: (i) taxes on the Common Properties and (ii) insurance coverage of the Common Properties, as they relate to the assessment, collection and disbursement process envisioned in this Declaration.

(l) To borrow funds to pay costs of operation, secured by assignment or pledge of rights against delinquent Owners, if the Board sees fit.

(m) To enter into contracts, maintain one or more bank accounts, and generally, to have all the powers necessary or incidental to the operation and management of the Association and the Common Properties, expressly including the power to enter into management and maintenance contracts.

(n) If, as, and when the Board, in its sole discretion, deems necessary it may take action to protect or defend the Common Properties from loss or damage by suit or otherwise, to sue or defend in any court of law on behalf of the Association and to provide adequate reserves for repairs and replacements.

(o) To make reasonable rules and regulations for the operation and use of the Common Properties and to amend them from time to time, provided that any rule or regulation may be amended or repealed by an instrument in writing signed by a majority of the Members, or, with respect to a rule applicable to less than all of the Properties, by a majority of the Members in the portions affected.

(p) Subsequent to incorporation, to make available to each Owner, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each year, an unaudited annual report.

(q) Pursuant to Article VII herein, to adjust the amount, collect, and use any insurance proceeds to repair damage or replace lost property; and if proceeds are insufficient to repair damage or replace lost property, to assess the Members in proportionate amounts to cover the deficiency.

(r) If, as and when the Board, in its sole discretion, deems necessary, it may take action to enforce the provisions of this Declaration, the provisions of any Supplemental Declaration, any Annexation Declaration, the provisions of any additional restrictive covenants placed upon all or any part of the Properties, and any rules made hereunder, and to enjoin and/or seek damages from any Owner for violation of such provisions or rules.

(s) To collect on behalf of and for the account of any Subassociation (but not to levy) any assessment made by a Subassociation, provided neither the Board nor the Association shall have any duty or obligation to do so.

**6.02 Board Powers.** From and after the date on which the title to the Common Properties has been conveyed to the Association, the Board shall have the exclusive right to contract for all goods, services and insurance, and the exclusive right and obligation to perform the functions of the Board, except as otherwise provided herein.

**6.03 Maintenance Contracts.** The Board, on behalf of the Association, shall have full power and authority to contract with any Owner for the performance by the Association of services which the Board is not otherwise required to perform pursuant to the terms hereof, such contracts to be upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board may deem proper, advisable and in the best interest of the Association.

**6.04 Liability Limitations.** No Member, officer of the Association or member of the Board of Directors shall be personally liable for debts contracted for, or otherwise incurred by the Association, or for a tort of another Member, whether such other Member was acting on behalf of the Association or otherwise. Neither Declarant, the Association, its directors, officers, agents, or employees shall be liable for any incidental or consequential damages for failure to inspect any premises, improvements or portion thereof or for failure to repair or maintain the same.

The Common Properties may be subject to storm water overflow, natural bank erosion and other natural or man-made events or occurrences to extents which cannot be defined or controlled. Under no circumstances shall Declarant ever be held liable for any damages or injuries of any kind or character or nature whatsoever resulting from: (i) the occurrence of any natural phenomena; (ii) the failure or defect of any structure or structures situated on or within the Common Properties; and (iii) any act, conduct, omission or behavior of any individual, group of individuals, entity or enterprise occurring on, within or related to the Common Properties.

**6.05 Reserve Funds.** The Board may establish reserve funds, for such purposes as may be determined by the Board, which may be maintained and accounted for separately from other funds maintained for annual operating expenses and may establish separate, irrevocable trust accounts in order to better demonstrate that the amounts deposited therein are capital contributions and are not net income to the Association. Expenditures from any such fund will be made at the direction of the Board. The reserve fund provided for herein shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreation, health, safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners and occupants of the subdivision, and maintaining the subdivision and improvements therein, all as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors. Capital expenditures from this fund may include by way of example, but not be limited to, landscaping, irrigation systems, entrance signs, street and street light repair, drainage improvements and improvements to bodies of water or other repair of major damage to the Common Properties not covered by insurance.