

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
BY-LAWS
OF
EMPRESS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.**

A corporation not for profit organized
under the laws of the State of Florida

1. Identity. These are the By-Laws of EMPRESS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "Association"), a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, and organized for the purpose of administering that certain condominium located in Saint Lucie County, Florida, and known as THE EMPRESS, A CONDOMINIUM (the "Condominium").
 - 1.1 Principal Office. The principal office of the Association shall be at such place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all books and records of the Association shall be kept in such location within forty-five (45) miles of the Empress as designated by the Board.
 - 1.2 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.
 - 1.3 Seal. The seal of the Association shall bear the name the corporation, the word "Florida", the words "Corporation Not for Profit", and the year of incorporation.
2. Definitions. For convenience, these By-Laws shall be referred to as the "By-Laws" and the Articles of Incorporation of the Association as the "Articles". The other terms used in these By-Laws shall have the same definition and meaning as those set forth in the Declaration for the Condominium, unless herein provided to the contrary, or unless the context otherwise requires.
3. Members.
 - 3.1 Annual Meeting. The annual members' meeting shall be held on the date, at the place and at the time determined by the Board of Directors from time to time, provided that there shall be an annual meeting every calendar year and, to the extent possible, no later than twelve (12) months after the last preceding annual meeting. The purpose of the meeting shall be, except as provided herein to the contrary, to elect Directors and to transact any other business authorized to be transacted by the members, or as stated in the notice of the meeting sent to Unit Owners in advance thereof. Unless changed by the Board of Directors, the first annual meeting shall be held in the month of November following the year in which the Declaration is filed.

3.2 Special Meetings. Special members' meetings shall be held at such places as provided herein for annual meetings, and may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Association, and must be called by the President or Secretary upon receipt of a written request from a majority of the members of the Association. The business conducted at a special meeting shall be limited to that stated in the notice of the meeting. Special meetings may also be called by Unit Owners in the manner provided for in the Act.

3.3 Notice of Meeting; Waiver of Notice. Notice of a meeting of members, stating the time and place and the purpose(s) for which the meeting is called, shall be given by the President or Secretary. A copy of the notice shall be posted at a conspicuous place on the Condominium Property. The notice of the annual meeting shall be sent by mail, electronic transmission, or hand delivery to each Unit Owner, unless the Unit Owner waives in writing the right to receive notice of the annual meeting by mail. The delivery or mailing shall be to the address or email address of the member as it appears on the roster of members. The posting and sending of the notice shall be effected not less than fourteen (14) days, nor more than sixty (60) days, prior to the date of the meeting. Proof of posting shall be given by Affidavit, and proof of sending of the notice shall be given by retention of post office receipts.

Notice of specific meetings may be waived before or after the meeting and the attendance of any member (or person authorized to vote for such member) shall constitute such member's waiver of notice of such meeting, except when his (or his authorized representative's) attendance is for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called.

An officer of the Association shall provide an affidavit, to be included in the official records of the Association, affirming that notices of the Association meeting were mailed, hand delivered or sent by email in accordance with this Section and Section 718.112(2)(d) of the Act, to each Unit Owner at the address or email address last furnished to the Association. No other proof of notice of a meeting shall be required.

3.4 Quorum. A quorum at members' meetings shall be attained by the presence; either in person or by proxy, of persons entitled to cast in excess of 33 1/3% of the votes of members in good standing.

3.5 Voting.

(a) Number of Votes. Except as provided in paragraph 3.10 hereof, and except when the vote is to be determined by a percentage of shares of ownership in the Condominium (as contemplated in

specific portions of the Declaration), in any meeting of members, the Owners of Units shall be entitled to cast one vote for each Unit owned; The vote (s) of a Unit shall not be divisible.

- (b) Majority Vote. The acts approved by a majority of the votes present in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum shall have been attained shall be binding upon all Unit Owners for all purposes, except where otherwise provided by law, the Declaration, the Articles or these By-Laws. As used in these By-Laws, the Articles or the Declaration, the terms "majority of the Unit Owners" and "majority of the members" shall mean a majority of the votes of members and not a majority of the members themselves and shall further mean more than 50% of the then total authorized votes present in person or by proxy and voting at any meeting of the Unit Owners at which a quorum shall have been attained. Similarly, unless specifically stated to the contrary, if some greater percentage of members is required herein or in the Declaration or Articles, it shall mean such greater percentage of the votes of members and not of the members themselves.

- (c) Voting Member. If a Unit is owned by one person, his right to vote shall be established by the roster of members. If a Unit is owned by more than one person, those persons (including husbands and wives) shall decide among themselves as to who shall cast the vote of the Unit. In the event that those persons cannot so decide, no vote shall be cast. A person casting a vote for a Unit shall be presumed to have the authority to do so unless the President or the Board of Directors is otherwise notified. If a Unit is owned by a corporation, the person entitled to cast the vote for the Unit shall be designated by a certificate signed by an appropriate officer of the corporation and filed with the Secretary of the Association. Such person need not be a Unit Owner. Those certificates shall be valid until revoked or until superseded by a subsequent certificate or until a change in the ownership of the Unit concerned. A certificate designating the person entitled to cast the vote for a Unit may be revoked by any record owner of an undivided interest in the Unit. If a certificate designating the person entitled to cast the vote for a Unit for which such certificate is required is not on file or has been revoked, the vote attributable to such Unit shall not be considered in determining whether a quorum is present, nor for any other purpose, and the total number of authorized votes in the Association shall be reduced accordingly until such certificate is filed.

- 3.6 Proxies. Votes may be cast in person or by proxy. A proxy may be made by any person entitled to vote, but shall only be valid for the specific meeting for which originally given and any lawful adjourned meetings thereof. In no event shall any proxy be valid for a period longer than 90 days after the date of the first meeting for which it was given. Every proxy shall be revocable at any time at the pleasure of the person executing it. A proxy must be in writing, signed by the person authorized to cast the vote for the Unit (as above described), name the person(s) voting by proxy and the person authorized to vote for such person (s) and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting, or before the time to which the meeting is adjourned. Each proxy shall contain the date, time and place of the meeting for which it is given and, if a limited proxy, shall set forth the matters on which the proxy holder may vote and the manner in which the vote is to be cast. Holders of proxies need not be Unit owners.
- 3.7 Adjourned Meetings. If any proposed meeting cannot be organized because a quorum has not been attained, the members who are present, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present, provided notice of the newly scheduled meeting is given in the manner required for the giving of notice of a meeting. Except as required above, proxies given for the adjourned meeting shall be valid for the newly scheduled meeting unless revoked for reasons other than the new date of the meeting.
- 3.8 Order of Business. If a quorum has been attained, the order of business at annual members' meetings, and, if applicable, at other members' meetings, shall be:
- (a) Call to order by President;
 - (b) Appointment by the President of a chairman of the meeting (who need not be a member, officer or a director);
 - (c) Proof of notice of the meeting or waiver of notice;
 - (d) Reading of minutes;
 - (e) Reports of officers;
 - (f) Reports of committees;
 - (g) Appointment of inspectors of election;
 - (h) Determination of number of Directors to be elected;

- (i) Election of Directors;
- (j) Unfinished business;
- (k) New business;
- (l) Adjournment.

Such order may be waived in whole or in part by direction of the chairman.

- 3.9 Minutes of Meeting. The minutes of all meetings of Unit Owners shall be kept in a book available for inspection by Unit Owners or their authorized representatives and Board members at any reasonable time. The Association shall retain these minutes for a period of not less than seven years.
- 3.10 Action Without A Meeting. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, to the extent lawful, any action required to be taken at any annual or special meeting of members, or any action which may be taken at any annual or special meeting of such members, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the members (or persons authorized to cast the vote of any such members as elsewhere herein set forth) having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting of members at which a quorum of members (or authorized persons) entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. Within ten (10) days after obtaining such authorization by written consent, notice must be given to members who have not consented in writing. The notice shall fairly summarize the material features of the authorized action.

4. Directors.

- 4.1 Membership. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9), directors, the exact number to be determined in the first instance in the Articles, and, thereafter, except as provided herein, from time to time upon majority vote of the membership. Directors, must be Unit Owners or spouses of unit owners.
- 4.2 Election of Directors. The election of Directors shall be conducted in the following manner:
- (a) Election of Directors shall be held at the annual members' meeting, as provided by F.S. 718.

- (b) The election shall be by written ballot and by a plurality of the votes cast, each person voting being entitled to cast his votes for each of as many nominees as there are vacancies to be filled. There shall be no cumulative voting.

4.3 Vacancies and Removal.

- (a) Except as to vacancies resulting from removal of Directors by members, vacancies in the Board of Directors occurring between annual meetings of members shall be filled by the remaining Directors.
- (b) Any Director elected by the members may be removed by concurrence of a majority of the votes of the members at a special meeting of members called for that purpose (which shall be called upon the demand of ten percent (10%) or more of the voting interests of the Association Members) or by written agreement signed by a majority of the owners of all Units. The vacancy in the Board of Directors so created shall be filled by the members at the same meeting, or by the Board of Directors, in the case of removal by a written agreement unless said agreement also designates a new Director to take the place of the one removed. The conveyance of all Units owned by a Director in the Condominium shall constitute the resignation of such Director.
- (c) If a vacancy on the Board of Directors results in the inability to obtain a quorum of directors in accordance with these By-Laws, any Owner may apply to the Circuit Court within those jurisdictions the Condominium lies for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the Association. At least thirty (30) days prior to applying to the Circuit Court, the Unit Owner shall mail to the Association and post in a conspicuous place on the Condominium Property a notice describing the intended action and giving the Association an opportunity to fill the vacancy(ies) in accordance with these By-Laws. If, during such time, the Association fails to fill the vacancy(ies), the Unit Owner may proceed with the petition. If a receiver is appointed, the Association shall be responsible for the salary of the receiver, court costs and attorneys' fees. The receiver shall have all powers and duties of a duly constituted Board of Directors, and shall serve until the Association fills the vacancy(ies) on the Board sufficient to constitute a quorum in accordance with these By-Laws.

4.4 Term.

- (1) Except as provided herein to the contrary, the term of each Director's service shall extend until the next annual meeting of the members and subsequently until his successor is duly elected and has taken office, or until he is removed in the manner elsewhere provided.
- (2) Staggered or non-staggered terms for directors shall be determined from time to time upon a majority vote of the members of the Association represented at a meeting at which a quorum has been attained. If staggered terms are approved by the membership, the term of the Director's service shall be staggered from one to two years. At the first election following the approval of staggered terms by the membership, two (2) Directors (Group A) shall serve for one year and (3) Directors (Group B) shall serve for two years. The length of the terms of all Directors elected thereafter will be two (2) years. The decision as to which Directors will be entitled to which initial term upon implementation of staggered terms will be decided by lottery. If the directors have staggered terms, then any increase or decrease in the number of Directors shall be apportioned among the groups so as to make all groups as nearly equal in number as possible.

4.5 Organizational Meeting. The organizational meeting of newly-elected or appointed Directors shall be held within ten (10) days of their election or appointment at such place and time as shall be fixed by the Directors at the meeting at which they were elected or appointed, and no further notice to the Board of the organizational meeting shall be necessary.

4.6 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and place as shall be determined, from time to time, by a majority of the Directors. Notice of regular meetings shall be given to each Director, personally or by mail, telephone or telegraph, and shall be transmitted at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all Unit Owners and notice of such meetings shall be posted conspicuously on the Condominium Property at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance for the attention of the members of the Association, except in the event of an emergency.

4.7 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Directors may be called by the President, and must be called by the President or Secretary at the written request of one-third (1/3) of the Directors. Notice of the meeting shall be given personally or by mail, telephone or telegraph, which notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting, and shall be transmitted not less than three (3) days prior to the meeting. Special meetings of the

Board of Directors shall be open to all Unit Owners and notice of a special meeting shall be posted conspicuously on the Condominium Property at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance for the attention of the members of the Association, except in the event of an emergency.

- 4.8 Waiver of Notice. Any Director may waive notice of a meeting before or after the meeting and that waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the due receipt by said Director of notice. Attendance by any Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when his attendance is for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called.
- 4.9 Quorum. A quorum at Directors' meetings shall consist of a majority of the entire Board of Directors. The acts approved by a majority of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the acts of the Board of Directors, except when approval by a greater number of Directors is specifically required by the Declaration, the Articles or these By-Laws.
- 4.10 Adjourned Meetings. If, at any proposed meeting of the Board of Directors, there is less than a quorum present, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present, provided notice of such newly scheduled meeting is given as required hereunder. At any newly scheduled meeting, any business that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called may be transacted without further notice.
- 4.11 Joinder in Meeting by Approval of Minutes. The joinder of a Director in the action of a meeting by signing and concurring in the minutes of that meeting shall constitute the approval of that Director of the business conducted at the meeting, but such joinder shall not allow the applicable Director to be counted as being present for purposes of quorum.
- 4.12 Presiding Officer. The presiding officer at the Directors' meetings shall be the President (who may, however, designate any other Unit Owner to preside).
- 4.13 Order of Business. If a quorum has been attained, the order of business at Directors' meetings shall be:
- (a) Proof of due notice of meeting;
 - (b) Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes;
 - (c) Reports of officers and committees;

- (d) Election of officers;
- (e) Unfinished business;
- (f) New business;
- (g) Adjournment.

Such order may be waived in whole or in part by direction of the presiding officer.

- 4.14 Minutes of Meetings. The minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be kept in a book available for inspection by Unit Owners, or their authorized representatives, and Board members at any reasonable time. The Association shall retain these minutes for a period of not less than seven years.
- 4.15 Executive Committee; Other Committees. The Board of Directors may, by resolution duly adopted, appoint an Executive Committee to consist of three (3) or more members of the Board of Directors. Such Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors in management of the business and affairs of the Condominium during the period between the meetings of the Board of Directors insofar as may be permitted by law, except that the Executive Committee shall not have power (a) to determine the Common Expenses required for the affairs of the Condominium, (b) to determine the Assessments payable by the Unit Owners to meet the Common Expenses of the Condominium, (c) to adopt or amend any rules and regulations covering the details of the operation and use of the Condominium Property, or (d) to exercise any of the powers set forth in paragraph (f) and (o) of Section 5 below.

The Board may by resolution also create other committees and appoint persons to such committees and invest in such committees such powers and responsibilities as the Board shall deem advisable.

5. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Condominium and may take all acts; through the proper officers of the Association, in executing such powers, except such acts which by law, the Declaration, the Articles or these By-Laws may not be delegated to the Board of Directors by the Unit Owners. Such powers and duties of the Board of Directors shall include, without limitation (except as limited elsewhere herein), the following:
- (a) Operating and maintaining the Common Elements.

- (b) Determining the expenses required for the operation of the Condominium and the Association.
- (c) Employing and dismissing the personnel necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Common Elements.
- (d) Adopting and amending rules and regulations concerning the details of the operation and use of the Condominium Property, subject to a right of the Unit Owners to overrule the Board as provided in Section 13 hereof.
- (e) Maintaining bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required therefore.
- (f) Purchasing, leasing or otherwise acquiring Units or other property in the name of the Association, or its designee.
- (g) Purchasing Units at foreclosure or other judicial sales, in the name of the Association, or its designee.
- (h) Selling, leasing, mortgaging or otherwise dealing with Units acquired, and subleasing Units leased, by the Association, or its designee.
- (i) Organizing corporations and appointing persons to act as designees of the Association in acquiring title to or leasing Units or other property.
- (j) Obtaining and reviewing insurance for the Condominium Property.
- (k) Making repairs, additions and improvements to, or alterations of, the Condominium Property, and repairs to and restoration of the Condominium Property, in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, or as a result of condemnation or eminent domain proceedings or otherwise.
- (l) Enforcing obligations of the Unit Owners, allocating profits and expenses and taking such other actions as shall be deemed necessary and proper for the sound management of the Condominium.
- (m) Levying fines against appropriate Unit Owners for violations of the rules and regulations established by the Association to govern the conduct of such Unit Owners. No fine shall exceed \$50.00 (or such

greater amount as may be permitted by law from time to time) nor shall any fine be levied except after giving reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing to the affected Unit Owner and, if applicable, his tenant, licensee or invitee. No fine shall become a lien upon a Unit.

- (n) Purchasing or leasing Units for use by resident superintendents and other similar persons.
- (o) Borrowing money on behalf of the Condominium when required in connection with the operation, care, upkeep and maintenance of the Common Elements or the acquisition of property, and granting mortgages on and/or security interests in Association owned property; provided, however, that the consent of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Units represented at a meeting at which a quorum has been attained in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws shall be required for the borrowing of any sum which would cause the total outstanding indebtedness of the Association to exceed \$10,000.00. If any sum borrowed by the Board of Directors on behalf of the Condominium pursuant to the authority contained in this subparagraph (o) is not repaid by the Association, a Unit Owner who pays to the creditor such portion thereof as his interest in his Common Elements bears to the interest of all the Unit Owners in the Common Elements shall be entitled to obtain from the creditor a release of any judgment or other lien which said creditor shall have filed or shall have the right to file against, or which will affect, such Unit Owner's Unit.
- (p) Contracting for the management and maintenance of the Condominium Property and authorizing a management agent to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing such functions as the submission of proposals, collection of Assessments, preparation of records, enforcement of rules and maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Common Elements with such funds as shall be made available by the Association for such purposes. The Association and its officers shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties granted by the Condominium documents and the Act; including, but not limited to, the making of Assessments, promulgation of rules and execution of contracts on behalf of the Association.
- (q) At its discretion, authorizing Unit Owners or other persons to use portions of the Common Elements for private parties and gatherings (and imposing reasonable charges for such private use, but only if pursuant to a lease of the applicable facility).

- (r) Exercising (i) all powers specifically set forth in the Declaration, the Articles, these By-Laws and in the Act, (ii) all powers incidental thereto, and (iii) all other powers of a Florida corporation not for profit.
- (t) Imposing a lawful fee in connection with the approval of the lease or sublease of Units or an assignment of a lease or sublease not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by law in any one case.
- (u) Contracting with and creating or joining in the creation of special taxing districts, joint councils and the like.

6. Officers.

- 6.1 Executive Officers. The executive officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary (none of whom need be Directors), all of whom shall be elected by the Board of Directors and who may be peremptorily removed at any meeting by concurrence of a majority of all of the Directors. A person may hold more than one office, except that the President may not also be the Secretary. No person shall sign an instrument or perform an act in the capacity of more than one office. The Board of Directors from time to time shall elect such other officers and designate their powers and duties as the Board shall deem necessary or appropriate to manage the affairs of the Association. Officers, must be Unit Owners or spouses of unit owners.
- 6.2 President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall have all of the powers and duties that are usually vested in the office of president of an association.
- 6.3 Vice-President. The Vice-President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President. He also shall assist the President and exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are incident to the office of the vice president of an association and as may be required by the Directors or the President.
- 6.4 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the Directors and the members. He shall attend to the giving of all notices to the members and Directors and other notices required by law. He shall have custody of the seal of the Association and shall affix it to instruments requiring the seal when duly signed. He shall keep the records of the Association, except those of the Treasurer, and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of the secretary of an association and as may be required by the Directors or the President.

- 6.5 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all property of the Association, including funds, securities and evidences of indebtedness. He shall keep books of account for the Association in accordance with good accounting practices, which, together with substantiating papers, shall be made available to the Board of Directors for examination at reasonable times. He shall submit a treasurer's report to the Board of Directors at reasonable intervals and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of treasurer and as may be required by the Directors or the President. All monies and other valuable effects shall be kept for the benefit of the Association in such depositories as may be designated by a majority of the Board of Directors.
7. Compensation. Neither Directors nor officers shall receive compensation for their services as such, but this provision shall not preclude the Board of Directors from employing a Director or officer as an employee of the Association, nor preclude contracting with a Director or officer for the management of the Condominium or for any other service to be supplied by such Director or officer. Directors and officers shall be compensated for all actual and proper out of pocket expenses relating to the proper discharge of their respective duties.
8. Resignations. Any Director or officer may resign his post at any time by written resignation, delivered to the President or Secretary, which shall take effect upon its receipt unless a later date is specified in the resignation, in which event the resignation shall be effective from such date unless withdrawn. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be required to make it effective. The conveyance of all Units owned by any Director or officer shall constitute a written resignation of such Director or officer.
9. Fiscal Management. The provisions for fiscal management of the Association set forth in the Declaration and Articles shall be supplemented by the following provisions:
- 9.1 Budget.
- (a) Adoption by Board; Items. The Board of Directors shall from time to time, and at least annually, prepare a budget for the Condominium (which shall detail all accounts and items of expense and contain at least all items set forth in Section 718.504(20) of the Act, if applicable), determine the amount of Assessments payable by the Unit Owners to meet the expenses of such Condominium and allocate and assess such expenses among the Unit Owners in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration. In addition to annual operating expenses, the budget shall include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance (to the extent required by law). These accounts shall include, but not be limited to, roof replacement, building painting and pavement

resurfacing. The amount of reserves shall be computed by means of a formula which is based upon the estimated life and the estimated replacement cost of each reserve item. Reserves shall not be required if the members of the Association have, by a majority vote at a duly called meeting of members, determined for a specific fiscal year to provide no reserves or reserves less adequate than required hereby. If a meeting of Unit Owners has been called to determine to provide no reserves or reserves less adequate than required and such result is not attained or a quorum is not attained, the reserves, as included in the budget, shall go into effect.

The adoption of a budget for the Condominium shall comply with the requirements hereinafter set forth:

- (i) Notice of Meeting. A copy of the proposed budget of Common Expenses shall be mailed or sent by email to each Unit Owner not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the budget will be considered, together with a notice of that meeting indicating the time and place of such meeting. The meeting shall be open to the Unit Owners, provided that the Unit Owners shall not have the right to participate, and need not be recognized, at such meeting.
- (ii) Special Membership Meeting. If a budget is adopted by the Board of Directors which requires Assessments against such Unit Owners in any year exceeding one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of such Assessments for the preceding year, as hereinafter defined, upon written application of ten percent (10%) of the Unit Owners (i.e., 10% of the voting interests in the Association), a special meeting of the Unit Owners shall be held within thirty (30) days of delivery of such application to the Board of Directors. Each Unit Owner shall be given at least ten (10) days' notice of said meeting. At the special meeting, Unit Owners shall consider and adopt a budget. The adoption of said budget shall require a vote of Owners of not less than 50% of all the Units. If a meeting of the Unit Owners has been called as aforesaid and a quorum is not obtained or a substitute budget has not been adopted by the Unit Owners, the budget adopted by the Board of Directors shall go into effect as scheduled.
- (iii) Determination of Budget Amount. In determining whether a budget requires Assessments against Unit Owners in any year exceeding one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of

Assessments for the preceding year, there shall be excluded in the computations any authorized provisions for reasonable reserves made by the Board of Directors in respect of repair or replacement of the Condominium Property or in respect of anticipated expenses of the Association which are not anticipated to be incurred on a regular or annual basis, and there shall be excluded further from such computation Assessments for improvements to the Condominium Property.

- (b) Adoption by Membership. In the event that the Board of Directors shall be unable to adopt a budget for a fiscal year in accordance with the requirements of Subsection 9.1(a) above, the Board of Directors may call a special meeting of Unit Owners for the purpose of considering and adopting such budget, which meeting shall be called and held in the manner provided for such special meetings in said subsection, or propose a budget in writing to the members, and if such budget is adopted by the members, upon ratification by a majority of the Board of Directors, it shall become the budget for such year.

- 9.2 Assessments. Assessments against Unit Owners for their share of the items of the budget shall be made for the applicable fiscal year annually at least twenty (20) days preceding the year for which the Assessments are made. Such Assessments shall be due in equal installments, payable in advance on the first day of each month (or each quarter at the election of the Board) of the year for which the Assessments are made. If annual Assessments are not made as required, Assessments shall be presumed to have been made in the amount of the last prior Assessments, and monthly (or quarterly) installments on such Assessments shall be due upon each installment payment date until changed by amended Assessments. In the event the annual Assessments prove to be insufficient, the budget and Assessments may be amended at any time by the Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of Section 9.1 hereof, if applicable. Unpaid Assessments for the remaining portion of the fiscal year for which amended Assessments are made shall be payable in as many equal installments as there are full months (or quarters) of the fiscal year left as of the date of such amended Assessments, each such monthly (or quarterly) installment to be paid on the first day of the month (or quarter), commencing the first day of the next ensuing Month (or quarter). If only a partial month (or quarter) remains, the amended Assessments shall be paid with the next regular installment in the following year, unless otherwise directed by the Board in its resolution.

- 9.3 Assessments for Emergencies. Assessments for Common Expenses for emergencies that cannot be paid from the annual Assessments for Common Expenses shall be due only after ten (10) days' notice is given to the Unit Owners concerned, and shall be paid in such manner as the Board of Directors of the Association may require in the notice of such Assessments.
- 9.4 Depository. The depository of the Association shall be such bank or banks as shall be designated from time to time by the Directors and in which the monies of the Association shall be deposited. Withdrawal of monies from those accounts shall be made only by checks signed by such person or persons as are authorized by the Directors. All sums collected by the Association from Assessments or contributions to working capital or otherwise may be commingled in a single fund or divided into more than one fund, as determined by a majority of the Board of Directors.
- 9.5 Acceleration of Installments Upon Default. If a Unit Owner shall be in default in the payment of an installment upon his Assessments, the Board of Directors or its agent may accelerate the next three (3) months of the Assessments upon notice to the Unit Owner, and the then unpaid balance of the Assessments for the balance of the year shall be due upon the date stated in the notice, but not less than five (5) days after delivery of the notice to the Unit Owner, or not less than ten (10) days after the mailing of such notice to him by certified mail, whichever shall first occur.
- 9.6 Fidelity Bonds. Fidelity bonds of at least \$10,000.00 shall be required by the Board of Directors for all persons handling or responsible for Association funds in such amounts as shall be determined by a majority of the Board. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the Association as a Common Expense.
- 9.7 Accounting Records and Reports. The Association shall maintain accounting records in the State, according to accounting practices normally used by similar associations. The records shall be open to inspection by Unit Owners or their authorized representatives at reasonable times and written summaries of them shall be made available at least annually. The records shall include, but not be limited to, (a) a record of all receipts and expenditures, and (b) an account for each Unit designating the name and current mailing address of the Unit owner, the amount of Assessments, the dates and amounts in which the Assessments come due, the amount paid upon the account and the dates so paid, and the balance due. Written summaries of the records described in clause (a) above, in the form and manner specified below, shall be supplied to each Unit Owner annually.

Within one-hundred twenty (120) days following the end of the fiscal year, the Board shall make available to each Unit Owner without charge and upon written request, a complete financial report of actual receipts and expenditures for the previous twelve (12) months. The report shall show the amount of receipts by accounts and receipt classifications and shall show the amount of expenses by accounts and expense classifications, including, if applicable, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Cost for security;
- b. Professional and management fees and expenses;
- c. Taxes;
- d. Cost for recreation facilities;
- e. Expenses for refuse collection and utility services;
- f. Expenses for lawn care;
- g. Cost for building maintenance and repair;
- h. Insurance costs;
- i. Administrative and salary expenses; and
- j. General reserves, maintenance reserves and depreciation reserves.

9.8 Application of Payment. All payments made by a Unit Owner shall be applied as provided in these By-Laws and in the Declaration or as otherwise determined by the Board.

9.9 Notice of Meetings. Notice of any meeting where Assessments against unit Owners are to be considered for any reason shall specifically contain a statement that Assessments will be considered and the nature of any such Assessments.

10. Roster of Unit Owners. Each Unit Owner shall file with the Association a copy of the deed or other document showing his ownership. The Association shall maintain such information. The Association may rely upon the accuracy of such information for all purposes until notified in writing of changes therein as provided above. Only Unit Owners of record on the date notice of any meeting requiring their vote is given shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting, unless prior to such meeting other owners shall produce adequate evidence, as provided above, of their interest and shall waive in writing notice of such meeting.

No Owner shall be entitled to vote or to be counted for purposes of determining a quorum if delinquent in the payment of Assessments as elsewhere herein provided.

11. Parliamentary Rules. Roberts' Rules of Order (latest edition) shall govern the conduct of the Association meetings when not in conflict with the Declaration, the Articles or these By-Laws.
12. Amendments. Except as in the Declaration provided otherwise, these By-Laws may be amended in the following manner:
 - 12.1 Notice. Notice of the subject matter of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of a meeting at which a proposed amendment is to be considered.
 - 12.2 Adoption. A resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be proposed either by a majority of the Board of Directors or by not less than one-third (1/3) of the members of the Association. Directors and members not present in person or by proxy at the meeting considering the amendment may express their approval in writing, provided that such approval is delivered to the Secretary at or prior to the meeting. The approval must be:
 - (a) by not less than a majority of the votes of all members of the Association represented at meeting at which a quorum has been attained and by not less than 66-2/3% of the entire Board of Directors; or
 - (b) by not less than 80% of the votes of the members of the Association represented at a meeting at which a quorum has been attained; or
 - (c) by not less than 100% of the entire Board of Directors.
 - 12.3 Proviso. No amendment may be adopted which would eliminate, modify, prejudice, abridge or otherwise adversely affect any rights, benefits, privileges or priorities granted or reserved without the consent in each instance. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Articles or Declaration. No amendment to this Section shall be valid.
 - 12.4 Execution and Recording. A copy of each amendment shall be attached to a certificate certifying that the amendment was duly adopted as an amendment of the Declaration and By-Laws, which certificate shall be executed by the President or Vice-President and attested by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Association with the formalities of a deed. The amendment shall be effective when the certificate and a copy of the

amendment is recorded in the Public Records of the County with an identification on the first page of the amendment of the Official Records Book and Page of said Public Records where the Declaration is recorded.

13. Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, modify, amend or add to such rules and regulations, Owners of a majority of the Units may overrule the Board with respect to any such modifications, amendments or additions. Copies of such modified, amended or additional rules and regulations shall be furnished by the Board of Directors to each affected Unit Owner not less than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date thereof.
14. Construction. Wherever the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all genders.
15. Captions. The captions herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define or limit the scope of these By-Laws or the intent of any provision hereof.
16. Official Records. From the inception of the Association, the Association shall maintain a copy of each of the following, where applicable, which shall constitute the official records of the Association:
 - (a) The plans, permits, warranties, and other items pursuant to Section 718.301(4) of the Act;
 - (b) A photocopy of the recorded Declaration of Condominium and all amendments thereto;
 - (c) A photocopy of the recorded By-Laws of the Association and all amendments thereto;
 - (d) A certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association or other documents creating the Association and all amendments thereto;
 - (e) A copy of the current Rules and Regulations of the Association;
 - (f) A book or books containing the minutes of all meetings of the Association, of the Board of Directors, and of Unit Owners, which minutes shall be retained for a period of not less than 7 years.
 - (g) A current roster of all Unit Owners, their mailing addresses, Unit identifications, voting certifications, and if known, telephone numbers;
 - (h) All current insurance policies of the Association and the Condominium;

- (i) A current copy of any management agreement, lease, or other contract to which the Association is a party or under which the Association or the Unit Owners have an obligation or responsibility;
- (j) Bills of sale or transfer for all property owned by the Association;
- (k) Accounting records for the Association and the accounting records for the Condominium, according to good accounting practices. All accounting records shall be maintained for a period of not less than 7 years. The accounting records shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (l) Accurate, itemized, and detailed records for all receipts and expenditures.
 - 1. A current account and a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly statement of the account for each Unit designating the name of the Unit Owner, the due date and amount of each Assessment, the amount paid upon the account, and the balance due.
 - 2. All audits, reviews, accounting statements, and financial reports of the Association or Condominium.
 - 3. All contracts for work to be performed. Bids for work to be performed shall also be considered official records and shall be maintained for a period of 1 year;
- (m) Ballots, sign-in sheets, voting proxies and all other papers relating to elections, which shall be maintained for a period of 1 year from the date of the meeting to which the documents relates;
- (n) All rental records where the Association is acting as agent for the rental of Units.

The official records of the Association shall be open to inspection by any Association member or the authorized representative of such member at all reasonable times. Failure to permit inspection of the Association records as provided herein entitles any person prevailing in an enforcement action to recover reasonable attorneys' fees from the person in control of the records who, directly or indirectly, knowingly denies access to the records for inspection. The right to inspect the records includes the right to make or obtain copies, at the reasonable expense, if any, of the Association member.

17. Voluntary Arbitration. Any disputes arising from the operation of the Condominium between or among Unit Owners, Unit Owners and the Association, or the agents or assigns of Unit Owners or the Association may be resolved through binding arbitration conducted in accordance with the Florida Arbitration Code, the Florida Administrative Code and the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association (to the extent applicable).