Hills of Spring Creek

ByLaws

1. General

1.1. The following are the Bylaws of Hills of Spring Creek Homeowner Association, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation (the "Association"). The Association is organized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 317A (the "Act"), for the purpose of operating and managing Hills of Spring Creek, a single-family residential community. The terms used in these Bylaws shall have the same meaning as they have in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Hills of Spring Creek (the "Declaration").

2. Membership

- **2.1.** Owners Defined. All Persons described as Owners in the Declaration shall be Members of the Association. No Person shall be a Member solely by virtue of holding a security interest in a Lot. A Person shall cease to be a Member at such time as that Person is no longer an Owner.
- **2.2.** Registration of Owners and Occupants. Upon request of the Association, an Owner shall register with the Secretary of the Association, in writing, (i) the name and address of the Owners and any Occupants of the Lot, (ii) the nature of such Owner's interest or estate in each Lot owned; (iii) the address at which the Owner desires to receive notice of any meeting ofthe Owners, if other than the Lot address; and (iv) the name and address of the secured party holding the first mortgage on the Lot, if any. The Owner shall have a continuing obligation to advise the Association in writing of any changes in the foregoing information.
- **2.3.** Transfers. The interests, rights and obligations of an Owner in the Association may be assigned, pledged, encumbered or transferred, but only along with and as a part of the title to the Owner's Lot or as otherwise specifically authorized by the Governing Documents or by law.

3. Voting

- **3.1.** Entitlement. Votes shall be allocated to each Lot as provided in the Declaration.
- **3.2.** Authority to Cast Vote. At any meeting of the Owners, an Owner included on the voting register presented by the Secretary in accordance with Section 4.6, or the holder of such Owner's proxy, shall be entitled to cast the vote which is allocated to the Lot owned by

the Owner. If there is more than one Owner of a Lot, only one of the Owners may cast the vote. If the Owners of a Lot fail to agree as to who shall cast the vote, or fail to register pursuant to Section 2.2, the vote shall not be cast

- 3.3. <u>Voting by Proxy.</u> An Owner may cast the vote which is allocated to the Owner's Lot and be counted as present at any meeting of the Owners by executing a written proxy (electronic email record is acceptable when sent from the registered account holder email address as held by the HOA secretary) naming another Person entitled to act on that Owner's behalf, and delivering the same to the Secretary before the commencement of such meeting. All proxies granted by an Owner shall be effective until the earliest of the following events: (i) revocation by the granting Owner by written notice or by personally attending and voting at the meeting for which the proxy is effective, (ii) the date specified in the proxy, but in no case later than three years from date of execution of the proxy, (iii) eleven months after execution of the proxy if no date is specified in the proxy, or (iv) the time at which the granting Owner is no longer an Owner.
- **3.4.** <u>Voting by Written Ballot.</u> The entire vote on any issue. except the election or removal of directors unless defined elsewhere in these bylaws, may be determined by written ballots, subject to the following requirements.
 - **3.4.1.** The notice of the vote shall: (i) clearly state the proposed action, (ii) indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements, (iii) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors, and (iv) specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Association in order to be counted.
 - **3.4.2.** The ballot shall: (i) set forth each proposed action and (ii) provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action.
 - **3.4.3.** The Board of Directors shall set the time for the return of ballots, which shall not be less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days after the date of delivery of the ballots to the Owners, unless otherwise indicated in the Declaration. The Board shall provide notice of the results of the vote to the Owners within ten days after the expiration of the voting period.
 - **3.4.4.** Approval by written ballot under this Section is valid only if (i) the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action, and (ii) the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot.
- **3.5.** <u>Vote Required.</u> A majority of the votes cast at any properly constituted meeting of the Owners, or cast in accordance with Section 3.4, shall decide all matters properly brought before the Owners, except where a different vote is specifically required by the Governing Documents or the Act. The term 'majority" as used herein shall mean in excess of fifty

percent of the votes cast at a meeting. in person or by proxy. or voting by ballot, in accordance with the allocation of voting power set forth in the Declaration. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted.

4. MEETINGS OF THE OWNERS

- **4.1.** Place. All meetings of the Owners shall be held at the office of the Association or at such other place in the state of Minnesota reasonably accessible to the Owners as may be designated by the Board in any notice of a meeting of the Owners. Meetings held electronically may also be allowed when it is reasonably understood that physically gathering is either not possible or not allowed by government recommendations and or declarations. The board is expected to reasonably ensure all Owners have easy access to electronic meeting capabilities and or to ensure they have reasonable opportunity to attend and vote on matters coming before any Owners meeting(s).
- 4.2. <u>Annual Meetings.</u> An annual meeting of the Owners shall be held in each fiscal year on a date, and at a reasonable time and place, designated by the Board. At each annual meeting of the Owners, (i) the Persons who are to constitute the Board shall be elected pursuant to Section 6, (ii) a report shall be made to the Owners on the activities and financial condition of the Association, and (iii) any other matter which is included in the notice of the annual meeting, and is a proper subject for discussion or decision by the Owners, shall be considered and acted upon at the meeting.
- 4.3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Owners may be called by the President as a matter of discretion. Special meetings of the Owners shall be called by the President or Secretary within thirty days following receipt of the Written request of (i) a majority of the members of the Board of Directors or (ii) Owners entitled to cast at least twenty-five percent of all the votes in the Association, unless otherwise required by law. The meeting shall be held within ninety days following receipt of the request. The request shall state the purpose of the meeting, and the business transacted at the special meeting shall be confined to the purposes stated in the notice. The purpose for which the meeting is requested and held must be lawful and consistent with the Association's purposes and authority under the Governing Documents.
- **4.4.** <u>Notice of Meetings.</u> Not less than twenty-one, nor more than thirty, days in advance of any annual meeting of the Owners, and not less than seven, nor more than thirty, days in advance of any special meeting of the Owners, the Secretary shall send to each Person who is an Owner as of the date of sending the notice, notice of the time, place and agenda of the meeting, by United States mail, or by hand delivery, at the Owner's Lot address or to such other address (physical or electronic) as the Owner may have designated in writing to the Secretary. Notice of meetings to vote upon amendments to the Association's Articles of Incorporation shall also be given separately to each officer and director of the Association.

- 4.5. <u>Ouorum/Adjournment</u>. The presence of Owners in person, or by proxy, or by attending electronically, who have the authority to cast in excess of fifty percent of all the votes in the Association shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Owners for the transaction of any business, except that of adjourning the meeting to reconvene at a subsequent time. Any meeting may be adjourned from time to time, but until no longer than fifteen days later, without notice other than announcement at the meeting as initially called. If a quorum is present at the reconvened meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as initially called had a quorum then been present. The quorum, having once been established at a meeting or a reconvened meeting, shall continue to exist for that meeting notwithstanding the departure of any Owner previously in attendance in person or by proxy. The Association may not be counted in determining a quorum as to any Lot owned by the Association.
- **4.6.** <u>Voting Register.</u> The Secretary shall have available at any meeting of the Owners a list of the Lot addresses, the names of the Owners, the vote attributable to each Lot, and the name of the Person (in the case of multiple Owners) authorized to cast the vote.
- **4.7.** Agenda. The agenda for meetings of the Owners shall be established by the Board, consistent with the Governing Documents and the Act, and shall be sent to all Owners along with the notice of the meeting.

5. ANNUAL REPORT

- **5.1.** The Board shall prepare an annual report, a copy of which shall be provided to eachOwner at or prior to the annual meeting. The report shall contain, at a minimum:
 - **5.1.1.** Expenditures. A statement of any capital expenditures approved by the Association for the current year.
 - **5.1.2.** Financial Statements. A copy of the statement of revenues and expenses for the Association's last fiscal year, and a balance sheet as of the end of said fiscal year.
 - **5.1.3.** <u>Litigation and Judgments.</u> A statement of the status of any pending litigation or judgments to which the Association is a party.
 - **5.1.4.** Status of Assessments. A statement of the total past due assessments on all Lots, current as of not more than sixty days prior to the date of the meeting.

6. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- **6.1.** Number and Oualification. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The first Board shall consist of the persons appointed by Developer from time to time, subject to the rights of Owners to elect directors as set forth in Section 6.2. Upon the expiration of the terms of the members of the first Board, the Board shall be composed of no less than three directors. The number of directors may subsequently be changed by a vote of the Owners for a future year or years. A majority of the directors shall be Owners, or a duly authorized representative of the Owner if the Owner is an entity which has the capacity to hold title to real estate.
- **6.2.** Term of Office. The terms of office of the members of the Board shall be as follows:
 - **6.2.1.** The terms of all directors appointed by Developer as authorized by the Declaration shall terminate upon the earliest of (i) voluntary surrender of control by Developer, and (ii) following the sale of the final Lot owned by Developer within the Community.
 - **6.2.2.** The terms of office of the directors elected by the Owners immediately following the termination of the terms of the directors comprising the first Board shall be one year for two of the directors and two years for one of the directors.
 - **6.2.3.** Each term of office thereafter shall be two years and shall expire upon the election of a successor director at the appropriate annual meeting of the Owners provided, thata director shall continue in office until a successor is elected. A number of nominees equal to the number of vacancies, and receiving the greatest numbers of votes, shall be elected, notwithstanding that one or more of them does not receive a majority of the votes cast.
 - **6.2.4.** At the first election, the nominee or nominees receiving the greatest numbers of votes shall fill the longer terms. A director appointed or elected to fill an uncompleted term shall serve until the natural termination of that term, unless removed in accordance with these Bylaws.
 - **6.2.5.** There is no cumulative voting for directors.
- Mominations. Nominations for election to the Board at the appropriate annual meeting may be made by a nominating committee appointed by the Board and nominations madeby Owners at or before the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall consist of Owners who are representative of the general membership of the Association, and shall establish fair and reasonable procedures for the submission of nominations. No person may be nominated without that person first consenting to the nomination.
- **6.4.** Powers. The Board shall have all powers necessary for the administration of the affairs

of the Association, and may exercise for the Association all powers and authority vested in or delegated to the Association (and not expressly prohibited or reserved to the Owners) by law or by the Governing Documents. The powers of the Board shall include, without limitation, the power to:

- **6.4.1.** adopt, amend and revoke Rules not inconsistent with the Governing Documents and the Conservation Easement, as follows: (i) regulating the use of the Lots. andthe conduct of Owners and Occupants, which may jeopardize the health, safety, or welfare of other Owners and Occupants, which involves noise or other disturbing activity, or which may damage other Lots; (ii) regulating or prohibiting animals; (iii) regulating conduct which may damage the Property, (iv) regulating the exterior appearance of the Property, including, for example, decks, patios, and signs and other displays, regardless of whether inside a Lot; (v) implementing the Governing Documents. and exercising the powers granted by this Section; and (vi) otherwise facilitating the operation of the Property;
- **6.4.2.** perform any and all acts and incur such expense as is reasonably necessary to comply with the Association's responsibilities under the Conservation Easement;
- **6.4.3.** acquire. own, and maintain on behalf of the Association the Sewage Treatment System and to contract with a qualified sewer professional to maintain and monitor the Sewage Treatment system.
- **6.4.4.** Acquire, own, control, and maintain on behalf of the Association the Common Irrigation System and to contract with a qualified irrigation professional to maintain, control, and operate the Common Irrigation System.
- **6.4.5.** adopt and amend budgets for revenues, expenditures and reserves, levy and collect assessments for Common Expenses (subject to Section 6 of the Declaration);
- **6.4.6.** hire and discharge managing agents and other employees, agents, and independent contractors;
- **6.4.7.** institute, defend, or intervene in litigation or administrative proceedings (i) in its own name on behalf of itself or two or more Owners on matters affecting the Property or the Association, or, (ii) with the consent of the Owners of the affected Lots, on matters affecting only those Lots;
- **6.4.8.** make contracts and incur liabilities;
- **6.4.9.** regulate the use, maintenance, repair, replacement and modification of the Lots;
- **6.4.10.** acquire, hold, encumber, and convey in its own name any right, title, or interest to real estate or personal property:
- **6.4.11.** impose and receive any payments, fees, or charges for services provided to Owners;
- **6.4.12.** impose charges for late payment of assessments and, after notice and an opportunity to

be heard, levy reasonable fines for violations of the Governing Documents and the Rules.

- **6.4.13.** borrow money, and encumber or pledge the assets of the Association as security therefor; provided, that any borrowings in any twelve month period which exceed,in aggregate, ten percent of the Association's current annual budget, shall require approval by the Owners voting at an Association meeting;
- **6.4.14.** impose reasonable charges for the review. preparation and recording of amendments to the Declaration or Bylaws, statements of unpaid assessments, or furnishing copies of Association records;
- **6.4.15.** provide for the indemnification of its officers, directors and committee members, and maintain directors and officers liability insurance;
- **6.4.16.** provide for reasonable procedures governing the conduct of meetings and the election of directors;
- **6.4.17.** grant easements for public utilities and private roadways or driveways over, under, or across the Common Property, subject to the restrictions of the Conservation Easement;
- **6.4.18.** exercise any other powers conferred by law or the Governing Documents, or which are necessary and proper for the governance of the Association.
- **6.5.** Meetings and Notices. An annual meeting of the Board shall be held promptly following each annual meeting of the Owners. At each annual meeting of the Board, the officersof the Association shall be elected.
 - **6.5.1.** Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least on an annual basis, at such times as may be fixed from time to time by a majority of the voting directors.
 - **6.5.2.** Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called (i) by the President of the Association, or (ii) by the Secretary within ten days following the written request of a majority of the voting directors. Notice of any special meeting shall be given to each director not less than three days in advance thereof, subject to Section 6.5.c. Notice to a director shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail postage prepaid to the Lot address of such director, or when personally delivered, orally or in writing, by a representative of the Board.
 - **6.5.3.** Any director may at any time waive notice of any meeting of the Board orally, in writing, or by attendance at the meeting. If all the directors are present at a meeting of the Board, no notice shall be required, and any business may be transacted at such meeting.
 - **6.5.4.** A conference among directors by a means of authenticated electronic communication, as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 317A, is a Board meeting. Participation in a meeting by this means is personal presence at the meeting.
- **6.6.** Quorum and Voting. A majority of the directors constitutes a quorum for the transaction

- of business at any meeting thereof. A quorum, once established, continues to exist, regardless of the subsequent departure of any directors. Each director has one vote. The vote of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is present is sufficient to adopt any action. Proxies for Board meetings are not permitted
- 6.7. <u>Action Taken Without a Meeting.</u> The Board shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which it could take at a meeting when authorized in a writing signed, or consented to by authenticated electronic communication, as defined in Minn. Stat. Chapter 317A, by the number of directors that would be required to take the same action at a meeting of the board at which all directors were present.
- 6.8. <u>Vacancies.</u> A vacancy in the directors, other than a vacancy under Section 6.2 or 6.9, shall be filled by a person elected within thirty days following the occurrence of the vacancy by a majority vote of the remaining directors, regardless of their number. Each person so electedshall serve out the term vacated.
- 6.9. Removal. A director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote at any annual or special meeting of the Owners when a quorum is present; provided, (i) that the notice of the meeting at which removal is to be considered states such purpose, (ii) that the director to be removed has a right to be heard at the meeting, and (iii) that a new director is elected at the meeting by the owners to fill the vacant position caused by the removal. A director may also be removed by the Board if such director (i) has more than two unexcused absences from Board meetings and/or Owners meetings during any twelve month period or (ii) is more than sixty dayspast due with respect to Assessments or installments thereof levied against the director's Lot. Such vacancies shall be filled by the vote of the Owners as previously provided in this Section, or by a special election called by the Board for the purpose of filling the vacant position.
- 6.10. <u>Compensation.</u> Except as authorized by a vote of the Owners at a meeting thereof, the directors of the Association shall receive no compensation for their services in such capacity. Directors may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. A director or an entity in which the director has an interest may, upon approval by the Board, be reasonably compensated under a contract for goods or services furnished to the Association in a capacity other than as a director; provided, (i) that the contract is approved by a majority vote of the Board, excluding the interested director, and (ii) that the director's interest is disclosed to the Board prior to approval.
- 6.11. <u>Standard of Responsibility</u>. A director shall discharge his or her duties in good faith, in a manner the director reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the Association, and with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances

7 **OFFICERS**

7.1 <u>Principal Officers.</u> The principal officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Board. The Board may, from time to time, elect such other officers and

designate their duties as in their judgment may be necessary to manage the affairs of the Association. A person may hold more than one office simultaneously, except those of President or Vice President. Only the President and Vice President must be members of the Board.

- 7.2 <u>Election.</u> The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board at its annual meeting and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.
- 7.3 <u>Removal.</u> Upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board, any officer may be removed, with or without cause, and a successor elected, at any regular meeting of the Board, or at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose.
- 7.4 <u>President.</u> The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the Association. The President shall have all of the powers and duties which are customarily vested in the office of president of a corporation, including without limitation the duty to supervise all other officers and to execute all contracts and similar obligations on behalf of the Association. The President shall have such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board.
- 7.5 <u>Vice President.</u> The Vice President shall take the place of the President and perform the duties of the office of President whenever the President shall be absent or unable to act. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Board.
- 7.6 <u>Secretary.</u> The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all meetings of the Board and the Association. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the books and records of the Association, and shall give all notices required by the Governing Documents or the Act unless directed otherwise by the Board. The Board may delegate the Secretary's administrative functions to a managing agent; provided, that such delegation shall not relieve the Secretary of the ultimate responsibility for the Secretary's duties.
- 7.7 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have responsibility for all financial assets of the Association, and shall be covered by a bond or insurance in such sum and with such companies as the Board may require. The Treasurer shall (i) be responsible for keeping the Association's financial books, assessment rolls and accounts; (ii) cause an annual financial report to be prepared, subject to review by the Association's accountants; (iii) cause the books of the Association to be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and shall submit them to the Board for its examination upon request; (iv) cause all moneys and other monetary assets of the Association to be deposited in the name of or to the credit of the Association in depositories designated by the Board; (v) cause the proper obligations of the Association to be paid when due; and (vi) perform all other duties incident to the office of Treasurer. The Board may delegate the Treasurer's administrative functions to a managing agent; provided, that such delegation shall not relieve the

Treasurer of the ultimate responsibility for the Treasurer's duties.

- 7.8 <u>Compensation.</u> Except as authorized by a vote of the Owners at a meeting thereof, officers of the Association shall receive no compensation for their services in such capacity. Officers may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. An officer or an entity in which the officer has an interest may be reasonably compensated under a contract for goods or services furnished to the Association in a capacity other than as an officer; provided (i) that the contract is approved by a majority vote of the Board, excluding the interested party, and (ii) that the officer's interest s disclosed to the Board prior to approval
- 7.1 <u>Standard of Responsibility</u>. An officer shall discharge his or her duties in good faith, in a manner the officer reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the Association, and with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances.

8 **OPERATION OF THE PROPERTY**

- 8.1 <u>Assessment Procedures.</u> The Board shall annually prepare a budget of Common Expenses for the Association and assess such Common Expenses against the Lots according to their respective Common Expense obligations as set forth in the Declaration.
 - Subject to Section 6 of the Declaration, the Board shall fix the amount of the annual Assessment against each Lot, levy the Assessment and advise the Owners in writing of the Assessment at least thirty days prior to the beginning of the Association's fiscal year when the first Assessment installment shall be due. The failure of the Board to timely levy an annual Assessment shall not relieve the Owners of their obligation to continue paying Assessment installments in the amount currently levied, as well as any increases subsequently levied.
 - Subject to Section 6 of the Declaration, the Board may amend the budget and Assessments, or levy a special Assessment or limited Assessment. The levy shall be deemed to occur upon the date specified in the resolution which fixes the Assessment.
 - The Association shall furnish copies of each budget on which the assessment is based to an Owner upon request of the Owner.
- 8.2 <u>Payment of Assessments.</u> Annual Assessments shall be due and payable in monthly, quarterly, or annual installments, as established by the Board, in advance on the first day of each month, quarter or year, as applicable. Special Assessments and

Limited Assessments shall be due when designated by the Board. All Owners shall be absolutely and unconditionally obligated to pay the Assessments. No Owner or Occupant shall have any right of withholding, offset or deduction against the Association with respect to any Assessments, or late charges or costs of collection, regardless of any claims alleged against the Association or its officers or directors. Any rights or claims alleged by an Owner may be pursued only by separate action.

- 8.3 <u>Default in Payment of Assessments.</u> If any Owner does not make payment on or before the date when any Assessment or installment thereof is due, subject to such grace periods as may be established, the Board may assess, and such Owner shall be obligated to pay, a late charge and interest, as determined by the Board and in accordance with any legal restrictions, on the amount thereof, for each such unpaid Assessment or installment thereof, together with all expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the Board in collecting any such unpaid Assessment.
 - If there is a default of more than thirty days in payment of any Assessment, the Board may accelerate any remaining installments of the Assessment upon prior written notice thereof to the Owner, as provided in the Declaration, and the entire unpaid balance of the assessment and late charges shall become due and payable upon the date stated in the notice unless all past due amounts, including late charges, costs of collection and fines, are paid prior to said date.
 - The Board shall use its best efforts to collect all Assessments for Common Expenses, together with any charges, attorneys fees or expenses relating to the collection thereof. n addition the Board shall use its best efforts to recover any and all collection or contingency fees or costs charged to the Association by a collection agency or other Person acting on behalf of the Association in collecting any unpaid Assessments.
 - Upon written request of an Owner, notice of a default of more than thirty days in payment of any Assessment or installment of an Assessment for Common Expenses or any other default in the performance of obligations by the Owner shall be given in writing to such Owner.
 - The rights and remedies referred to in this Section shall not limit the remedies available to the Association under the Declaration or by law.
- 8.4 Records. The Board shall cause to be kept at the registered office of the Association, and at such other place as the Board may determine, records of the actions of the Board, minutes of the meetings of the Board, minutes of the meetings of the Owners, names ofthe Owners, and detailed and accurate records of the receipts and expenditures of the Association. With the exception of records that may be privileged or confidential information, all Association records, including receipts and expenditures and any vouchers authorizing payments, shall be available for examination by Owners for a proper purpose, upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours. Separate accounts shall be maintained for each Lot setting forth the amount of the Assessments against the Lot, the date when due, the amount paid thereon and the balance remaining unpaid.

8.5 <u>Enforcement of Obligations.</u> All Owners and Occupants and their guests are obligated and bound to observe the provisions of the Governing Documents, the Rules and the Act. The Association may impose any or all of the charges, sanctions and remedies authorized by the Governing Documents, the Rules or by law to enforce and implement its rights and to otherwise enable it to manage and operate the Association.

9 <u>AMENDMENTS</u>

These Bylaws may be amended, and the amendment shall be effective, upon the satisfaction of the following conditions:

- 9.1 <u>Approval.</u> The amendment must be approved (i) by Owners who have authority to cast in excess of fifty percent of the total votes in the Association, in writing, at a duly held meeting of the Owners, or by written ballot, and (ii) by Developer so long as Developer owns a Lot.
- 9.2 <u>Notice.</u> A copy of the proposed amendment and, if a meeting is to be held, notice of such meeting, shall be mailed by U.S. Mail, or hand delivered, to all Owners authorized to cast votes:.
- 9.3 <u>Effective Date.</u> The amendment shall be effective on the date of approval by the required vote of the Owners, and shall not be recorded.

10 <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>

10.1 The Association shall, to the extent such liability is not covered by insurance, indemnify every individual acting in any official capacity on behalf of the Association, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 317A.521.

11 DISSOLUTION

- 11.1 <u>Dissolution.</u> The Association shall be dissolved only in accordance with applicable law. The Association shall not dissolve without the written consent of the Town of Baytown ("Town"). The Town shall be notified of any meeting of the Association or its members at which dissolution of the Association shall be considered.
- 11.2 <u>Distribution of Assets.</u> Upon dissolution of the Association and after payment of all costs of dissolution and the debts and obligations of the Association, all remaining corporate assets shall be distributed in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 317A.

12 MISCELLANEOUS

- Notices. Unless specifically provided otherwise in the Act, the Declaration or these Bylaws, all notices required to be given by or to the Association, the Board, the Association officers or the Owners or Occupants shall be in writing and shall be effective upon hand delivery, or mailing if properly addressed with postage prepaid and deposited in the U.S. mail; except that registrations pursuant to Section 2.2 shall be effective upon receipt by the Association.
- 12.2 <u>Severability.</u> The invalidity or unenforceability of any part of these Bylaws shall not impair or affect in any manner the validity, enforceability or effect of the balance of these Bylaws.
- 12.3 <u>Captions.</u> The captions herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way limit or proscribe the scope of these Bylaws or the intent of any provision hereof.
- 12.4 <u>Conflicts in Documents.</u> In the event of any conflict among the provisions of the Act, the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Rules. the Act shall control unless it permits the documents to control. As among the Declaration, these Bylaws and the Rules, the Declaration shall control. and as between these Bylaws and the Rules, these Bylaws shall control. In the event of any conflict among the provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, the Rules and the Conservation Easement, the Conservation Easement shall control.
- 12.5 <u>Waiver.</u> No restriction, condition, obligation or provision contained in these By-Laws shall be deemed to have been abrogated or waived by reason of any failure to enforce the same, irrespective of the number of violations or breaches thereof which may occur.
- 12.6 <u>No Corporate Seal</u>. The Association shall have no corporate seal.
- 12.7 <u>Fiscal Year.</u> The fiscal year of the Association shall be as determined by the Board.

The undersigned certifies that these Bylaws were adopted by the first Board of Directors of Hills of Spring Creek Homeowner Association, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, effective as of the date hereof

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Konald L. Derrick - President, Derrick Custom Homes, Inc.