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TO:
Board of Directors,
Reese Ridge Subdivision Homeowners Association, Inc.

Re: Board Duties

Dear Board Members:

Congratulations on your election to the initial Board of Directors of Reese Ridge Subdivision Homeowners Association, Inc. The association is a North Carolina nonprofit corporation. The North Carolina law most relevant to the association and its powers and duties are found in Chapters 55A and 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Now that you have been elected as the initial Board, you should work to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Adopt Bylaws for the association. I have attached a suggested set of bylaws for your review and comment.
2. Determine whether you want to hire a HOA management company to assist you in running the HOA. I highly recommend that you do this, but the decision is up to you. It is certainly an added expense for the association, but in my experience, it is worth the expense.
3. Adopt a budget for 2022. This budget will need to be submitted to the members for review and ratification. Certain notice and voting requirements apply (see attached NC Statute 47F-3-103). Included in this step is setting the dues necessary to cover the anticipated expenses. In adopting a budget, you should also consider including a line item for building reserves to cover any necessary repairs or maintenance in the future. A management company can usually assist greatly with a proposed budget.

If you need any assistance completing this process, please let me know. You of course are free to retain any legal counsel you wish, but if I can assist you, I am happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Don R. Wells

Enclosure

cc: Rodney Carroll & Clint Reese

**BYLAWS
OF
REESE RIDGE SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I.
BUSINESS ADDRESS**

The business address of REESE RIDGE SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "Association") shall be _____. The business address may be changed by the Board of Directors of the Association if required by the U.S. Postal Service, or, upon approval of the membership, for any other reason.

**ARTICLE II.
MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION**

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee simple or undivided interest in any of the Lots in any phase of Reese Ridge Subdivision ("the Subdivision"), located in Johnston County, North Carolina, shall be a member of the Association, provided, however, that any such person or entity who holds such title or interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from such ownership.

**ARTICLE III.
PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The purposes and duties of the Association shall be:

A. To manage the Subdivision pursuant to the terms and provisions of the North Carolina General Statutes, these Bylaws, any Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Association or its Board of Directors and the Declaration of Protective Covenants for Reese Ridge Subdivision recorded at Book 5321, Page 114, Book 5559, Page 78, and Book 5715, Page 338 in the Johnston County Registry ("the Declaration"), as the same may be amended from time to time, concerning the property described in the Declaration, Johnston County Registry, and such additional lands as may be added to the Subdivision

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President or the Board of Directors of the Association, or upon the written request of not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of the meeting shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than fifty days before the date of any members' meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the President, the Secretary, or other person calling the meeting, to each member of record. The notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and shall also state the items on the agenda, including the general nature of any proposed amendment to the Declaration or these Bylaws, any budget changes and any proposal to remove an Officer/Director. If mailed, such shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States Mail, addressed to the member at his/her address as it appears on the record of members of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid. It shall be the responsibility of the individual members to keep the Secretary informed of their current addresses. In the absence of instructions from an individual member as to his/her address, the Secretary shall be entitled to rely on the most recent records of the Johnston County Tax Collector to determine the addresses of the owner(s) of a Lot. The notice of meeting must state the time and place of the meeting and all items on the agenda for the meeting.

When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. When a meeting is adjourned for less than thirty days in any one adjournment, it is not necessary to give any notice of the adjourned meeting other than by announcement at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken.

Section 6. Voting Rights. On matters of the Association's business submitted to vote of the membership, there shall be one (1) vote per Lot, regardless of the number of owners of a Lot. There shall be no requirement of a quorum for submitting any matter to a vote at any Annual Meeting or Substitute Annual Meeting properly called and convened pursuant to these Bylaws. At any special meeting of members, twenty percent (20%) of the Lots (represented either in person or by proxy) shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of submitting any matter to a vote. Except as otherwise provided by the Declaration, the North Carolina General Statutes, or these Bylaws, all matters submitted to a vote at any meeting held in accordance with these Bylaws shall be decided by a simple majority of the total votes cast.

Section 7. Voting by Proxy. Votes may be cast either in person or by one or more agents authorized by a dated, written proxy executed by the member or his/her attorney-in-fact. A proxy terminates one year after its date, unless it specifies a shorter term. Any form of proxy which is sufficient in law may be used, but the following form of proxy shall be deemed sufficient:

The undersigned hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ their attorney-in-fact and proxy for the sole purpose of casting the vote allocated to Lot ___, on all matters submitted to vote at that meeting of REESE RIDGE SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., to be held on _____,
The undersigned hereby ratify and confirm all such votes cast on behalf of said Lot at that meeting, and

B. The Board will adopt a proposed budget for the Association to be approved or rejected by the membership of the Association at its Annual Meeting. The proposed budget shall be adopted at a meeting of the Board to be held not more than sixty (60) days before the Annual Meeting of the membership of the Association. A summary of the proposed budget, including the amount of any proposed assessments against the Lots, shall be mailed to the membership not more than fourteen (14) nor less than thirty (30) days after the adoption of the proposed budget. The proposed budget shall be deemed ratified unless at the meeting more than fifty percent (50%) of the Lots existing at that time vote to reject it. In the event the proposed budget is rejected, the periodic budget last ratified shall be continued until such time as the membership ratifies a budget subsequently proposed by the Board of Directors.

C. The Board may fine any Lot owner an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for any single violation of the Declaration, these Bylaws or any Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board. In such event, the Board shall provide the Lot owner fined an opportunity to be heard before an Adjudicatory Panel to be appointed by the Board pursuant to Article X below. Multiple fines may be assessed against any Lot owner for multiple violations. Any such fines shall be deemed assessments against the Lot of such owner, and shall be collectable as provided in the Declaration.

D. The Board may contract a management agent to perform and execute such duties, functions and responsibilities of the Board as the Board may deem appropriate; however, no such contract shall relieve the Board from its fiduciary duty to the Association.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the Board of Directors is authorized, on behalf of the Association, to submit any dispute with or claim against the owner(s) of any Lot(s) to voluntary arbitration pursuant to any arbitration program then in effect in the General Court of Justice of Johnston County, North Carolina.

Section 3. Removal of Directors. Any director may be removed at any time with or without cause by a vote of at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of all persons present and entitled to vote at any meeting of the membership of the Association at which a quorum is present. However, directors who are appointed by the Declarant may only be removed by the Declarant.

Section 4. Vacancies. In the event of the death, disability, resignation or removal of a director, his/her successor shall be selected and appointed by the remaining members of the Board of Directors to serve until the next meeting of the membership of the Association or until a successor is appointed by the Declarant if such vacancy is the result of the death, disability, resignation or removal of an initial director or a director who was appointed by the Declarant.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Called Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two directors.

Section 2. Notice of Meeting. The person or persons calling a meeting of the Board of

control all of the business and affairs of the Association. He/she shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the members. He/she shall sign, with the Secretary, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Association, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general he/she shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The President, together with the Secretary, shall execute any amendments to the Declaration approved by the membership of the Association.

Section 4. Vice President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President, and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Secretary. The Secretary shall: (a) keep minutes of the meetings of members, of the Board of Directors and of all Executive Committees in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Association and see that the seal of the Association is affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of the Association under its seal is duly authorized; (d) be authorized to certify and oversee the recordation of amendments to the Declaration on behalf of the Association; (e) keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such member; and (f) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Association; (b) receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Association from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Association in such depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of Article IX of these Bylaws; (c) prepare, execute and deliver certificates of Assessments as provided by the Declaration; and (d) in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX. CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS, AND DEPOSITS

Section 1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on the behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Loans. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Association and no

Upon request for payment, the President of the Association shall promptly call a special meeting of the Board of Directors to obtain approval to pay the indemnification required by this bylaw. Such approval may be general or confined to specific instances, and shall not be unreasonably withheld. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the President shall promptly cause the indemnification to be paid to the requesting party.

Any person who at any time after the adoption of this bylaw serves or has served as an officer, member of the Board of Directors and/or member of the Adjudicatory Panel of the Association shall be deemed to be doing or to have done so in reliance upon, and as consideration for, the right of indemnification provided herein. Such right shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives of any such person and shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which such person may be entitled apart from the provision of this bylaw.

ARTICLE XII. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Association, the residual assets of the Association will be distributed to a nonprofit organization with purposes similar to those of the Association, or to any other organization eligible under the provisions of Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. However, in no event shall the residual assets of the Association be distributed in a fashion that terminates the Association's exempt status under Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any corresponding sections or provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE XIII. SECTION 528 STATUS

The Association shall elect and shall be managed in such fashion as to maintain tax-exempt status under Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Association shall not carry on any activities prohibited by an Association electing tax-exempt status under Section 528, or any corresponding sections or provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE XIV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Seal. The corporate seal of the Association shall consist of two concentric circles between which is the name of the Association and in the center of which is inscribed SEAL; and such seal, as impressed on the margin hereof, is hereby adopted as the corporate seal of the Association.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be January 1 through December 31.

Section 3. Amendments. After Declarant has sold their last Lot in the Subdivision, the members of the Association may amend these Bylaws, repeal these Bylaws and/or adopt new

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 47F-3-103

Section 47F-3-103 - Executive board members and officers

(a) Except as provided in the declaration, in the bylaws, in subsection (b) of this section, or in other provisions of this Chapter, the executive board may act in all instances on behalf of the association. In the performance of their duties, officers and members of the executive board shall discharge their duties in good faith. Officers shall act according to the standards for officers of a nonprofit corporation set forth in G.S. 55A-8-42, and members shall act according to the standards for directors of a nonprofit corporation set forth in G.S. 55A-8-30.

(b) The executive board may not act unilaterally on behalf of the association to amend the declaration (G.S. 47F-2-117), to terminate the planned community (G.S. 47F-2-118), or to elect members of the executive board or determine the qualifications, powers and duties, or terms of office of executive board members (G.S. 47F-3-103(e)), but the executive board may unilaterally fill vacancies in its membership for the unexpired portion of any term. Notwithstanding any provision of the declaration or bylaws to the contrary, the lot owners, by a majority vote of all persons present and entitled to vote at any meeting of the lot owners at which a quorum is present, may remove any member of the executive board with or without cause, other than a member appointed by the declarant.

(c) Within 30 days after adoption of any proposed budget for the planned community, the executive board shall provide to all the lot owners a summary of the budget and a notice of the meeting to consider ratification of the budget, including a statement that the budget may be ratified without a quorum. The executive board shall set a date for a meeting of the lot owners to consider ratification of the budget, such meeting to be held not less than 10 nor more than 60 days after mailing of the summary and notice. There shall be no requirement that a quorum be present at the meeting. The budget is ratified unless at that meeting a majority of all the lot owners in the association or any larger vote specified in the declaration rejects the budget. In the event the proposed budget is rejected, the periodic budget last ratified by the lot owners shall be continued until such time as the lot owners ratify a subsequent budget proposed by the executive board.

(d) The declaration may provide for a period of declarant control of the association, during which period a declarant, or persons designated by the declarant, may appoint and remove the officers and members of the executive board.

(e) Not later than the termination of any period of declarant control, the lot owners shall elect an executive board of at least three members, at least a majority of whom shall be lot owners. The executive board shall elect the officers. The executive board members and officers shall take office upon election.

(f) The association shall publish the names and addresses of all officers and board members of the association within 30 days of their election.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 47F-3-103

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1998-199, s. 1.