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## **BYLAWS OF WESTGROVE VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

### **ARTICLE I** **NAME AND LOCATION**

Section 1.1 Name. The name of the corporation is Westgrove Village Homeowners' Association, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the "Association."

Section 1.2 Location. The principal office of the Association shall be located in Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

Section 1.3 Registered Agent. The registered agent for the Association shall be Hinson Management, Inc. unless otherwise agreed upon by the Board of Directors. The registered office of the Association must be located in South Carolina and may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office.

Section 1.4 Purpose. The purpose for which the Association is organized is to further the interests of Owners of Lots in Westgrove Village Subdivision located in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and in connection therewith to provide services to such property Owners, manage and maintain the Common Areas, and administer and enforce all covenants and restrictions dealing with the Property and any other purposes allowed by law.

### **ARTICLE 2** **DEFINITIONS**

All capitalized terms when used in these Bylaws, or any amendment hereto (unless the context shall otherwise require or unless otherwise specified herein or therein) shall have the meanings set forth in that certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Westgrove Village Homeowners' Association, Inc. executed by Mark III Properties, Inc. and duly recorded in the Land Records for Spartanburg County, South Carolina as the same may be supplemented and amended from time to time (the "Declaration").

### **ARTICLE 3** **MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

Section 3.1 Membership. The Members of the Association, hereinafter referred to as "Members", shall at all times be limited to the Declarant (as defined in the Declaration), any Approved Builder, and Owners of Lots in the Subdivision.

Section 3.2 Annual Meeting. The first annual meeting of the Members shall be held on such date as determined by the Board of Directors within one year from the date of incorporation of the Association or during the first calendar year that Assessments are charged to the Owners. Each subsequent annual meeting of the Members may be held on the same day of the same month of each year thereafter, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock, P.M. or on such other date and time as determined by the Board of Directors. If the day for the annual meeting of the Members is a

legal holiday, the meeting may be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

Section 3.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the Members who are entitled to vote one-tenth (1/10) of all of the votes appurtenant to the Lots.

Section 3.4 Place of Meetings. All meetings of the Members may be held at such place, within Spartanburg County, South Carolina or Spartanburg County, South Carolina, as shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 3.5 Notice of Meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the Members shall be given by mailing a copy of such notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of such meeting to each Member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the Member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by such Member to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 3.6 Membership List. An alphabetical list of the names of all Members who are entitled to vote and their addresses shall be prepared by the Secretary and shall be available for inspection by any Member beginning on the next business day after notice of any meeting is given and continuing through the meeting, at the Association's principal office or at a place identified in the meeting notice in the city where the meeting will be held. This list shall also be available at the meeting for inspection by any Member.

Section 3.7 Classes of Lots and Voting Rights. The voting rights of the Membership shall be appurtenant to the ownership of Lots. There shall be two classes of Lots with respect to voting rights.

- (a) Class A Lots. Class A Lots shall be all Lots except Class B Lots as defined below. Each Class A Lot shall entitle the Owner(s) of said Lot to one (1) vote. When more than one person owns an interest (other than a leasehold or security interest) in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members and the voting rights appurtenant to said Lot shall be exercised as they, among themselves, determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Class A Lot.
- (b) Class B Lots. Class B Lots shall be all Lots owned by Declarant or an Approved Builder which have not been conveyed to purchasers who are not affiliated with an Approved Builder or Declarant. Declarant and an Approved Builder shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Class B Lot which each party owns.

Section 3.8 Relinquishment of Control. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (i) the date on which the last Lot in the Subdivision is transferred by deed to an entity or individual other than the Declarant or an Approved Builder;
- (ii) when Declarant and any Approved Builder elect by notice to Association in writing to convert their Class B membership to Class A membership.

Section 3.9 Quorum. The presence at the meeting of Members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, twenty-five percent (25%) of the votes appurtenant to the Lots shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these Bylaws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, subsequent meetings may be called, subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 3.10 Proxies. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing dated within eleven months prior to the Meeting and filed with the Secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable by (i) appearing at the Meeting and voting in person, (ii) filing a valid substitute proxy or cancellation of proxy with the Secretary prior to the call to order of the Meeting, or (iii) conveyance by the Member of his Lot.

Section 3.11 Action by Members. Except as provided otherwise in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these Bylaws, any act or decision approved by a vote of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of all votes present at a duly held meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Members. The Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business at the meeting or any adjournment thereof notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum.

Section 3.12 Waiver of Notice. Any Member may, at any time, waive notice of any meeting of the Members in writing and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a Member at any meeting of the Members shall constitute a waiver of notice by him of the time and place thereof except where a Member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called. If all the Members are present at any meeting of the Members, no notice shall be required and any business may be transacted at such meeting.

Section 3.13 Informal Action by Members. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Members may be taken without a meeting if: (i) a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the persons who would be entitled to vote upon such action at a meeting and filed with the Secretary of the Association to be kept in the Association's

minute book; or (ii) such action is approved by written ballot as authorized by the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

#### **ARTICLE 4** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 4.1 Number. The business and affairs of the Association shall initially be managed by a Board of three directors, who will be appointed by Declarant during and for so long as there is a Class B membership.

Section 4.2 Initial Directors. The initial directors shall be selected by the Declarant. Such initial directors shall serve for one year terms at the election of the Declarant or until such time as the Class B membership terminates and their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The names of the persons who shall serve on the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

**Name**

Laura Henthorn

John Beeson

Jay Beeson

Section 4.3 Nomination. Following the expiration of the Class B membership, nomination for election to the Board of Directors may be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. If applicable, the Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more Members of the Association. The Nominating Committee may be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the Members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment may be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee may make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled.

Section 4.4 Election. Directors may be elected at the annual meeting of the Members by written ballot. At such election, the Members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

Section 4.5 Term of Office. The term of all successor directors elected by the Members shall expire at the next annual meeting of Members; provided, however, the directors shall continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation, removal from office, incapacity, or death.

Section 4.6 Removal. After the Class B Membership shall cease, any Director may be removed from the Board of Directors, with or without cause, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the

Members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board of Directors and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor. The Members may elect a director at any time to fill any vacancy not filled by the Board of Directors. Until such time as the Class B shall cease, Board members shall serve at the leisure of Declarant and can be removed with or without cause by Declarant.

Section 4.7 Compensation. No director shall receive compensation for any service he or she may render to the Association. However, any director may be reimbursed for his or her actual expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties.

Section 4.8 Salaries of Employees and Agents. Except as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may set the salaries of all employees and agents of the Association, if any.

## **ARTICLE 5** **MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS**

Section 5.1 Regular Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held on a regular basis as often as the Board of Directors see fit, on such days and at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 5.2 Special Meeting. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President of the Association, or by any two directors, after not less than three (3) days' notice to each director.

Section 5.3 Notice of Meetings. Notice of each special meeting of the Board of Directors, stating the time, manner, and place of the meeting, shall be given by or at the direction of the Secretary of the Association by mailing the same to each director at his residence or business address not fewer than three days before such meeting, or by giving the same to him personally or by telegraphing or telephoning the same to him at his residence or business address not later than the day before the day on which the meeting is to be held.

Any and all requirements for call and notice of meetings may be dispensed with if all directors are present at the meeting or if those not present at the meeting shall at any time waive or have waived notice thereof.

Section 5.4 Quorum. A majority of the number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.5 Informal Action by Directors. Action taken by a majority of the directors without a meeting is nevertheless Board of Directors action if written consent to the action in

question is signed by all of the directors and filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, whether done before or after the action so taken.

Section 5.6 Chairman. A Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the directors and shall preside over all Board of Directors meetings until the President of the Association is elected. Thereafter, the President shall serve as Chairman. In the event there is a vacancy in the office of the Presidency, a Chairman shall be elected by the Board of Directors and serve until a new President is elected.

Section 5.7 Liability of the Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall not be liable to the Owners for any mistake of judgment, negligence, or otherwise except for their own individual willful misconduct or bad faith. The Owners shall indemnify and hold harmless each of the members of the Board of Directors against all contractual liability to others arising out of contracts made by the Board of Directors on behalf of the Association unless any such contract shall have been made in bad faith or contrary to the provisions of the Declaration or these Bylaws. It is intended that the members of the Board of Directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract made by them on behalf of the Association, except to the extent that they are Owner(s).

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 6.1 Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power to:

- (a) Adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities, including but not limited to the recreational facilities and the personal conduct of the Members, their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities of a Member, including the rights to use the recreational facilities, or other Common Area during any period in which such Member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed 60 days for infraction of published rules and regulations;
- (c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties, and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;
- (d) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors;
- (e) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and prescribe their duties;
- (f) employ attorneys to represent the Association when deemed necessary;

(g) grant easements for the installation and maintenance of sewer or water lines and other utilities or drainage facilities upon, over, under, and across the Common Area without the assent of the membership when such easements are requisite for the convenient use and enjoyment of the Subdivision;

(h) appoint and remove at pleasure all officers, agents, and employees of the Association, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, and require of them such security or fidelity bond as it may deem expedient;

(i) do anything necessary or desirable, including, but not limited to, establishing any rules or regulations which the Association deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the Association as set forth herein or as permitted by law;

(j) to enforce the provisions of the Declaration and any additional or supplementary declaration and any rules or regulations made hereunder or thereunder and to enjoin and/or, at its discretion, seek damages or other relief for violation of such provisions or rules and/or by Special Individual Assessments against any Owner for violation of such provisions, rules, or regulations pursuant to the provisions of the Declaration; and

(k) to levy Assessments as more particularly set forth in the Declaration.

Section 6.2 Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

(a) Cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the Members at the annual meeting of the Members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by Members entitled to at least one-third (1/3) of the votes appurtenant to the Lots;

(b) Supervise all officers, agents, and employees of the Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;

(c) As more fully provided in the Declaration:

(1) Fix the amount of the Assessments as more particularly described in the Declaration;

(2) Send written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto before its due date; and

(3) Foreclose the lien against any property for which Assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same;

- (d) Issue, or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid (A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment.);
- (e) Procure and maintain adequate liability insurance covering the Association and the directors and officers thereof and adequate hazard insurance on the property owned by the Association;
- (f) Cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate; and
- (g) Cause the Common Areas to be maintained.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

Section 7.1 Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President and Vice-President, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 7.2 Election of Officers. The election of officers may take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members.

Section 7.3 Term. Each officer of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors and each shall hold office for one (1) year or until his death, resignation, retirement, removal, disqualification, or his successor is elected and qualifies.

Section 7.4 Special Appointments. The Board of Directors may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine.

Section 7.5 Resignation, Removal and Vacancies. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board of Directors. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he or she replaces.

Section 7.6 Multiple Offices. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 7.4.



Section 7.7 Compensation. No officer shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such.

Section 7.8 Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

#### **President**

(a) The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall supervise and control the management of the Association. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds, and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

#### **Vice-President**

(b) The Vice-President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of his or her absence, inability, or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him or her by the Board of Directors.

#### **Secretary**

(c) The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the Members, shall keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal, shall serve notice of meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Members, shall keep appropriate current records showing the members of the Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board of Directors.

#### **Treasurer**

(d) The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors, shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association, shall keep proper books of account, shall cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year, and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the Members.

### **ARTICLE 8** **COMMITTEES**

Section 8.1 Executive Committee. The Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board of Directors, designate an Executive Committee to consist of two or more of the Directors of the Association, which, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and may exercise the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business

and affairs of the Association and to do all things, including actions specified by these Bylaws to be performed by the Board of Directors, in the same manner and with the same authority and effect as if such acts had been performed by the Board of Directors; but the Board of Directors shall at all times have the power to reverse an action taken by the Executive Committee, provided that the exercise of such power by the Board of Directors shall not in any way abrogate the obligations or duties owing by the Association to third parties who have acted in reliance on the action taken by such committee.

All proceedings and action taken by such committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors or special meeting called for such purpose next following such proceedings or action.

Section 8.2 Nominating Committee. The Association may appoint a Nominating Committee, as provided in these Bylaws.

Section 8.3 Other Committees. The Board of Directors may create such other committees as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint.

Section 8.4 Compensation. Members of committees, as such, shall not receive any salary or compensation for their services; provided, however, that a committee member may serve the Association in another capacity and receive compensation therefor.

## **ARTICLE 9** **BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The books, records, and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member. The Declaration (along with any amendments thereto or Supplemental Declaration(s) recorded on or after the date of these Bylaws), the Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

## **ARTICLE 10** **ASSESSMENTS**

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each Member is obligated to pay Assessments to the Association, as defined in the Declaration. Any Assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. Any Assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, as set forth in the Declaration, shall be subject to a \$25 late fee and shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum and the Association may bring an action at law or in equity against the Member personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the Lot subject to the Assessment in the same manner as prescribed by the laws of the State of South Carolina for the foreclosure of mortgages, and interest, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees for representation of the Association in such an action or foreclosure shall be added to the amount of such Assessment. The late charges, costs of collection, and reasonable attorneys' fees related to any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment, all in accordance

with the provisions of the Declaration. No Member may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Subdivision (including but not limited to the Common Area(s)) or abandonment of his or her Lot nor shall damage to or destruction of any Improvements on any Lot by fire or other casualty result in any abatement or diminution of the Assessments.

## **ARTICLE 11** **CORPORATE SEAL**

The Association may, but is not required by law, to have a seal in circular form.

## **ARTICLE 12** **AMENDMENTS**

Section 12.1 These Bylaws may be amended at a regular or special meeting of the Members, by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all votes present at a duly held meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present in person or by proxy.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section 12.1 to the contrary, the Class B Members may at their option amend these Bylaws without obtaining the consent or approval of any other person or entity.

Section 12.2 In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Declaration shall control.

## **ARTICLE 13** **MISCELLANEOUS**

The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year and shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of the year of incorporation.

## **ARTICLE 14** **INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

To the extent permitted by law, the Association shall indemnify any director or officer or former director or officer of the Association or any person who may have served at the request of the Association as a director or officer of another corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) or liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of or as a consequence of any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding (whether civil or criminal) in which he or she is made a party or was (or is threatened to be made) a party by reason of being or having been such director or officer, except in relation to matters as to which he or she shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of a

duty, or in relation to a proceeding by or for the right of the Association in which a director or officer was adjudged liable to the Association or in relation to a proceeding where a director or officer was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by that director or officer.

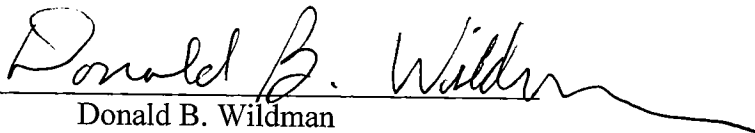
The indemnification provided herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any statute, bylaw, agreement, vote of members or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person.

The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him against such liability.

The Association's indemnity of any person who is or was a director or officer of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director or officer of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, shall be reduced by any amounts such person may collect as indemnification (i) under any policy of insurance purchased and maintained on his behalf by the Association or (ii) from such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise.

Nothing contained in this Article 14 or elsewhere in these Bylaws shall operate to indemnify any director or officer if such indemnification is for any reason contrary to any applicable state or federal law.

I, Donald B. Wildman, as Sole Incorporator of the Association do hereby adopt and approve the foregoing Bylaws, this the 21st day of February, 2020.

  
Donald B. Wildman  
Sole Incorporator