## EXHIBIT "A"

## **CONDOMINIUM BYLAWS**

#### FUHRMANN WOODS CONDOMINIUM

#### **ARTICLE I**

## **ASSOCIATION OF CO-OWNERS**

Formation; Membership. Fuhrmann Woods Condominium, a residential site Section 1.1 Condominium Project located in the City of Sterling Heights, Macomb County, Michigan, shall be administered by the Fuhrmann Woods Condominium Association, a Michigan non-profit corporation, (the "Association"). The Association shall be responsible for the management, maintenance, operation and administration of the Common Elements, easements and affairs of the Condominium Project in accordance with the Condominium Documents and the laws of the State of Michigan. These Bylaws shall constitute both the Condominium Bylaws referred to in the Master Deed and required by Section 53 of the Act and the Association Bylaws provided for under the Michigan Non-profit Corporation Act, as amended. Each Co-owner shall be a member in the Association and no other person or entity shall be entitled to membership. Co-owners are sometimes referred to as "Members" in these Bylaws. A Coowner's share of the Association's funds and assets cannot be assigned, pledged or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to his Unit. The Association shall keep current copies of the Master Deed, all amendments to the Master Deed, and other Condominium Documents for the Condominium Project, all of which shall be available at reasonable hours to Co-owners, prospective purchasers and prospective mortgagees of Units in the Condominium Project. All Co-owners in the Condominium Project and all persons using or entering upon or acquiring any interest in any Unit or the Common Elements shall be subject to the provisions and terms set forth in the Condominium Documents.

*Section 1.2 <u>Definitions</u>.* Capitalized terms used in these Bylaws without further definition shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Master Deed, or the Act unless the context dictates otherwise.

*Section 1.3 <u>Conflicts of Terms and Provisions</u>.* In the event there exists any conflict among the terms and provisions contained within the Master Deed or these Bylaws, the terms and provisions of the Master Deed shall control.

#### ARTICLE II

#### ASSESSMENTS

*Section 2.1 <u>Assessments Against Units and Co-owners</u>. All expenses arising from the management, administration and operation of the Association in accordance with the authorizations and responsibilities prescribed in the Condominium Documents and the Act shall be levied by the Association against the Units and the Co-owners thereof, in accordance with the provisions of this Article II.* 

Section 2.2 <u>Assessments for Common Elements; Personal Property Taxes Assessed Against</u> <u>the Association</u>. All costs incurred by the Association to satisfy any liability or obligation arising from, caused by, or connected with the Common Elements or the administration of the Condominium Project shall constitute expenditures affecting the administration of the Project, and all sums received as the proceeds of, or pursuant to, any policy of insurance securing the interest of the Co-owners against liabilities or losses arising within, caused by, or connected with the Common Elements or the administration of the Condominium Project shall constitute receipts affecting the administration of the Condominium Project, within the meaning of Section 54(4) of the Act. *Section 2.3 <u>Determination of Assessments</u>*. Assessments shall be determined in accordance with the following provisions:

The Board of Directors of the Association shall establish an annual *(a)* Budget. budget ("Budget") in advance for each fiscal year and such Budget shall project all expenses for the ensuing year which may be required for the proper operation, management and maintenance of the Condominium Project, including a reasonable allowance for contingencies and reserves. An adequate reserve fund for maintenance, repairs and replacement of the Common Elements that must be replaced on a periodic basis shall be established in the budget and must be funded by regular annual assessments, as set forth in Section 2.4 below, rather than by special assessments. At a minimum, the reserve fund shall be equal to ten (10%) percent of the Association's current annual Budget on a noncumulative basis. As the minimum standard required by this subparagraph may prove to be inadequate for the Project, the Association should carefully analyze the Condominium Project to determine if a greater amount should be set aside, or if additional reserves should be established for other purposes from time to time. Upon adoption of a Budget by the Board of Directors, copies of the Budget shall be delivered to each Co-owner and the assessment for said year shall be established based upon said Budget. The applicable annual assessments, as levied, shall constitute a lien against all Units as of the first day of the fiscal year to which the assessments relate. Failure to deliver a copy of the Budget to each Co-owner shall not affect or in any way diminish such lien or the liability of any Co-owner for any existing or future assessments. Should the Board of Directors at any time determine, in its sole discretion: (1) that the assessments levied are or may prove to be insufficient to pay the actual costs of the Condominium Project's operation and management, (2) to provide for repairs or replacements of existing Common Elements not to exceed Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) Dollars, in the aggregate, annually, or (3) that an emergency exists, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to increase the general assessments and to levy such additional assessment or assessments as it deems necessary. The Board of Directors shall also have the authority, without Co-owner or mortgagee consent, to levy assessments for repair and reconstruction in the event of casualty pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.2 below. The discretionary authority of the Board of Directors to levy assessments pursuant to this subparagraph shall rest solely with the Board of Directors for the benefit of the Association and its Members, and shall not be enforceable by any creditors of the Association or its Members.

(b) <u>Special Assessments</u>. Special assessments, in addition to the general assessments required in Section 2.3(a) above, may be made by the Board of Directors from time to time, subject to Co-owner approval as hereinafter provided, to meet other needs or requirements of the Association, including, but not limited to: (1) assessments for additions to the Common Elements in excess of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) Dollars, in the aggregate, annually, (2) assessments to purchase a Unit upon foreclosure of the lien for assessments described in Section 2.6 below, or (3) assessments for any other appropriate purpose that could not be covered by the annual assessment. Special assessments referred to in this subparagraph (b) shall not be levied without the prior approval of the Co-owners representing sixty (60%) percent or more of the combined percentage of value of all Units within the Condominium Project. The authority to levy assessments pursuant to this subparagraph is solely for the benefit of the Association and its Members and shall not be enforceable by any creditors of the Association or its Members.

(c) <u>Remedial Assessments</u>. If any Co-owner fails to properly maintain or repair his Unit in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, which failure, in the opinion of the Board of Directors adversely affects the appearance of the Condominium Project as a whole, or the safety, health or welfare of the other Co-owners of the Condominium Project, the Association may, following notice to such Co-owner, take any actions reasonably necessary to maintain or repair the Co-owner's Unit, and an amount equal to one hundred fifty (150%) percent of the cost thereof shall be assessed against the Co-owner of such Unit.

Apportionment of Assessments and Penalty for Default. Unless otherwise Section 2.4 provided in these Bylaws or in the Master Deed, all assessments levied against the Co-owners to cover administration expenses shall be apportioned among and paid by the Co-owners in accordance with the respective percentages of value allocated to each Co-owner's Unit in Article V of the Master Deed, without adjustment for the use or non-use of the Unit or any Limited Common Element appurtenant to a Unit. Annual assessments determined in accordance with Section 2.3(a) above shall be paid by Coowners in monthly, annual or semi-annual payments as determined by the Association's Board of Directors. A Co-owner's payment obligations will commence with the acceptance of a deed to or a land contract vendee's interest in a Unit, or with the acquisition of fee simple title to a Unit by any other means. A Co-owner shall be in default of his assessment obligations if he fails to pay any assessment installment when due. A late charge not to exceed Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars per month plus administrative and processing fees shall be assessed automatically by the Association upon any assessments in default for ten (10) or more days until the assessment installment, together with the applicable late charges, are paid in full. In addition, assessments in default for ten (10) or more days shall accrue interest at a rate to be determined by the Association, not exceeding the highest rate permitted by law, commencing from the date any such assessments were due until such assessment, including applicable late charges, are paid in full. Each Co-owner (whether one or more persons) shall be, and remain, personally liable for the payment of all assessments (including fines for late payment and costs of collection and enforcement of payment) relating to his Unit which may be levied while such Co-owner owns the Unit. Payments to satisfy assessment installments in default shall be applied as follows: first, to the costs of collection and enforcement of payment, including reasonable attorneys' fees; second, to any interest charges and fines for late payment on such assessment installments; and third, to the assessment installments in default in the order of their due dates.

*Section 2.5 <u>Waiver of Use or Abandonment of Units.</u> No Co-owner may exempt himself from liability for his assessment obligations by waiving the use or enjoyment of any of the Common Elements or by abandoning his Unit.* 

*Section 2.6 <u>Liens for Unpaid Assessments</u>.* The sums assessed by the Association which remain unpaid, including but not limited to regular assessments, special assessments, fines and late charges, shall constitute a lien upon the Unit or Units in the Project owned by the Co-owner at the time of the assessment and upon the proceeds of sale of such Unit or Units. Any such unpaid sum shall constitute a lien against the Unit as of the first day of the fiscal year to which the assessment, fine or late charge relates and shall be a lien prior to all claims except real property taxes and first mortgages of record. All charges which the Association may levy against any Co-owner shall be deemed to be assessments for purposes of this Section 2.6 and Section 108 of the Act.

# Section 2.7 <u>Enforcement</u>.

(a) <u>Remedies</u>. In addition to any other remedies available to the Association, the Association may enforce the collection of delinquent assessments by a suit at law or by foreclosure of the statutory lien that secures payment of assessments. In the event any Co-owner defaults in the payment of any annual assessment installment levied against his Unit, the Association shall have the right to declare all unpaid installments of the annual assessment for the pertinent fiscal year to be immediately due and payable. A Co-owner in default shall not be entitled to utilize any of the General Common Elements of the Project, and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Association until the default is cured; provided, however, this provision shall not operate to deprive any Co-owner of ingress or egress to and from his Unit or the dwelling or other improvements constructed thereon. In a judicial foreclosure action, a receiver may be appointed to collect a reasonable rental for the Unit from the Co-owner thereof or any persons claiming under him. The Association may also assess fines for late payment or non-

payment of assessments in accordance with the provisions of Section 18.4 of these Bylaws. All of these remedies shall be cumulative and not alternative.

Foreclosure Proceedings. Each Co-owner, and every other person who from *(b)* time to time has any interest in the Project, shall be deemed to have granted to the Association the unqualified right to elect to foreclose the lien securing payment of assessments either by judicial action or by advertisement. The provisions of Michigan law pertaining to foreclosure of mortgages by judicial action and by advertisement, as the same may be amended from time to time, are incorporated herein by reference for the purposes of establishing the alternative procedures to be followed in lien foreclosure actions and the rights and obligations of the parties to such actions. In addition, each Co-owner and every other person who from time to time has any interest in the Project, shall be deemed to have authorized and empowered the Association to sell or to cause to be sold the Unit with respect to which the assessment(s) is or are delinquent and to receive, hold and distribute the proceeds of such sale in accordance with the priorities established by applicable law. Each Co-owner of a Unit in the Project acknowledges that at the time of acquiring title to such Unit, he reviewed the provisions of this subparagraph and he voluntarily, intelligently and knowingly waived notice of any proceedings brought by the Association to foreclose any assessment liens by advertisement and waived the right to a hearing prior to the sale of the applicable Unit.

Notices of Action. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.7(b), the (c) Association shall not commence a judicial foreclosure action or a suit for a money judgment or publish any notice of foreclosure by advertisement, until the Association has provided the delinquent Co-owner with written notice, sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the delinquent Co-owner at his last known address, that one or more assessment installments levied against the pertinent Unit is or are delinquent and that the Association may invoke any of its remedies under these Bylaws if the default is not cured within ten (10) days from the date of the notice. Such written notice shall be accompanied by a written affidavit of an authorized representative of the Association that sets forth (i) the affiant's capacity to make the affidavit, (ii) the statutory or other authority for the lien, (iii) the amount outstanding (exclusive of interest, costs, attorney fees and future assessments), (iv) the legal description of the subject Unit(s) and (v) the name(s) of the Co-owner(s) of record. Such affidavit shall be recorded in the office of the Macomb County Register of Deeds prior to the commencement of any foreclosure proceeding. If the delinquency is not cured within the ten (10) day period, the Association may take such remedial action as may be available to it under these Bylaws and under Michigan law. In the event the Association elects to foreclose the lien by advertisement, the Association shall notify the delinquent Co-owner of the Association's election and shall inform him that he may request a judicial hearing by bringing suit against the Association.

(d) <u>Expenses of Collection</u>. The expenses incurred by the Association in collecting unpaid assessments, including interest, costs, actual attorneys' fees (not limited to statutory fees) and advances for taxes or other liens paid by the Association to protect its lien, shall be chargeable to the defaulting Co-owner and shall be secured by a lien on his Unit.

**Section 2.8** <u>Liability of Mortgagees</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Condominium Documents, the holder of any first mortgage covering any Unit in the Project which comes into possession of the Unit pursuant to the remedies provided in the mortgage or by deed (or assignment) in lieu of foreclosure, and any purchaser at a foreclosure sale, shall take the property free of any claims for unpaid assessments or charges against the mortgaged Unit which accrued prior to the time such holder comes into possession of the Unit (except for claims for a pro rata share of assessments or charges resulting from a pro rata reallocation of assessments or charges to all Units including the mortgaged Unit and except for delinquent assessments for which a notice of lien was recorded prior to the recordation of such first mortgage).

Section 2.9 Developer's Responsibility for Assessments. Developer, although a Member of the Association, shall not be responsible at any time for the payment of Association assessments, except with respect to Units owned by Developer which contain a completed and occupied residential dwelling. A residential dwelling is complete when it has received a temporary or final certificate of occupancy from the City and a residential dwelling is occupied if it is occupied as a residence. Model and "spec" homes shall not constitute completed and occupied dwellings. In addition, in the event Developer is selling a Unit with a completed residential dwelling thereon by land contract to a Co-owner, the Co-owner shall be liable for all assessments and Developer shall not be liable for any assessments levied up to and including the date, if any, upon which Developer actually retakes possession of the Unit following extinguishment of all rights of the land contract purchaser in the Unit. However, Developer shall at all times pay expenses of maintaining the Units that it owns, together with a proportionate share of all current maintenance expenses actually incurred by the Association from time to time (excluding reserves) for street and utility maintenance, landscaping, sign lighting and snow removal, but excluding management fees and expenses related to the maintenance, repair and use of Units in the Project that are not owned by Developer. For purposes of the foregoing sentence, Developer's proportionate share of such expenses shall be based upon the ratio of all Units owned by Developer at the time the expense is incurred to the total number of Units in the Project. In no event shall Developer be responsible for assessments for deferred maintenance, reserves for replacements, capital improvements or other special assessments, except with respect to Units that are owned by Developer which contain completed and occupied residential dwellings. Any assessments levied by the Association against Developer for other purposes, without Developer's prior written consent, shall be void and of no effect. In addition, Developer shall not be liable for any assessment levied in whole or in part to purchase any Unit from Developer or to finance any litigation or claims against Developer, any cost of investigating or preparing such litigation or claim or any similar or related costs.

*Section 2.10 <u>Property Taxes and Special Assessments</u>. All property taxes and special assessments levied by any public taxing authority shall be assessed in accordance with Section 131 of the Act.* 

*Section 2.11 <u>Personal Property Tax Assessment of Association Property</u>. The Association shall be assessed as the entity in possession of any tangible personal property of the Condominium owned or possessed in common by the Co-owners, and personal property taxes based thereon shall be treated as expenses of administration.* 

*Section 2.12 <u>Construction Liens</u>.* A construction lien otherwise arising under Act No. 497 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1980, as amended, shall be subject to Section 132 of the Act.

Section 2.13 <u>Statement as to Unpaid Assessments</u>. The purchaser of any Unit may request a statement from the Association identifying the amount of any unpaid Association regular or special assessments relating to such Unit. Upon written request to the Association accompanied by a copy of the executed purchase agreement pursuant to which the purchaser holds the right to acquire a Unit, the Association shall provide a written statement identifying any existing unpaid assessments or a written statement that none exist, which statement shall be binding upon the Association for the period stated therein. Upon the payment of the sum identified in the statement within the period identified in the statement, the Association's lien for assessments as to such Unit shall be deemed satisfied; provided, however, if a purchaser fails to request such statement at least five (5) days prior to the closing of the purchase of such Unit, any unpaid assessments and the lien securing them shall be fully enforceable against such purchaser and the Unit itself, to the extent provided by the Act. Under the Act, unpaid assessments constitute a lien upon the Unit and the sale proceeds thereof which has priority over all claims except tax liens in favor of any state or federal taxing authority and sums unpaid on a first mortgage of record, except that past due assessments which are evidenced by a notice of lien, recorded

pursuant to Section 2.7 have priority over a first mortgage recorded subsequent to the recording of the notice of the lien.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### JUDICIAL ACTIONS AND CLAIMS

Section 3.1 Judicial Relief. Actions on behalf of and against the Co-owners shall be brought in the name of the Association. Subject to the express limitations on actions in these Bylaws and in the Association's Articles of Incorporation, the Association may assert, defend or settle claims on behalf of all Co-owners in connection with the Common Elements of the Condominium. As provided in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the commencement of any civil action (other than one to enforce these Bylaws or collect delinquent assessments) shall require the approval of a majority in number and value of the Co-owners, and shall be governed by the requirements of this Article III. The requirements of this Article III will ensure that the Co-owners are fully informed regarding the prospects and likely costs of any civil action the Association proposes to engage in, as well as the ongoing status of any civil actions actually filed by the Association. These requirements are imposed in order to reduce both the cost of litigation and the risk of unsuccessful litigation, and in order to avoid the waste of the Association's assets in litigation where reasonable and prudent alternatives to the litigation exist. Each Co-owner and Developer shall have standing to sue to enforce the requirements of this Article III. The Developer shall be entitled to enforce the provisions of this Article III, regardless of whether Developer owns any Units. The procedures and requirements described in this Article III shall apply to the Association's commencement of any civil action other than an action to enforce these Bylaws or to collect delinquent assessments.

*Section 3.2 <u>Board of Directors' Recommendation to Co-owners</u>. The Association's Board of Directors shall be responsible in the first instance for recommending to the Co-owners that a civil action be filed, and supervising and directing any civil actions that are filed.* 

**Section 3.3** <u>Litigation Evaluation Meeting</u>. Before an attorney is engaged for purposes of filing a civil action on behalf of the Association, the Board of Directors shall call a special meeting of the Co-owners ("litigation evaluation meeting") for the express purpose of evaluating the merits of the proposed civil action. The written notice to the Co-owners and Developer of the date, time and place of the litigation evaluation meeting shall be sent to all Co-owners not less than twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting and shall include the following information:

(a) A certified resolution of the Board of Directors setting forth in detail the concerns of the Board of Directors giving rise to the need to file a civil action and further certifying that it is in the best interests of the Association to file a lawsuit.

(b) A written summary of the relevant experience of the attorney ("litigation attorney") the Board of Directors recommends be retained to represent the Association in the proposed civil action.

(c) The litigation attorney's written estimate of the amount of legal fees, court costs, expert witness fees and all other expenses expected to be incurred in the litigation.

(d) The litigation attorney's proposed written fee agreement.

(e) The amount to be specially assessed against each Unit in the Condominium to fund the estimated cost of the civil action both in total and on a monthly per Unit basis, as required by Section 3.7 of this Article III.

*Section 3.4* <u>Independent Expert Opinion</u>. If the lawsuit relates to the condition of any of the Common Elements of the Condominium, the Board of Directors shall obtain a written independent expert opinion as to reasonable and practical alternative approaches to repairing the problems with the Common Elements, which shall set forth the estimated costs and expected viability of each alternative. The independent expert opinion shall be sent to all Co-owners with the written notice of the litigation evaluation meeting.

*Section 3.5 <u>Fee Agreement with Litigation Attorney</u>. The Association shall have a written fee agreement with the litigation attorney, and any other attorney retained to handle the proposed civil action.* 

*Section 3.6 <u>Co-owner Vote Required</u>.* At the litigation evaluation meeting the Co-owners shall vote on whether to authorize the Board of Directors to proceed with the proposed civil action and whether the matter should be handled by the litigation attorney. The commencement of any civil action by the Association (other than a suit to enforce these Bylaws or collect delinquent assessments) shall require the approval of two-thirds (2/3rds) in number and in value of the Co-owners. Any proxies to be voted at the litigation evaluation meeting must be signed at least seven (7) days prior to the litigation evaluation meeting.

**Section 3.7** <u>Litigation Special Assessment</u>. All legal fees incurred in pursuit of any civil action that is subject to this Article III shall only be paid by special assessment of the Co-owners ("litigation special assessment"). General assessments shall not be used to pay fees and expenses incurred in pursuit of any civil action subject to this Article III. The litigation special assessment shall be approved at the litigation evaluation meeting (or at any subsequent duly called and noticed meeting) by two-thirds (2/3) in number and in value of all Co-owners in the amount of the estimated total cost of the civil action. If the litigation attorney proposed by the Board of Directors is not retained, the litigation special assessment shall be in an amount equal to the estimated total cost of the civil action, as estimated by the attorney actually retained by the Association. The litigation special assessment shall be apportioned to the Co-owners in accordance with their respective percentage of value interests in the Condominium and shall be collected from the Co-owners on a monthly basis. The total amount of the litigation special assessment shall be collected monthly over a period not to exceed twelve (12) months.

**Section 3.8** <u>Changes in the Litigation Special Assessment</u>. If, at any time during the course of a civil action, the Board of Directors determines that the originally estimated total cost of the civil action or any revision thereof is inaccurate, the Board of Directors shall immediately prepare a revised estimate of the total cost of the civil action. If the revised estimate exceeds the litigation special assessment previously approved by the Co-owners, the Board of Directors shall call a special meeting of the Co-owners to review the status of the litigation, and to allow the Co-owners to vote on whether to continue the civil action and increase the litigation special assessment. The meeting shall have the same quorum and voting requirements as a litigation evaluation meeting.

*Section 3.9 <u>Disclosure of Litigation Expenses</u>. The attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees and all other expenses of any civil action filed by the Association ("litigation expenses") shall be fully disclosed to Co-owners in the Association's annual budget. The litigation expenses for each civil action filed by the Association shall be listed as a separate line item captioned "litigation expenses" in the Association's annual budget.* 

## ARTICLE IV

#### **INSURANCE**

*Section 4.1 Extent of Coverage.* The Association shall, to the extent appropriate in light of the nature of the General Common Elements of the Project, carry fire and extended coverage, vandalism and malicious mischief and liability insurance, (in a minimum amount to be determined by Developer or the Association in its discretion), officers' and directors' liability insurance and workmen's compensation insurance, if applicable, and other insurance the Association may deem applicable, desirable or necessary as is relates pertinent to the ownership, use and maintenance of the General Common Elements and such insurance, shall be carried and administered in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) <u>Responsibilities of the Association</u>. All of the insurance referenced in this Section 4.1 shall be purchased by the Association for the benefit of the Association, and the Coowners and their mortgagees, as their interests may appear, and provision shall be made for the issuance of mortgagee endorsements to the mortgagees of Co-owners.

(b) <u>Insurance of Common Elements</u>. If applicable and appropriate, General Common Elements of the Condominium Project, other than road, shall be insured against fire and other perils covered by a standard extended coverage endorsement, in an amount equal to the current insurable replacement value, excluding foundation and excavation costs, if any, as determined annually by the Board of Directors of the Association in consultation with the Association's insurance carrier and/or its representatives, utilizing commonly employed methods for the reasonable determination of replacement costs.

(c) <u>Premium Expenses</u>. All premiums on insurance purchased by the Association pursuant to these Bylaws shall be expenses of administration.

(d) <u>Proceeds of Insurance Policies</u>. Proceeds of all insurance policies owned by the Association shall be received by the Association, held in a separate account and distributed to the Association, and the Co-owners and their mortgagees, as their interests may appear, provided, however, whenever repair or reconstruction of the Condominium shall be required as provided in Article V of these Bylaws, the proceeds of any insurance received by the Association as a result of any loss requiring repair or reconstruction shall be retained by the Association and applied for such repair or reconstruction.

*Section 4.2 <u>Authority of Association to Settle Insurance Claims</u>. Each Co-owner, by ownership of a Unit in the Condominium Project, shall be deemed to appoint the Association as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact to act in connection with all matters concerning the maintenance of fire and extended coverage, vandalism and malicious mischief, liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance, if applicable, pertinent to the Condominium Project and the Common Elements appurtenant thereto. Without limiting the foregoing, the Association shall have full power and authority to purchase and maintain such insurance, to collect and remit premiums therefor, to collect insurance proceeds and to distribute the same to the Association, the Co-owners and their respective mortgagees, as their interests may appear (subject always to the Condominium Documents), and/or to utilize said proceeds for required repairs or reconstruction, to execute releases of liability and to execute all documents and to do all things on behalf of such Co-owner and the Condominium as shall be necessary or convenient to accomplish the foregoing purposes.* 

*Section 4.3 <u>Co-owner Responsibilities</u>.* Each Co-owner shall be responsible for obtaining fire and extended coverage and vandalism and malicious mischief insurance with respect to the dwelling and all other improvements constructed or to be constructed within such Co-owner's Unit, any Limited

Common Elements appurtenant thereto and for his personal property located therein or thereon or elsewhere in the Condominium Project. The Association shall have no responsibility whatsoever to insure any such improvements or personal property. In addition, each Co-owner shall be obligated to obtain insurance coverage for personal liability for occurrences within the perimeter of his Unit and any appurtenant Limited Common Elements, naming the Association and Developer as additional insureds, and also for any other personal insurance coverage that the Co-owner wishes to carry. Each Co-owner shall deliver certificates of insurance to the Association from time to time to evidence the continued existence of all insurance required to be maintained by the Co-owner under this Section 4.3. If a Co-owner fails to obtain such insurance or to provide evidence of such insurance to the Association, the Association may, but is not obligated to, obtain such insurance on behalf of the Co-owner and the premiums for such insurance shall constitute a lien against the Co-owner's Unit which may be collected in the same manner that assessments may be collected under Article II of these Bylaws.

*Section 4.4 <u>Waiver of Subrogation</u>*. The Association, as to all policies which it obtains, and all Co-owners, as to all policies which they obtain, shall use their best efforts to ensure that all property and liability insurance carried by the Association and any Co-owner shall contain appropriate provisions whereby the insurer waives its right of subrogation as to any claims against any Co-owner or the Association.

**Section 4.5** <u>Indemnification</u>. Each individual Co-owner shall indemnify and hold harmless every other Co-owner, Developer and the Association for all damages and costs, including attorney's fees, which the other Co-owners, Developer or the Association may suffer as a result of defending any claim arising out of an occurrence on or within an individual Co-owner's Unit or appurtenant Limited Common Elements. Each Co-owner shall carry insurance to secure the indemnity obligations under this Section 4.5, if required by the Association, or if required by Developer during the Construction and Sales Period. This Section 4.5 is not intended to give any insurer any subrogation right or any other right or claim against any individual Co-owner.

# ARTICLE V

# **RECONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR**

*Section 5.1 <u>Co-owner Responsibility for Repair</u>.* Each Co-owner shall be responsible for all reconstruction, repair and maintenance of the dwelling and all other improvements, fixtures and personal property within his Unit, and all Limited Common Elements appurtenant to the Unit, if any. If any damage to the dwelling or other improvements constructed within a Co-owner's Unit adversely affects the appearance of the Project, the Co-owner shall proceed to remove, repair or replace the damaged property without delay.

**Section 5.2** <u>Association Responsibility for Repair</u>. The Association shall be responsible for the reconstruction, repair and maintenance of the General Common Elements. Immediately following a casualty to property which the Association is responsible for maintaining and repairing, the Association shall obtain reliable and detailed cost estimates to repair or replace the damaged property to a condition comparable to that which existed immediately prior to the damage. If the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to defray the estimated costs of reconstruction or repair or, if at any time during such reconstruction or repair or, upon completion of such reconstruction or repair, there are insufficient funds for the payment of the reconstruction or repair, the Association shall make an assessment against all Coowners for an amount which, when combined with available insurance proceeds, shall be sufficient to fully pay for the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged property. Any such assessment made by the Board of Directors of the Association shall be governed by Section 2.3(a) of these Bylaws. Nothing contained in this Section 5.2 is intended to require Developer or the Association to replace mature trees and vegetation with equivalent trees or vegetation.

*Section 5.3 <u>Timely Reconstruction and Repair</u>. If any damage to Common Elements or improvements within a Unit adversely affects the appearance of the Project, the Association or Co-owner responsible for the reconstruction, repair and maintenance thereof shall proceed to replace the damaged property without delay, and shall use its best efforts to complete such replacement within six (6) months from the date upon which the property damage occurred.* 

*Section 5.4 <u>Eminent Domain</u>.* Section 133 of the Act and the following provisions shall control in the event all or a portion of the Project is subject to eminent domain:

(a) <u>Taking of a Unit or Related Improvements</u>. In the event all or a portion of a Unit or any improvements thereon, are taken by eminent domain, the award for such taking shall be paid to the Co-owner of such Unit and the mortgagee thereof, as their interests may appear. If the entire Unit is taken by eminent domain, on the acceptance of such award by the Co-owner and his mortgagee, they shall be divested of all interest in the Condominium Project.

*Taking of Common Elements.* If there is a taking of any portion of the General *(b)* Common Elements, the condemnation proceeds relative to such taking shall be paid to the Coowners and their mortgagees in proportion to their respective undivided interest in the General Common Elements unless pursuant to the affirmative vote of Co-owners representing greater than two-thirds (2/3) in percentage of value of the total votes of all Co-owners qualified to vote, at a meeting duly called for such purpose, the Association is directed to rebuild, repair or replace the portion so taken or to take such other action as authorized by the foregoing vote of the Coowners. If the Association is directed by the requisite number of Co-owners to rebuild, repair or replace all or any portion of the General Common Elements taken, the Association shall be entitled to retain the portion of the condemnation proceeds necessary to accomplish the reconstruction, repair or replacement of the applicable General Common Elements. The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, may negotiate on behalf of all Co-owners for any condemnation award for General Common Elements and any negotiated settlement approved by the Co-owners representing two-thirds (2/3rds) or more of the total percentages of value of all Co-owners qualified to vote shall be binding on all Co-owners.

(c) <u>Continuation of Condominium After Taking</u>. In the event the Condominium Project continues after a taking by eminent domain, then the remaining portion of the Condominium Project shall be resurveyed and the Master Deed amended accordingly and, if any Unit shall have been taken, then Article V of the Master Deed shall also be amended to reflect such taking and to proportionately readjust the percentages of value of the remaining Units, based upon the continuing value of the Condominium being one hundred (100%) percent. Such amendment may be effected by an officer of the Association duly authorized by the Board of Directors without the necessity of obtaining the signature or specific approval of any Co-owner, mortgagee or other person.

(d) <u>Notification of Mortgagees</u>. In the event all or any portion of a Unit in the Condominium or all or any portion of the Common Elements is made the subject matter of any condemnation or eminent domain proceeding or is otherwise sought to be acquired by a condemning authority, the Association shall notify each institutional holder of a first mortgage lien on any of the Units in the Condominium that is registered in the Association's book of "Mortgagees of Units" pursuant to Section 7.1 of these Bylaws.

*Section 5.5* <u>Notification of FHLMC</u>. In the event any mortgage in the Condominium is held by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC"), then, upon request therefor by FHLMC, the Association shall give FHLMC written notice, at such address as FHLMC may from time to time direct, of any loss to or taking of the Common Elements that exceeds Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars or

loss or taking that exceeds One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars that relates to a Unit covered by a mortgage purchased in whole or in part by FHLMC.

*Section 5.6 <u>Priority of Mortgagee Interests</u>.* Nothing contained in the Condominium Documents shall be construed to give a Co-owner, or any other party, priority over any rights of first mortgagees of Units pursuant to their mortgages with respect to any distribution to Co-owners of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of Units and/or Common Elements.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### RESTRICTIONS

All of the Units in the Condominium shall be held, used and enjoyed subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

**Section 6.1** <u>Residential Use</u>. No Unit in the Condominium shall be used for other than single-family residential purposes, as defined by the City of Sterling Heights Zoning Ordinance. No building shall be constructed or placed within a Unit except one single-family private dwelling or model home not to exceed two (2) stories in height and an attached front or side entry garage containing not less than two (2) and not more than three (3) parking spaces for the sole use of the Co-owner or occupants of the dwelling. No other accessory building or structure may be erected in any manner or location within a Unit without the prior written consent of Developer and/or the Architectural Review Committee (as described in Section 6.24 below). Notwithstanding the foregoing, all homes shall be subject to the following requirements:

Minimum Size – One-story ranch style homes:	1,200 square feet
Minimum Size – Multi-story homes:	1,500 square feet.

*Section 6.2 <u>Dwelling, Quality and Size</u>.* In order to insure that all dwellings in the Condominium Project shall be of quality design, workmanship and materials approved by the Developer, during the Construction and Sales Period, and thereafter by the Association, and all dwellings shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable governmental building codes, zoning and other ordinances and/or regulations and in accordance with such further standards as may be required by these Bylaws, the Architectural Review Committee, or Developer, its successors and/or assigns.

*Section 6.3 <u>Driveways</u>.* Driveways and other paved areas for vehicular or pedestrian use within a Unit shall have a base of compacted sand, gravel, crushed stone or other approved base material and shall have a wearing surface approved by Developer and in compliance with the engineering standards set forth by the City of Sterling Heights from time to time. Plans for driveways, pavement edging or markers must be approved by Developer in writing prior to commencing any construction in accordance with such plans.

*Section 6.4 <u>Building Materials</u>.* Exterior building materials on dwellings and attached garages shall be constructed, principally, of brick, brick veneer, stone, vinyl and/or wood, or such other materials approved by the Developer, during the Construction and Sales Period, and thereafter by the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all structures must have brick on the front facing first floor exterior walls and brick, stone or another durable material approved by the City on the exterior side and rear walls of ranch style homes and the exterior side and rear walls of the first floor of multi-story homes and otherwise in compliance with the City of Sterling Heights Zoning Ordinance.

*Section 6.5* <u>*Home Occupations, Nuisances and Livestock.*</u> No home occupation, profession or commercial activity that requires members of the public to visit a Co-owner's Unit or requires commercial vehicles to travel to and from a Co-owner's Unit shall be conducted in any dwelling located

in the Condominium Project, with the exception of model homes owned by, and the sales activities of, Developer or builders, developers and real estate companies who own or hold any Units for resale to customers in the ordinary course of business. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on in or upon any Unit or Common Element nor shall anything be done thereon which may be, or may become, an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood, other than normal construction activity. No chickens or other fowl or livestock shall be kept or harbored on any Unit. No animals or birds shall be maintained on any Unit, except customary house pets for domestic purposes only. All animal life maintained on any Unit shall have such provisions and care so as not to become offensive to neighbors or to the community on account of noise, odor, unsightliness and no household pets shall be bred, kept or maintained for any commercial purposes whatsoever. No animal may be permitted to run lose at any time within the Condominium, and any animal shall at all times be leashed and accompanied by a responsible person while on the General Common Elements. No burning of refuse shall be permitted outside the dwelling, except that the burning of leaves shall be permitted if allowed by ordinance of the City, provided that it does not become offensive or a nuisance. No occupied or unoccupied Unit shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish or trash.

Section 6.6 Temporary Buildings, Damaged Dwellings and Reconstruction. No trailer, mobile home, van, tent, shack, garage, barn, out-building or structure of a temporary character shall be used at any time as a temporary or permanent residence, nor shall any basement be used for such purposes; provided, however, that the foregoing restriction shall not apply to any activities by Developer or any builder, developer or real estate company during any sales and/or construction periods. All permanent dwellings shall be completed within two (2) years from the commencement of construction. No old or used buildings of any kind whatsoever shall be moved to or reconstructed on any Unit. Any building damaged or destroyed by any cause, for which repair or reconstruction has not commenced within six (6) months from the date of damage or destruction, shall be removed so that there are no ruins or debris remaining within six (6) months from the date of damage or destruction. Any building which is not completed within two (2) years from commencement of construction or any damage or destruction not promptly remedied shall be deemed a nuisance and may be abated by Developer or the Association as provided by law. Any and all property within any public or private road or right-of-way which is disturbed by reason of any work performed by a Co-owner, or said Co-owner's agents, servants, employees or independent contractors, in connection with said Co-owner's Unit shall be restored by said Co-owner, at his sole expense, to its condition immediately prior to the commencement of such work. Said restoration shall be performed immediately following the completion of said work or, if such work is not completed, within a reasonable time following the date the work stopped. No storage sheds shall be erected on a Unit without the prior written approval of Developer during the Construction and Sales Period, and thereafter by the Association.

*Section 6.7 <u>Soil Removal; Soil Erosion</u>.* Soil removal from a Unit shall not be permitted, except as required for building construction and as permitted by Developer. In addition, all construction shall be subject to the requirements of the Michigan Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act, as amended, and all other applicable statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations of all governmental units having jurisdiction over such activities.

*Section 6.8 <u>Underground Wiring</u>.* No permanent lines or wires for communication or other transmission of electrical or power (except transmission lines located on existing or proposed easements) shall be constructed, placed or permitted to be placed anywhere above ground within a Unit other than within buildings or structures.

*Section 6.9 <u>Tree Removal</u>.* No tree may be removed from any Unit during the Construction and Sales Period without Developer's prior written approval. Thereafter, trees shall only be removed in accordance with all applicable zoning and other ordinances and/or regulations promulgated by the City and any other governmental authority having jurisdiction.

*Section 6.10 <u>Performance of Construction</u>*. No building shall be erected on any Unit except by a contractor licensed by the State of Michigan for such purpose.

*Section 6.11 <u>Vehicular Parking and Storage</u>.* No trailer, mobile home, bus, boat trailer, boat or other watercraft, aircraft, camping vehicle, motorcycle, recreational vehicle, commercial or inoperative vehicle of any description shall, at any time, be parked or maintained on any Unit, unless stored fully enclosed within an attached garage or similar structure; provided, however Developer's sales and construction trailers, trucks and equipment may be parked and used on any Unit during construction operations. No commercial vehicle lawfully upon any Unit for business purposes shall remain on such Unit except in the ordinary course of business and in conformity with all applicable laws and/or ordinances.

*Section 6.12 <u>Garbage and Refuse</u>.* Trash, garbage or other waste shall be kept only in closed, sanitary containers and shall be promptly disposed of so that it will not be objectionable to neighboring Co-owners. No outside storage for refuse or garbage shall be maintained or used unless it is properly concealed. The burning or incineration of rubbish, trash, construction materials or other waste outside of any residential dwelling is strictly prohibited. If the City, by ordinance, has a mandatory rubbish removal and waste recycling program, each Co-owner shall participate in such program and shall be billed separately by the City for such services.

*Section 6.13 <u>Fences, Obstructions and Dog Runs</u>. With the exception of any fencing improvements installed by Developer, no fences, walls or similar structures shall be erected on any Unit without the prior written approval of Developer. A Co-owner shall not be permitted to install within the exterior yards of a Unit, any cables, wires, ropes or other device which is intended to physically constrict the movement of a dog, with the exception of a so-called "invisible" fence. The boundaries of any invisible fence shall be limited to the rear yard and the portion of the side yard of a Unit which is located between the rear boundary of a Unit and the front wall of the dwelling and a dog shall not be allowed unleashed in either the front yard of a Unit or the Common Elements.* 

Section 6.14 Landscaping and Grass Cutting; Assumption of Obligations. Upon completion of a residential dwelling on any Unit, the Co-owner shall cause such Unit to be sodded and suitably landscaped as soon after such completion as weather permits, and in any event within ninety (90) days from the date of completion, provided that, if a dwelling is completed between the months of October and December, landscaping must be completed by July 1 of the following year. Prior to commencing any landscaping on the Co-owner's Unit, the Co-owner shall submit to Developer a proposed landscape plan, which plan shall be subject to Developer's prior approval. Developer shall have the right to adopt additional minimum landscaping requirements for the Units. If a Co-owner fails to install the required landscaping within the foregoing ninety (90) day period, the Developer or Association may assess a fine against the Co-owner in an amount equal to Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars per month for each month or partial month the landscaping incomplete beyond the initial ninety (90) day period, which fine shall constitute a lien against the Co-owner's Unit and may be enforced in accordance with Article II of these Bylaws. When weeds or grass located on any Unit exceed six (6) inches in height, the Co-owner of said Unit shall mow or cut said weeds and grass over the entire Unit, except in wooded areas. If the Co-owner fails to mow or cut weeds or grass within ten (10) days after being notified in writing, Developer or the Association may perform such work and the cost of such work shall become a lien upon the Unit(s) involved, until paid. Lawn mowing is also subject to applicable City ordinances which may vary from these Bylaws. The Co-owner shall, at its cost, immediately remove any shrub, tree or other plant that is diseased, dving or dead. If the Co-owner fails to install the required landscaping within the foregoing ninety (90) day period or fails remove diseased, dying or dead shrub(s), tree(s) or other plant(s), Developer or the Association may perform such work and the cost of such work shall become a lien upon the Unit(s) involved, until paid. All Units owned by Developer in the ordinary course of business shall be exempt from the foregoing restrictions contained in this Section 6.14. Upon conveyance of any Unit by

Developer to a Co-owner other than Developer, the exemption for said Unit shall thereupon cease and such Unit shall be subject to all of the restrictions contained in this Section 6.14.

*Section 6.15 <u>Motorized Vehicles; Firearms</u>.* No motorcycles or other vehicles shall be operated in any Common Elements within the Project other than the roadways, provided that bicycles and other non-motorized vehicles may utilize the roads and sidewalks. Snowmobiles shall not be operated anywhere within the Condominium Project. No firearms, air rifles, pellet guns, B-B guns, bows and arrows, or other similar dangerous weapons, projectiles or devices and/or remote control aircraft shall be used anywhere on or about the Condominium Project.

*Section 6.16* <u>Swimming Pools, Tennis Courts, and Other Structures</u>. Prior to the expiration of the Construction and Sales Period, no swimming pools, tennis courts or similar recreational structures shall be constructed on any Unit; provided, however, that gazebos and hot tubs may be constructed on a Unit, if approved by the Developer or after the Construction and Sales Period, by the Association. Following the Construction and Sales Period, no swimming pool, tennis court or other recreational structures shall be constructed on any Unit unless approved in writing by the Association. Any swimming pool, tennis court or similar structure which has been approved in writing by the Association shall be constructed in accordance with this Master Deed and with all applicable local ordinances and/or state laws. NO ABOVE-GROUND SWIMMING POOLS SHALL BE PERMITTED. Swimming pools, tennis courts, hot tubs, whirlpools and similar recreational structures shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable local ordinances and state laws and shall be screened from all streets by wall, solid fence, evergreen hedge or other visual barrier approved in writing by the Association and in compliance with all laws and governmental regulations and ordinances pertaining thereto.

All decks must be located in the rear yard of a Unit and cannot protrude into any side yards without the Developer's approval and all decks must otherwise comply with all applicable rear yard setback requirements imposed by the City and these Bylaws. All air conditioning compressor units must also be located in the rear yard of a unit adjacent to the dwelling and must be screened from all streets by evergreen hedge or other visual barrier as approved in writing by the Developer, during the Construction and Sales Period, and thereafter by the Association.

*Section 6.17 Signs; Illumination; Mailboxes.* No signs of any kind shall be placed upon any Unit or on any building or structure located on a Unit, or any portion thereof, unless the plans and specifications showing the design, size, materials, message and proposed location(s) have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, Developer, with the exception of non-illuminated signs which are not more than six (6) square feet in area pertaining only to the sale of the premises upon which it is maintained. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to signs that may be installed or erected on any Unit by Developer or any builder who owns Units for resale in the ordinary course of business, during any construction period or during any periods that a residence may be used as a model or for display purposes.

No additional exterior illumination of any kind shall be placed or allowed on any portion of a Unit other than on a residential dwelling, unless first approved by Developer. Developer shall approve such illumination only if the type, intensity and style thereof are compatible with the style and character of the development of the Unit and the Projects and no lights shall be placed higher than fifteen (15') feet above the ground.

Developer may, but is not required to, install illuminating fixtures within the General Common Elements and to designate the fixtures as common lighting as provided in Section 4.1(b) of the Master Deed. The cost of providing electricity for common lighting located within Unit boundaries shall be paid by the Association. Such fixtures shall be maintained, repaired and replaced (including the replacement of light bulbs) by the individual Co-owners without reimbursement from the Association. The size and nature of the light bulbs to be used in the fixtures shall be determined by the Association in its discretion.

A Co-owner shall not modify or change such common lighting fixtures in any way and shall not cause the electrical flow for their operation to be interrupted at any time. The fixtures may operate on photoelectric cells, and shall remain lit at all times determined by the Association.

Each Unit shall have a mailbox assigned to it by Developer in order to maintain a uniform appearance within the Condominium Project. Developer shall have the right to cluster mailboxes in one or more locations within the Project. All Mailboxes shall be installed in accordance with the standards and/or requirements of the United States Postal Service. The mailboxes shall be maintained, repaired and replaced by the Association.

*Section 6.18 Swings, Slides, Playscapes, and Other Playground Equipment*. No swings, slides, playscapes or other similar playground equipment (collectively, "Playground Equipment") shall be constructed on any Unit unless approved in advance, in writing by the Developer during the Construction and Sales Period and the Association thereafter. Any Playground Equipment which has been approved in writing by the Developer or the Association shall be constructed in accordance with this Master Deed with all applicable local ordinances and/or state laws. In any event, all approved Playground Equipment must be placed in a location on the Unit that is unobtrusive, and not readily visible from the street or common areas and shall be adequately screened by landscaping, if necessary, or by other visual barriers as may be approved in writing by the Developer or the Association. All approved Playground Equipment shall be maintained in safe operating order and aesthetically pleasing conditions at all times.

*Section 6.19 <u>Basketball Hoops and Play Areas</u>.* Basketball hoops and play areas shall be permitted to be installed on individual Units to strict compliance with the following restrictions:

(a) All basketball hoops shall be on ground mounted posts located at least twenty (20) feet from the curb of the road adjacent to the Unit, for a residence with a front entry garage, or at least thirty (30) feet from the curb of the road adjacent to a Unit for a residence with a side entry garage.

(b) The ground mounted post for the basketball hoop shall be located at least five (5) feet from the side boundary line of the Unit.

(c) No florescent or bright colors shall be permitted for either the post or the backboard. The ground mounted post shall be painted black and the backboard of the basketball hoop shall be clear.

(d) Any lighting of basketball hoops and play areas shall be designed to shield light away from homes on other Units.

*Section 6.20 <u>Objectionable Sights</u>.* No above or below ground fuel or other storage tanks shall be permitted. Stockpiling and storage of building and landscape materials and/or equipment shall not be permitted on any Unit, except for materials and/or equipment which are used within a reasonable length of time. In no event shall landscape materials be stored for a period of more than thirty (30) days. Stockpiling and storage of firewood for use in a dwelling shall be permitted only in that area of a Unit to the rear of and adjacent to the dwelling, or in another location within the Unit where it is completely screened from view from any area outside of the Unit. No laundry drying equipment shall be erected or used outdoors and no laundry shall be hung for drying outside of a dwelling.

*Section 6.21 <u>Maintenance</u>. The Co-owner of each Unit shall keep all buildings and grounds within the Unit in good condition and repair. The Co-owner of each Unit shall be responsible for keeping all driveways within his Unit clean and free of debris and shall be solely responsible for snow removal with respect to such driveways. Each Co-owner shall also use due care to avoid damaging any of the Common Elements, including but not limited to, utility conduits and systems and any other elements in* 

any Unit which are appurtenant to or which may affect any other Unit. Each Co-owner shall be responsible for the repair, restoration of any damage to any Common Elements or damage to any other Co-owner's Unit or improvements thereon, resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of a Co-owner, his family, guests, agents or invitees, except to the extent the Association obtains insurance proceeds for such repair or restoration; provided, however, that if the insurance proceeds obtained by the Association are not sufficient to pay for the costs of repair or restoration, the Association may assess the Co-owner for the excess amount necessary to pay for the repair and restoration. Except as may otherwise be provided in the Master Deed or these Bylaws, or in any maintenance agreement made between Developer and any municipal or governmental authority, the Co-owner of each Unit shall maintain the service area of all easements within his Unit, keep grass and weeds cut, keep the area free of trash and debris and take such actions as may be necessary to eliminate or minimize surface erosion. The Co-owner of each Unit shall be liable for any damage to any improvements which are located in, on, over and/or under the subject easement, including, but not limited to, damage to the Storm Water Drainage Facilities, electric, gas, telephone and other utility and communication distribution lines and facilities, which damage arises as a consequence of any act or omission of the Co-owner, his agents, contractors, invitees and/or licensees. No structure, landscaping or other materials shall be placed or permitted to remain within any of the easements within a Co-owner's Unit which may damage or interfere with the installation or maintenance of the Storm Water Drainage Facilities and other utilities or which may change, obstruct or retard the flow or direction of water in, on or through any drainage channels, if any, in such easements, nor shall any change be made by any Co-owner in the finished grade of any Unit once established by the builder of any residential dwelling thereon, without the prior written consent of Developer.

# Section 6.22 Open Space Areas; Wetlands.

(a) The open space areas which are part of the General Common Elements may be used by all Co-owners for open space and recreational purposes only. The Association shall preserve and retain such open space areas, with minimal intrusion, subject only to such activities which are permitted in these Bylaws. The Association shall have the right to establish additional rules and regulations with respect to the preservation, upkeep and activities allowed within the open space areas as the Association's Board of Directors may deem necessary or desirable to insure the proper preservation and functioning of such open space areas.

(b) No wetlands, if any, within the Project shall be modified in any manner, including, but not limited to, altering the topography of, placing fill material in, dredging, removing or excavating any soil or minerals from, draining surface water from, constructing or placing any structure on, plowing, tilling, cultivating, or otherwise altering or developing the wetlands, unless a permit for such modification has been issued by Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and all other governmental units or agencies having jurisdiction over any wetlands within the Project, and unless such modification is approved by Developer during the Construction and Sales Period and by the Association thereafter. In order to protect all wetlands and upland vegetation, no Co-owner shall utilize within such Co-owner's Unit, fertilizer products containing phosphates.

*Section 6.23 <u>Structures in Limited Common Elements and Easements</u>. No structures of any kind may be installed within any Limited Common Elements or within any easements within the Project without the prior written approval of Developer during the Construction and Sales Period and by the Association thereafter.* 

*Section 6.24 <u>Architectural Controls</u>*. It is understood and agreed that the purpose of architectural controls is to promote an attractive, harmonious residential development having continuing appeal. Accordingly, unless and until construction plans and specifications are submitted to, and approved in writing by, Developer, (i) no dwelling, building, fence, wall or other structure shall be

commenced, erected or maintained, and (ii) no addition, change or alteration to any dwelling or other structure shall be made, except for interior alterations.

All plans, specifications and other related materials shall be filed in the office of Developer, or with any agent specified by Developer, for approval or disapproval, prior to submission to City officials for a building permit. Developer shall have the sole authority to review, approve or disapprove all or any part of the plans or specifications. Developer shall have the right to refuse to approve all or any part of any plans or specifications or grading plans, which are not suitable or desirable, in the sole discretion of Developer, for aesthetic or other reasons. In considering such plans and specifications, Developer shall have the right to take into consideration the compatibility of the proposed building or other structures with the surroundings and the effect of the building or other structure on the view from adjacent or neighboring properties. It is desired that the natural landscape and trees be left in their natural state as much as possible or practical.

A report in writing setting forth the decision of Developer, and the reasons for such decision, shall be furnished by Developer to the applicant within thirty (30) days from the date Developer receives a complete set of architecturally sealed plans, specifications and other materials from the applicant. If Developer fails to give written notice of its approval of any final architectural plans and/or specifications submitted pursuant to the requirements of this Section 6.24 within thirty (30) days from the date they are submitted, Developer shall be deemed to have rejected the plans and specifications. Developer shall be entitled to charge each applicant a review fee in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars, to reimburse Developer for any actual costs incurred in connection with the review of said applicant's plans, specifications and related materials. Such amount shall be due for each submittal even if the original submittal was returned for revision or rejected entirely by Developer.

Neither Developer nor any person(s) or entity(ies) to which it delegates any of its rights, duties or obligations hereunder, including, without limitation, the Association, or an architectural review committee established by Developer and containing such persons as Developer desires in its sole discretion (the "Architectural Review Committee"), shall incur any liability whatsoever for approving or failing or refusing to approve all or any part of any submitted plans and/or specifications. Developer hereby reserves the right to enter into agreements with the Co-owners of any Unit(s) (without the consent of Co-owners of other Units or adjoining or adjacent property) to deviate from any or all of the restrictions set forth in this Article VI, provided that said Co-owner demonstrates that the application of the particular restriction(s) in question would create practical difficulties or hardships for said Co-owner. Any such deviation shall be evidenced by a written agreement and no such deviation or agreement shall constitute a waiver of any such restriction as to any other Unit or Co-owner. During the Construction and Sales Period, only Developer, and/or the Architectural Review Committee, shall have the right to exercise the architectural controls described in this Section 6.24. At the expiration of the Construction and Sales Period, the rights exercisable by Developer and/or the Architectural Review Committee under this Section 6.24 shall be exercised by the Board of Directors of the Association.

#### Section 6.25 <u>Leasing and Rental</u>.

(a) <u>Right to Lease</u>. A Co-owner may lease the dwelling constructed within the perimeters of his Unit for the purposes set forth in Section 6.1; provided that written disclosure of such lease transaction is submitted to the Board of Directors of the Association in the manner specified in subsection (b) below. With the exception of a first mortgage lender in possession of a Unit as a result of foreclosure or a conveyance or assignment in lieu of foreclosure, no Co-owner shall lease less than the entire dwelling on his Unit in the Condominium and no tenant shall be permitted to occupy a dwelling except under a lease having an initial term of at least six (6) months, unless specifically approved in writing by the Association. The terms of all leases, occupancy agreements and occupancy arrangements shall incorporate, or be deemed to incorporate, all of the provisions of the Condominium Documents. Developer may lease any

number of Units in the Condominium in its discretion without being required to obtain the approval of the Association.

(b) <u>Leasing Procedures</u>. The leasing of Units in the Project shall conform to the following:

(1) A Co-owner, including Developer, desiring to rent or lease a Unit, shall provide the Association, at least ten (10) days prior to presenting a lease form to a potential lessee, with a written notice of the Co-owner's intent to lease his Unit, together with a copy of the exact lease form that the Co-owner intends to use, for the review and approval of the Association. The Association shall be entitled to request that changes be made to the lease form that are necessary to insure that the lease will comply with the Condominium Documents.

(2) Tenants and other non-owner occupants shall comply with all of the provisions of the Condominium Documents and all leases and rental agreements shall incorporate this requirement.

(3) If the Association determines that the tenant or non-owner occupant has failed to comply with the provisions of the Condominium Documents, the Association may take the following actions:

(i) The Association shall notify the Co-owner by certified mail of the alleged violation by the tenant or occupant.

(ii) The Co-owner shall have fifteen (15) days from his receipt of such notice to investigate and correct the alleged breach by the tenant or occupant or advise the Association that a violation has not occurred.

(iii) If, at the expiration of the above-referenced fifteen (15) day period, the Association believes that the alleged breach is not cured or may be repeated, the Association (or the Co-owners derivatively on behalf of the Association, if the Association is under the control of Developer), may institute on behalf of the Association a summary proceeding eviction action against the tenant or non-owner occupant. The Association may simultaneously, bring an action for damages against the Co-owner and tenant or non-owner occupant for breach of the Condominium Documents. The Association may hold both the tenant and the Co-owner liable for any damages to the Common Elements caused by the Co-owner or tenant in connection with the Unit or Condominium Project and for actual legal fees incurred by the Association in connection with legal proceedings hereunder.

(4) When a Co-owner is in arrears to the Association for assessments, the Association may give written notice of the arrearage to the tenant occupying a Co-owner's Unit under a lease or rental agreement and the tenant, after receiving the notice, shall deduct from the rental payments due to the Co-owner the amount of the arrearage and all future assessments as they fall due and shall pay such amounts directly to the Association. The deductions shall not constitute a breach of the rental agreement or lease by the tenant. The form of lease used by Co-owner shall explicitly contain the foregoing provisions.

*Section 6.26 <u>Rules and Regulations</u>.* It is intended that the Board of Directors of the Association may adopt rules and regulations from time to time to reflect the needs and desires of the majority of the Co-owners in the Condominium. Reasonable regulations consistent with the Act, the Master Deed and these Bylaws concerning the use of the Common Elements may be adopted and amended from time to time by any Board of Directors prior to the Transitional Control Date subject to

Developer's approval. Copies of all such rules, regulations and amendments thereto shall be furnished to all Co-owners. Any such regulation or amendment may be revoked at any time by the affirmative vote of greater than fifty (50%) percent of the Co-owners in value, except that the Co-owners may not revoke any regulation or amendment prior to the First Annual Meeting of the entire Association.

# Section 6.27 <u>Reserved Rights of Developer.</u>

(a) <u>Developer's Rights in Furtherance of Development and Sales</u>. None of the restrictions contained in this Article VI shall apply to the commercial activities or signs or billboards, if any, of Developer during the Construction and Sales Period or of the Association in furtherance of its powers and purposes set forth herein and in the Articles of Incorporation, as the same may be amended from time to time. Notwithstanding anything to the construction and Sales Period, to maintain a sales office, a business office, a construction office, model units, storage areas, marketing signs and parking incident to the foregoing and such access to, from and over the Project as may be reasonable to enable the development and sale of the entire Project. Developer shall restore the areas utilized by Developer to habitable status upon its termination of use.

(b) <u>Enforcement of Bylaws</u>. The Condominium Project shall at all times be maintained in a manner consistent with the highest standards of a private residential community for the benefit of the Co-owners and all persons interested in the Condominium. If at any time the Association fails or refuses to carry out its obligation to maintain, repair, replace and landscape the Condominium Project in a manner consistent with the maintenance of such high standards, then Developer, or any entity to which it may assign this right, may elect to maintain, repair and/or replace any Common Elements and/or to perform any landscaping required by these Bylaws and to charge the cost thereof to the Association as an expense of administration. Developer shall have the right to enforce these Bylaws throughout the Construction and Sales Period regardless of whether or not it owns a Unit in the Condominium. Developer's enforcement rights under this Section 6.27 may include, without limitation, an action to restrain the Association or any Co-owner from performing any activity prohibited by these Bylaws.

# ARTICLE VII

# **MORTGAGES**

*Section 7.1 <u>Notice to Association</u>.* Any Co-owner who mortgages his Unit shall notify the Association of the name and address of the mortgagee, and the Association shall maintain such information in a book entitled "Mortgages of Units." The Association may, at the written request of a mortgagee of any such Unit, report any unpaid assessments due from the Co-owner of such Unit. The Association shall give to the holder of any first mortgage covering any Unit written notification of any default in the performance of the obligations of the Co-owner of such Unit that is not cured within sixty (60) days.

*Section 7.2* <u>Insurance</u>. The Association shall notify each mortgagee appearing in the book referenced in Section 7.1 of the name of each company insuring the Condominium against fire, perils covered by extended coverage, and vandalism and malicious mischief and the amounts of such coverage.

*Section 7.3* <u>Notification of Meetings</u>. Upon request submitted to the Association, any institutional holder of a first mortgage lien on a Unit shall be entitled to receive written notification of every meeting of the Members of the Association and to designate a representative to attend such meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

#### VOTING

*Section 8.1 <u>Vote</u>.* Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Bylaws, each Co-owner shall be entitled to one vote for each Condominium Unit owned. With respect to those Sections of these Bylaws which require votes to be cast on a percentage of value basis, each Co-owner's Unit shall be assigned the number votes proportionate to the percentage of value pertaining to such Co-owner's Unit.

Section 8.2 <u>Eligibility to Vote</u>. No Co-owner, other than Developer, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Association until he has presented to the Association evidence that the Co-owner owns a Unit. Except as provided in Section 11.2 of these Bylaws, no Co-owner, other than Developer, shall be entitled to vote prior to the date of the First Annual Meeting of members held in accordance with Section 11.2. The vote of each Co-owner may be cast only by the individual representative designated by such Co-owner in the notice required in Section 8.3 below or by a proxy given by such individual representative. Developer shall be the only person entitled to vote at a meeting of the Association until the First Annual Meeting of Members and shall be entitled to vote during such period notwithstanding the fact that Developer may own no Units at some time or from time to time during such period. At the First Annual Meeting, and thereafter, Developer shall be entitled to vote for each Unit which it owns.

Section 8.3 Designation of Voting Representative. Each Co-owner shall file with the Association a written notice designating the individual representative who shall vote at meetings of the Association and receive all notices and other communications from the Association on behalf of the Coowner. If a Co-owner designates himself as the individual representative, he need not file any written notice with the Association. The failure of any Co-owner to file any written notice with the Association shall create a presumption that the Co-owner has designated himself as the voting representative. The notice shall state the name and address of the individual representative designated, the address of the Unit or Units owned by the Co-owner and the name and address of each person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other entity who is the Co-owner. The notice shall be signed and dated by the Coowner. An individual representative may be changed by the Co-owner at any time by filing a new notice in accordance with this Section 8.3. In the event a Unit is owned by multiple Co-owners who fail to designate an individual voting representative for such Co-owners, the Co-owner whose name first appears on record title shall be deemed to be the individual representative authorized to vote on behalf of all the multiple Co-owners of the Unit(s) and any vote cast in person or by proxy by said individual representative shall be binding upon all such multiple Co-owners.

**Section 8.4** <u>**Quorum.</u>** Except as required by law or otherwise provided in the Condominium Documents, the presence in person or by proxy of Co-owners representing twenty-five (25%) percent of the total number of votes of all Co-owners qualified to vote (based on one vote per Unit for quorum purposes) shall constitute a quorum for holding a meeting of the Members of the Association. The written vote of any person furnished at or prior to any duly called meeting at which said person is not otherwise present in person or by proxy shall be counted in determining the presence of a quorum with respect to the question upon which the vote is cast.</u>

*Section 8.5 <u>Voting</u>.* Votes may be cast in person or by proxy by a writing duly signed by the designated voting representative not present at a given meeting in person or by proxy. Proxies and any written votes must be filed with the Secretary of the Association at or before the appointed time of each meeting of the Members of the Association. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted.

*Section 8.6 <u>Majority</u>.* When an action is to be authorized by vote of the Co-owners of the Association, the action must be authorized by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting duly called for such purpose, unless a greater percentage vote is required by the Master Deed, these Bylaws or the Act.

# ARTICLE IX

## MEETINGS

*Section 9.1 <u>Place of Meeting</u>.* Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Co-owners as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with generally recognized rules of parliamentary procedure, which are not in conflict with the Condominium Documents or the laws of the State of Michigan.

**Section 9.2** <u>First Annual Meeting</u>. The First Annual Meeting of members of the Association may be convened by Developer in its discretion at any time prior to the date the First Annual Meeting is required to be convened pursuant to this Section 9.2. The First Annual Meeting must be held (i) within one hundred twenty (120) days following the conveyance of legal or equitable title to non-Developer Co-owners of seventy-five (75%) percent of all Units that may be created; or (ii) fifty-four (54) months from the first conveyance to a non-Developer Co-owner of legal or equitable title to a Unit, whichever is the earlier to occur. There shall be no quorum requirement for the First Annual Meeting. Developer may call meetings of Members for informative or other appropriate purposes prior to the First Annual Meeting of Members. The date, time and place of such meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors, and at least ten (10) days written notice thereof shall be given to each Co-owner's individual representative. The phrase "Units that may be created" as used in this Section 9.2 and elsewhere in the Condominium Documents refers to the maximum number of Units which Developer is permitted to include in the Condominium Project under the Condominium Documents, as they may be amended.

*Section 9.3 <u>Annual Meetings</u>.* Annual meetings of Association Members shall be held not later than May 30 of each succeeding year following the year in which the First Annual Meeting is held, at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors. At each annual meeting, the Co-owners shall elect members of the Board of Directors in accordance with Article XI of these Bylaws. The Co-owners may also transact at annual meetings such other Association business as may properly come before them.

**Section 9.4.** <u>Special Meeting</u>. The President of the Association shall call a special meeting of Members as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors or upon presentation to the Association's Secretary of a petition signed by Co-owners representing at least one-third (1/3) of the votes of all Co-owners qualified to vote (based upon one vote per Unit). Notice of any special meeting shall state the time and place of such meeting and the purposes thereof. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

*Section 9.5* <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. The Secretary (or other Association officer in the Secretary's absence) shall provide each Co-owner of record, or, if applicable, a Co-owner's individual representative, with notice of each annual or special meeting, stating the purpose thereof and the time and place where it is to be held. A notice of an annual or special meeting shall be served at least ten (10) days but not more than sixty (60) days prior to each meeting. The mailing, postage prepaid, of a notice to the individual representative of each Co-owner at the address shown in the notice filed with the Association under Section 8.3 of these Bylaws shall be deemed properly served. Any Co-owner or individual representative may waive such notice, by filing with the Association a written waiver of notice signed by such Co-owner or individual representative.

*Section 9.6 <u>Adjournment</u>.* If any meeting of Co-owners cannot be held because a quorum is not in attendance, the Co-owners who are present may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than forty-eight (48) hours from the time the original meeting was called. When a meeting is adjourned to another time or place, it is not necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting if the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken and only such business is transacted at the adjourned meeting as might have been transacted at the original meeting. However, if after the adjournment, the Board of Directors fixes a new record date for the adjourned meeting, a notice of adjourned meeting shall be given to each Co-owner or Co-owner's individual representative.

If a meeting is adjourned in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9.6 due to the lack of a quorum, the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the required quorum for the meeting that was adjourned, provided that the Board of Directors provides each Co-owner (or Co-owner's individual representative) with notice of the adjourned meeting in accordance with Section 9.5 above and provided further the subsequent meeting is held within sixty (60) days from the date of the adjourned meeting.

**Section 9.7** <u>Action Without Meeting</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of Members may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a written consent, setting forth the actions so taken, is signed by the Co-owners (or their individual representatives) having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take the action at a meeting at which all Co-owners entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. Prompt notice of any action that is taken without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to the Co-owners who have not consented in writing.

## ARTICLE X

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

An advisory committee of non-developer Co-owners shall be established either one hundred twenty (120) days after conveyance of legal or equitable title to non-Developer Co-owners of 1/3 of the Units that may be created or one (1) year after the initial conveyance of legal or equitable title to a non-Developer Co-owner of a Unit in the Project, whichever occurs first. The advisory committee shall meet with the Board of Directors for the purpose of facilitating communication and aiding the transition of control to the Association. The advisory committee shall cease to exist when a majority of the Board of Directors of the Association is elected by the non-Developer Co-owners.

# ARTICLE XI

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Section 11.1 <u>Number and Qualification of Directors</u>. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of three (3) Directors. At such time as the non-Developer Co-owners are entitled to elect two (2) members of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 11.2 below, the Board of Directors shall automatically be increased from three (3) to five (5) persons. At such time as the Board of Directors is increased in size to five (5) persons, all Directors must be Co-owners, or officers, partners, trustees or employees of Co-owners that are entities.* 

# Section 11.2 <u>Election of Directors</u>.

(a) <u>First Board of Directors</u>. Until such time as the non-Developer Co-owners are entitled to elect one (1) of the members of the Board of Directors, Developer shall select all of the Directors, which persons may be removed or replaced by Developer in its discretion.

(b) <u>Appointment of Non-developer Co-owner to Board prior to First Annual</u> <u>Meeting</u>. Not later than one hundred twenty (120) days following the conveyance to non-Developer Co-owners of legal or equitable title to twenty-five (25%) percent of the Units that may be created, one (1) member of the Board of Directors shall be elected by non-Developer Coowners. There shall be no quorum requirement for the meeting at which such election is held. The remaining members of the Board of Directors shall be selected by Developer. When the required percentage level of conveyance has been reached, Developer shall notify the non-Developer Co-owners and request that they hold a meeting to elect the required Director. Upon certification by the Co-owners to Developer of the Director elected, Developer shall immediately appoint such Director to the Board, to serve until the First Annual Meeting of Co-owners, unless he is removed pursuant to Section 11.7 or he resigns or becomes incapacitated.

#### (c) <u>Election of Directors at and after First Annual Meeting</u>.

(1) Not later than one hundred twenty (120) days following the conveyance to non-Developer Co-owners of legal or equitable title to seventy-five (75%) percent of the Units that may be created, the non-developer Co-owners shall elect all of the Directors to the Board, except that Developer shall have the right to designate at least one Director so long as Developer owns and offers for sale at least ten (10%) percent of the Units in the Project or as long as the Units that remain to be created and sold equal at least ten (10%) percent of all Units that may be created in the Project. Whenever the seventy-five (75%) percent conveyance level is achieved, a meeting of Co-owners shall promptly be convened to effectuate this provision, even if the First Annual Meeting has already occurred. There shall be no quorum requirement for such meeting.

(2) Regardless of the percentage of Units which have been conveyed, upon the elapse of fifty-four (54) months after the first conveyance to a non-Developer Coowner of legal or equitable title to a Unit on the Project, and if title to not less than seventy-five (75%) percent of the Units that may be created has not been conveyed, the non-developer Co-owners have the right to elect a number of members of the Board of Directors equal to the percentage of Units they own, and Developer has the right to elect a number of members of the Board of Directors equal to the percentage of Units which are owned by Developer and for which assessments are payable by Developer. This election may increase, but shall not reduce, the minimum election and designation rights otherwise established in Section 11.2(b) or 11.2(c)(1) above. There shall be no quorum requirement for the meeting at which such election is held. Application of this subsection does not require a change in the size of the Board of Directors.

(3) If the calculation of the percentage of members of the Board of Directors that the non-developer Co-owners have the right to elect under subsection (ii) above, or if the product of the number of members of the Board of Directors multiplied by the percentage of Units held by the non-developer Co-owners under subsection (b) results in a right of non-developer Co-owners to elect a fractional number of members of the Board of Directors, then a fractional election right of 0.5 or greater shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number, which number shall be the number of members of the Board of Directors that the non-developer Co-owners have the right to elect. After application of this formula, Developer shall have the right to elect the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Application of this subsection shall not eliminate the right of Developer to designate one director as provided in subsection (i) above.

(4) At the first Annual Meeting (2) Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and one (1) Director shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. At such

meeting, all nominees shall stand for election as one slate and the two (2) persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and the other person shall be elected for term of one (1) year. At each subsequent Annual Meeting, either one (1) or two (2) Directors shall be elected or, following the increase in the number of Directors under Section 11.2, two (2) or three (3) Directors shall be elected, depending upon the number of Directors whose terms expire, and the term of office of each Director shall be two (2) years. The Directors shall hold office until their successors have been elected and hold their first meeting.

*Section 11.3 <u>Powers and Duties</u>.* The Board of Directors shall have the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Association and may do all acts and things which are not prohibited by the Condominium Documents or specifically required to be exercised and performed by the Co-owners.

*Section 11.4 <u>Specific Powers and Duties</u>.* In addition to the duties imposed by these Bylaws or any further duties which may be imposed by resolution of the Co-owners of the Association, the Board of Directors shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To manage and administer the affairs of and maintain the Condominium Project and the Common Elements.

(b) To collect assessments from the Co-owners and to expend the proceeds for the purposes of the Association.

- (c) To carry insurance and collect and allocate the proceeds thereof.
- (d) To reconstruct or repair improvements after casualty.

(e) To contract for and employ persons, firms, corporations or other agents to assist in the management, operation, maintenance and administration of the Condominium Project.

(f) To acquire, maintain and improve; and to buy, operate, manage, sell, convey, assign, mortgage or lease any real or personal property (including any Unit in the Condominium and easements, rights-of-way and licenses) on behalf of the Association in furtherance of any of the purposes of the Association.

(g) To borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the purposes of the Association, and to secure the same by mortgage, pledge, or other lien, on property owned by the Association; provided, however, that any such action shall also be approved by the affirmative vote of the Co-owners (or their individual representatives) representing seventy-five (75%) percent of the total percentages of value of all Co-owners qualified to vote.

(h) To establish rules and regulations in accordance with Section 6.26 of these Bylaws.

(i) To establish such committees as the Board of Directors deems necessary, convenient or desirable and to appoint persons thereto for the purpose of implementing the administration of the Condominium and to delegate to such committees any functions or responsibilities which are not by law or the Condominium Documents required to be exclusively performed by the Board.

(j) To enforce the provisions of the Condominium Documents.

*Section 11.5 <u>Management Agent</u>.* The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent (which may include Developer or any person or entity related thereto) at a reasonable compensation established by the Board to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize, including, but not limited to, the duties listed in Sections 11.3 and 11.4, and the Board may delegate to such management agent any other duties or powers which are not by law or by the Condominium Documents required to be exclusively performed by or have the approval of the Board of Directors or the Members of the Association.

*Section 11.6 <u>Vacancies</u>.* Vacancies in the Board of Directors which occur after the Transitional Control Date caused by any reason other than the removal of a Director by a vote of the Coowners of the Association shall be filled by vote of the majority of the remaining Directors, even though they may constitute less than a quorum, except that Developer shall be solely entitled to fill the vacancy of any Director whom it is permitted in the first instance to designate. Each person so elected shall be a Director until a successor is elected at a subsequent annual meeting of the Association. Vacancies among Directors elected by non-Developer Co-owners which occur prior to the Transitional Control Date may be filled only through election by non-developer Co-owners and shall be filled in the manner as specified in Section 11.2(b).

Section 11.7 <u>Removal</u>. At any regular or special meeting of the Association duly called with due notice of the removal action proposed to be taken, any one or more of the Directors elected by the non-Developer Co-owners may be removed with or without cause by the affirmative vote of the Co-owners (or their individual representatives) who represent greater than fifty (50%) percent of the total votes of all Co-owners qualified to vote, and a successor may then and there be elected to fill any vacancy thus created. Any Director whose removal has been proposed by a Co-owner shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. Developer may remove and replace any or all of the Directors selected by it at any time or from time to time in its sole discretion. Any Director selected by the non-developer Co-owners to serve before the First Annual Meeting may also be removed by such Co-owners before the First Annual Meeting in the manner described in this Section 11.7.

*Section 11.8 <u>First Meeting</u>.* The first meeting of the elected Board of Directors shall be held within ten (10) days of election at a time and place fixed by the Directors at the meeting at which such Directors were elected, and no notice shall be necessary in order to legally convene such meeting, provided a majority of the Board shall be present.

*Section 11.9 <u>Regular Meetings</u>.* Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors, but at least two (2) such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year of the Association. Notice of regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given to each Director, personally, by mail, telephone or telegraph at least ten (10) days prior to the date named for such meeting.

*Section 11.10 <u>Special Meetings</u>.* Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President on three (3) days notice to each Director, given personally, by mail, telephone or telegraph, which notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President or Secretary in like manner on the written request of two (2) or more Directors.

*Section 11.11 <u>Ouorum and Required Vote of Board of Directors</u>. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the members of the Board of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum. The vote of the majority of Directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present constitutes the action of the Board of Directors, unless a greater plurality is required by the Michigan Non-profit Corporation Act, the Articles of Incorporation, the Master Deed or these Bylaws. If a quorum is not present at any meeting* 

of the Board of Directors, the Directors present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice other than an announcement at the meeting, until the quorum shall be present.

*Section 11.12 <u>Consent in Lieu of Meeting</u>.* Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board of Directors consent in writing. The written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The consent has the same effect as a vote of the Board of Directors for all purposes.

*Section 11.13 <u>Participation in a Meeting by Telephone</u>. A Director may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section 11.13 constitutes presence at the meeting.* 

*Section 11.14 <u>Fidelity Bonds</u>.* The Board of Directors shall require that all officers and employees of the Association handling or responsible for Association funds furnish adequate fidelity bonds. The premiums on such bonds shall be expenses of administration.

*Section 11.15 <u>Compensation</u>*. The Board of Directors shall not receive any compensation for rendering services in their capacity as Directors, unless approved by the Co-owners (or their individual representatives) who represent two-thirds (2/3) or more of the total votes of all Co-owners qualified to vote.

# ARTICLE XII

## **OFFICERS**

**Section 12.1** <u>Selection of Officers.</u> The Board of Directors, at a meeting called for such purpose, shall appoint a president, secretary and treasurer. The Board of Directors may also appoint one or more vice-presidents and such other officers, employees and agents as the Board shall deem necessary, which officers, employees and agents shall hold their offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Two (2) or more offices, except that of president and vice-president, may be held by one (1) person who may also be a Director. An officer shall be a Co-owner, or shareholder, officer, director, employee or partner of a Co-owner that is an entity.

*Section 12.2 <u>Term, Removal and Vacancies</u>.* Each officer of the Association shall hold office for the term for which he is appointed until his successor is elected or appointed, or until his resignation or removal. Any officer appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors with or without cause at any time. Any officer may resign by written notice to the Board of Directors. Any vacancy occurring in any office may be filled by the Board of Directors.

*Section 12.3 <u>President</u>.* The President shall be a Member of the Board of Directors and shall act as the chief executive officer of the Association. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors. He shall have all of the general powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of the President of an Association, subject to Section 12.1.

*Section 12.4 <u>Vice President</u>.* The Vice President shall take the place of the President and perform his duties whenever the President shall be absent or unable to act. If neither the President nor the Vice President is able to act, the Board of Directors shall appoint some other member of the Board to do so on an interim basis. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as shall from time to time be imposed upon him by the Board of Directors.

*Section 12.5 <u>Secretary</u>.* The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the minutes of all meetings of the Co-owners of the Association. He shall have charge of the corporate seal, if any, and of such books and papers as the Board of Directors may direct; and he shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary.

**Section 12.6** <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall have responsibility for the Association funds and securities and shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association. He shall be responsible for the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association, in such depositories as may, from time to time, be designated by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### SEAL

The Association may (but need not) have a seal. If the Board determines that the Association shall have a seal, then it shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Association, the words "corporate seal", and "Michigan".

## ARTICLE XIV

#### FINANCE

Section 14.1 <u>Records</u>. The Association shall keep detailed books of account showing all expenditures and receipts of administration which shall specify the maintenance and repair expenses of the Common Elements and any other expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Association and the Coowners. Such accounts and all other Association records shall be open for inspection by the Co-owners and their mortgagees during reasonable working hours. The Association shall prepare and distribute to each Co-owner at least once a year a financial statement, the contents of which shall be determined by the Association. The books of account shall be audited at least annually by qualified independent auditors; provided, however, that such auditors need not be certified public accountants nor does such audit need to be a certified audit. Upon request, any institutional holder of a first mortgage lien on any Unit in the Condominium shall be entitled to receive a copy of such annual audited financial statement within ninety (90) days following the end of the Association's fiscal year. The costs of any such audit and any accounting expenses shall be expenses of administration.

*Section 14.2 <u>Fiscal Year</u>.* The fiscal year of the Association shall be an annual period commencing on the date initially determined by the Directors. The Association's fiscal year may be changed by the Board of Directors in its discretion.

**Section 14.3** <u>Bank Accounts.</u> The Association's funds shall initially be deposited in such bank or savings association as may be designated by the Directors. All checks, drafts and order of payment of money shall be signed in the name of the Association in such manner and by such person or persons as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate for that purpose. The Association's funds may be invested from time to time in accounts or deposit certificates of such bank or savings association that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation and may also be invested in interest-bearing obligations of the United States Government.

# ARTICLE XV

#### **INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Third Party Actions. To the fullest extent permitted by the Michigan Non-profit Section 15.1 Corporation Act, the Association shall, subject to Section 15.5 below, indemnify any person who was or is a party defendant or is threatened to be made a party defendant to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Association) by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or officer 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 expenses (including actual and reasonable attorney fees), judgments, fines and amounts reasonably paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association or its members, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption (a) that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association or its members, and, (b) with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that the person had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 15.2 Actions in the Right of the Association. To the fullest extent permitted by the Michigan Non-profit Corporation Act, the Association shall, subject to Section 15.5 below, indemnify any person who was or is a party defendant to or is threatened to be made a party defendant of any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or officer 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 expenses (including actual and reasonable attorney fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit and amounts reasonably paid in settlement if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association or its members, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Association unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

**Section 15.3** <u>Insurance</u>. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, employee or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a Director, officer, employee or agent against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Association would have power to indemnify him against such liability under Sections 15.1 and 15.2. In addition, the Association may purchase and maintain insurance for its own benefit to indemnify it against any liabilities it may have as a result of its obligations of indemnification made under Sections 15.1 and 15.2.

**Section 15.4** <u>Expenses of Successful Defense</u>. To the extent that a person has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in Sections 15.1 and 15.2, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, or to the extent such person incurs expenses (including actual and reasonable attorney fees) in successfully enforcing the provisions of this Article XV, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

*Section 15.5 <u>Determination that Indemnification is Proper</u>. Any indemnification under Sections 15.1 and 15.2 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the person is proper under the* 

circumstances, because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 15.1 or 15.2, whichever is applicable. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article XV, in no event shall any person be entitled to any indemnification under the provisions of this Article XV if he is adjudged guilty of willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence in the performance of his duties. The determination to extend such indemnification shall be made in any one (1) of the following ways:

(a) By a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding;

(b) If such quorum described in (a) is not obtainable, then by a majority vote of a committee of Directors who are not parties to the action, suit or proceeding. The committee shall consist of not less than two (2) disinterested Directors; or

(c) If such quorum described in (a) is not obtainable (or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested Directors, so directs), by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

If the Association determines that full indemnification is not proper under Sections 15.1 or 15.2, it may nonetheless determine to make whatever partial indemnification it deems proper. At least ten (10) days prior to the payment of any indemnification claim which is approved, the Board of Directors shall provide all Co-owners with written notice thereof.

**Section 15.6** <u>Expense Advance</u>. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding described in Section 15.1 and 15.2 may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding as provided in Section 15.4 upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the person involved to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Association. At least ten (10) days prior to advancing any expenses to any person under this Section 15.6, the Board of Directors shall provide all Co-owners with written notice thereof.

*Section 15.7 <u>Former Representatives, Officers, Employees or Agents</u>. The indemnification provided in the this Article XV shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Association and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.* 

**Section 15.8** <u>Changes in Michigan Law</u>. In the event of any change of the Michigan statutory provisions applicable to the Association relating to the subject matter of this Article XV, the indemnification to which any person shall be entitled hereunder arising out of acts or omissions occurring after the effective date of such amendment shall be determined by such changed provisions. No amendment to or repeal of Michigan law with respect to indemnification shall restrict the Association's indemnification undertaking herein with respect to acts or omissions occurring prior to such amendment or repeal. The Board of Directors are authorized to amend this Article XV to conform to any such changed statutory provisions.

# ARTICLE XVI

#### AMENDMENTS

*Section 16.1 <u>By Developer</u>.* In addition to the rights of amendment provided to Developer in the various Articles of the Master Deed, Developer may, during the Construction and Sales Period and for a period of two (2) years following the expiration of the Construction and Sales Period, and without the consent of any Co-owner, mortgagee or any other person, amend these Bylaws provided such amendment or amendments do not materially alter the rights of Co-owners or mortgagees.

*Section 16.2 <u>Proposal</u>.* Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors of the Association upon the vote of the majority of the Directors or may be proposed by one-third (1/3) or more in number of the Co-owners by a written instrument identifying the proposed amendment and signed by the applicable Co-owners.

*Section 16.3 <u>Meeting</u>.* If any amendment to these Bylaws is proposed by the Board of Directors or the Co-owners, a meeting for consideration of the proposal shall be duly called in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

**Section 16.4** <u>Voting</u>. These Bylaws may be amended by the Co-owners at any regular meeting or a special meeting called for such purpose by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the total votes of all Co-owners qualified to vote, as determined on a percentage of value basis. No consent of mortgagees shall be required to amend these Bylaws unless such amendment would materially alter or change the rights of such mortgagees, in which event the approval of two- third (2/3) of all mortgagees of Units shall be required. Each mortgagee shall have one vote for each mortgage held. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article XVI, during the Construction and Sales Period, these Bylaws shall not be amended in any way without the prior written consent of Developer.

*Section 16.5 <u>Effective Date of Amendment</u>.* Any amendment to these Bylaws shall become effective upon the recording of such amendment in the office of the Macomb County Register of Deeds.

*Section 16.6 <u>Binding Effect</u>.* A copy of each amendment to the Bylaws shall be furnished to every Member of the Association after its adoption; provided, however, that any amendment to these Bylaws that is adopted in accordance with this Article XVI shall be binding upon all persons who have an interest in the Project irrespective of whether such persons actually receive a copy of the amendment.

*Section 16.7 <u>City Approval.</u>* Any amendment to these Bylaws that affects a substantive right of the City shall require the City's approval.

# ARTICLE XVII

### COMPLIANCE

The Association or any Co-owners and all present or future Co-owners, tenants, future tenants, or any other persons acquiring an interest in or using the facilities of the Project in any manner are subject to and shall comply with the Act, as amended, and the mere acquisition, occupancy or rental of any Unit or an interest therein or the utilization of or entry upon the Condominium Premises shall signify that the Condominium Documents are accepted and ratified. In the event the Condominium Documents conflict with the provisions of the Act, the Act shall govern.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

## **REMEDIES FOR DEFAULT**

Any default by a Co-owner of its obligations under any of the Condominium Documents shall entitle the Association or another Co-owner or Co-owners to the following relief:

*Section 18.1 <u>Legal Action</u>.* Failure to comply with any of the terms or provisions of the Condominium Documents shall be grounds for relief, which may include, without limitation, an action to recover damages, injunctive relief, foreclosure of lien (if there is a default in the payment of an assessment) or any combination thereof, and such relief may be sought by the Association or, if appropriate, by an aggrieved Co-owner or Co-owners.

*Section 18.2 <u>Recovery of Costs</u>.* In any proceeding arising because of an alleged default by any Co-owner, the Association, if successful, shall be entitled to recover the costs of the proceeding, including its actual attorneys' fees (not limited to statutory fees), but in no event shall any Co-owner be entitled to recover such attorneys' fees.

*Section 18.3 <u>Removal and Abatement</u>.* The violation of any of the provisions of the Condominium Documents shall also give the Association or its duly authorized agents the right, in addition to the rights set forth above, to enter upon the Common Elements, Limited or General, or into any Unit and the improvements thereon, where reasonably necessary, and summarily remove and abate, at the expense of the Co-owner in violation, any structure or condition existing or maintained in violation of the provisions of the Condominium Documents. The Association shall have no liability to any Co-owner arising out of the exercise of its rights under this Section 18.3.

*Section 18.4 <u>Assessment of Fines</u>.* The violation of any of the provisions of the Condominium Documents by any Co-owner shall be grounds for the assessment by the Association, acting through its duly constituted Board of Directors, of monetary fines against the applicable Co-owner. No fine may be assessed unless rules and regulations establishing such fines have first been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Association and notice thereof given to all Co-owners in the same manner as prescribed in Section 9.5 of these Bylaws. Thereafter, fines may be assessed only upon notice to the offending Co-owner, and an opportunity for such Co-owner to appear before the Board no less than seven (7) days from the date of the notice and offer evidence in defense of the alleged violation. All fines duly assessed may be collected in the same manner as provided in Article II of these Bylaws. No fine shall be levied for the first violation. No fine shall exceed Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars for the second violation, Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for the third violation or One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for any subsequent violation.

*Section 18.5 <u>Non-waiver of Rights</u>.* The failure of the Association or of any Co-owner to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition which may be granted by the Condominium Documents shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Association or of any such Co-owner to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future.

*Section 18.6 <u>Cumulative Rights, Remedies and Privileges</u>. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association or any Co-owner or Co-owners pursuant to any of the terms, provisions, covenants or conditions of the Condominium Documents shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one or more of such rights or remedies shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude the party exercising the same from exercising such other and additional rights, remedies or privileges as may be available to such party under the Condominium Documents at law or in equity.* 

*Section 18.7 <u>Enforcement of Provisions of Condominium Documents</u>. A Co-owner may maintain an action against the Association and its officers and Directors to compel such persons to enforce the terms and provisions of the Condominium Documents. A Co-owner may maintain an action against any other Co-owner for injunctive relief or for damages or any combination thereof for noncompliance with the terms and provisions of the Condominium Documents or the Act.* 

# ARTICLE XIX

# **RIGHTS RESERVED TO DEVELOPER**

Any or all of the rights and powers granted or reserved to Developer in the Condominium Documents or by law, including the right and power to approve or disapprove any act, use or proposed action or any other matter, may be assigned by Developer to any other entity or to the Association. Any

such assignment or transfer shall be made by an appropriate written instrument in which the assignee or transferee evidences its consent to the acceptance of such powers and rights. Any rights and powers reserved or retained by Developer or its successors and assigns shall expire, at the conclusion of two (2) years following the expiration of the Construction and Sales Period, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Condominium Documents. The immediately preceding sentence dealing with the expiration and termination of certain rights and powers granted or reserved to Developer are intended to apply, insofar as Developer is concerned, only to Developer's rights to approve and control the administration of the Condominium and shall not, under any circumstances, be construed to apply to or cause the termination and expiration of any real property rights granted or reserved to Developer or its successors and assigns in the Master Deed or elsewhere (including, but not limited to, access easements, utility easements and all other easements created and reserved in such documents which shall not be terminable in any manner hereunder) and which shall be governed only in accordance with the terms of the instruments, documents or agreements that created or reserved such property rights.

## ARTICLE XX

### SEVERABILITY

In the event that any of the terms, provisions or covenants of these Bylaws or the Condominium Documents are held to be partially or wholly invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, such invalidity shall not affect, alter, modify or impair in any manner whatsoever any of the other terms, provisions or covenants of such documents or the remaining portions of any terms, provisions or covenants held to be partially invalid or unenforceable.

## ARTICLE XXI

#### ARBITRATION

Section 21.1 <u>Scope and Election</u>. Disputes, claims, or grievances arising out of or relating to the interpretation or the application of the Condominium Documents, or any disputes, claims or grievances arising among or between the Co-owners and the Association, upon the election and written consent of the parties to any such disputes, claims or grievances (which consent shall include an agreement of the parties that the judgment of any circuit court of the State of Michigan may be rendered upon any award pursuant to such arbitration), and upon written notice to the Association, shall be submitted to arbitration, and the parties shall accept the arbitrator's decision as final and binding, provided that no question affecting the claim of title of any person to any fee or life estate in real estate is involved. The Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association as amended and in effect from time to time shall be applicable to any such arbitration.

*Section 21.2 <u>Judicial Relief</u>.* In the absence of the election and written consent of the parties pursuant to Section 21.1 above, any Co-owner or the Association may petition the courts to resolve any disputes, claims or grievances.

*Section 21.3 <u>Election of Remedies</u>.* The election and written consent by the disputing parties to submit any dispute, claim or grievance to arbitration shall preclude such parties from thereafter litigating such dispute, claim or grievance in the courts. Nothing contained in this Article XXI shall limit the rights of the Association or any Co-owner, as described in Section 144 of the Act.

Section 21.4 <u>Co-owner Approval for Civil Actions Against Developer and First Board of</u> <u>Directors</u>. Any civil action proposed by the Board of Directors on behalf of the Association to be initiated against Developer, its agents or assigns, and/or the First Board of Directors of the Association or other Developer - appointed Directors, for any reason, shall be subject to approval by a vote of two-thirds

(2/3rds) of all Co-owners in accordance with Article III and notice of such proposed action must be given in writing to all Co-owners in accordance with Article VIII. Such vote may only be taken in a meeting of the Co-owners and no proxies or absentee ballots shall be permitted to be used, notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII.