

**CREEKSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I
General**

Section 1. Applicability. These Bylaws provide for the self-government of Creekside Homeowners Association, Inc., in accordance with the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act ("Act"), the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State of Georgia, and the declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Creekside, recorded in the Paulding County, Georgia land records ("Declaration").

Section 2. Name. The name of the corporation is Creekside Homeowners Association, Inc., ("Association").

Section 3. Definitions. The terms used herein shall have their generally accepted meanings or such meanings as are specified in the Declaration.

Section 4. Membership. An owner of a Lot shall automatically become a member of the Association upon taking title to the Lot and shall remain a member for the entire period of ownership. As may be more fully provided below, a spouse or Domestic Partner of a member may exercise the powers and privileges of the member. If title to a Lot is held by more than one (1) person, the membership shall be shared in the same proportion as the title, but there shall be only one (1) membership and one (1) vote per Lot. Membership does not include Persons who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and the giving of a security interest shall not terminate the Owner's membership. Membership shall be appurtenant to the lot and shall be transferred automatically by conveyance of that Lot and may be transferred only in connection with the transfer of title.

Section 5. Entity Members. In the event an Owner is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, or other legal entity not being a natural person or persons, then any natural person who is an officer, director, or other designated agent of such corporation, manager or member of such limited liability company, partner of such partnership, beneficiary or other designated agent of such trust, or agent of such other legal entity shall be eligible to represent such entity in the affairs of the Association. Such person's relationship with the Association shall terminate automatically upon the termination of such person's relationship with the entity which is the Owner, which will create a vacancy in any elected or appointed position within the Association in which such person may have been serving, to be filled by the Board.

Section 6. Voting. Each Lot shall be entitled to one equally weighted vote, which vote may be cast by the Owner, the Owner's spouse or Domestic Partner, or by a lawful proxy as provided below. When more than one (1) Person owns a Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they determine between or among themselves, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot. If only one (1) co-Owner attempts to cast the vote for a Lot, it shall be conclusively presumed that such co-Owner is authorized on behalf of all co-Owners to cast the vote for such Lot. In the event of disagreement among co-Owners and an

attempt by two (2) or more of them to cast such vote, such person shall not be recognized and such vote or votes shall not be counted. No Owner shall be eligible to vote, either in person or by proxy, or to be elected to the Board, if that Owner is shown on the books or management accounts of the Association to be more than thirty (30) days delinquent in any payment due the Association or if the Owner has had voting rights suspended for the infraction of any provision of the Declaration, these Bylaws, or any rule of the Association. If the voting rights of an Owner have been suspended, that Owner shall not be counted as an eligible vote for purposes of establishing a Majority or a quorum or for purposes of amending these Bylaws or the Declaration.

Section 7. Majority. As used in these Bylaws, the term “majority” shall mean those votes, Owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total number of eligible votes, Owners, or other group, respectively. Unless otherwise specifically stated, the words “majority vote” mean more than 50 (50%) percent of those voting in person or by proxy. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Declaration or these Bylaws, all decisions shall be by majority vote.

Section 8. Purpose. The Association shall have the responsibility of administering the Property, establishing the means and methods of collecting the contributions to the Common Expenses, arranging for the management of the Property and performing all of the other acts that may be required to be performed by the Association pursuant to the Act, the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and the Declaration. Except as to those matters which the Declaration, the Act or the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code specifically require to be performed by the vote of the Association membership, the administration of the foregoing responsibilities shall be performed by the Board of Directors as more particularly set forth below.

Section 9. Electronic Documents and Signatures.

- (a) **Documents.** When authorized by the Board, any document, record or instrument required under the Declaration or these Bylaws to be “written” or “in Writing” shall be deemed satisfied by an Electronic Document. “Electronic Document” means information created, transmitted, received, or stored by electronic means and retrievable in human perceivable form, such as e-mail, web pages, electronic documents, facsimile transmissions, or similar electronic transmissions. Records, documents and instruments shall not be denied effect or validity solely on the grounds that they are electronic.
- (b) **Signatures.** Whenever these Bylaws require a signature on a document, record or instrument, an electronic signature satisfies that requirement only if: (1) the signature is easily recognizable as a secure Electronic Signature which is capable of verification, under the sole control of the signatory, and attached to the electronic document in such a way that the document cannot be modified without invalidating the signature; or (2) the Board reasonably believes that the signatory affixed the signature with the intent to sign the electronic document, and that the Electronic Document has not been modified since the signature was affixed.
- (c) **Verification and Liability for Falsification.** The Board may require reasonable verification of any electronic signature, document, record or instrument. Absent or pending verification, the Board may refuse to accept any electronic signature or Electronic Document which, in the Board’s sole discretion, is not clearly authentic. Neither the Board nor the Association shall be liable to any Association member or any other person for accepting or acting in reliance upon an electronic signature or

Electronic Document which the Board reasonably believes to be authentic, or rejecting any such item which the Board reasonably believes to not be authentic. Any member or Person who negligently, recklessly or intentionally submits any falsified Electronic Document or unauthorized electronic signature shall fully indemnify the Association for the actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred and expenses incurred as a result of such acts.

Article II. **Meetings of Members**

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The regular annual meeting of the members shall be held during November or December of each year with the date, hour, and place to be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called for any purpose at any time by the President, the Secretary, or by request of any two (2) or more Board members, or upon written petition of twenty-five (25%) of the Lot Owners. Any such written petition by the members must identify the special meeting purpose on each page of the petition and must be for a purpose on which the members are authorized to act under these Bylaws or the Declaration. The petition, with original signatures, must be submitted to the Association's Secretary. The Secretary shall then verify that the required number of members have joined in the petition and shall submit all proper petitions to the Association's President. The President shall then promptly call a special meeting for all lawful purposes stated in the petition, and the Secretary shall send notice of the meeting in accordance with these Bylaws.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. The Secretary shall mail or deliver to each Owner of Lots of record or to the Lots a notice of each annual or special meeting of the Association at least twenty-one (21) days prior to each annual meeting and at least seven (7) days prior to a special meeting. The notice shall state the purpose of any special meeting, as well as the time and place where it is to be held. The notice of an annual meeting shall state the time and place of the meeting. If any Owner wishes notice to be given at an address other than his or her Lot, the Owner shall designate such other address by written notice to the Secretary. The mailing or delivering of a meeting notice as provided in this Section or in Article VI, Section 1 hereof shall constitute proper service of notice.

Section 4. Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the Owners shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Owner may, in writing, waive notice of any Association meeting, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by an Owner, whether in person or represented by proxy, shall be deemed waiver by such Owner of notice of the time, date, and place thereof unless such Owner specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting shall also be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted at such meeting unless objection to lack of notice is raised before the business, of which proper notice was not given, is put to a vote.

Section 5. Quorum. Except as may be provided elsewhere, the presence, in person or by proxy at the beginning of the meeting, of Owners entitled to cast one tenth (1/10) of the eligible vote of the Association shall constitute a quorum. Once a quorum is established for a meeting, it shall conclusively be presumed to exist until the meeting is adjourned and shall not need to be reestablished. Owners whose voting rights have been suspended pursuant hereto shall not be counted as eligible votes toward the quorum requirement.

Section 6. Adjournment. Any meeting of the members may be adjourned for periods not exceeding ten (10) days by vote of the Owners holding the majority of the votes represented at such meeting, regardless of whether a quorum is present. Any business which could be transacted properly at the original session of the meeting may be transacted at a reconvened session, and no additional notice of such reconvened session shall be required.

Section 7. Proxy. Any member entitled to vote may do so by written proxy duly executed by the member setting forth the meeting at which the proxy is valid. To be valid, a proxy must be signed, dated, and filed with the Secretary prior to the opening of the meeting for which it is to be used. Proxies may be delivered to the Board by personal delivery, U.S. Mail, facsimile transmission, e-mail, or other electronic means to any Board member or the property manager. Proxies may be revoked only by written notice delivered to the Association, except that the presence in person by the proxy giver at a meeting for which the proxy is given shall automatically invalidate the proxy for that meeting. A proxy holder may not appoint a substitute proxy holder unless expressly authorized to do so in the proxy. Members whose voting rights have been suspended hereunder may not act as proxy for another member.

Section 8. Action Taken Without a Meeting. In the Board's discretion, any action that may be taken by the Association members at any annual, regular, or special meeting may be taken without a meeting by written consent, written ballot, or electronic vote, as provided below.

(a) **Ballot.** If the Board elects to propose a membership action by ballot in lieu of a meeting, then the Board must submit or deliver a written ballot to every member entitled to vote on the matter, and the ballot shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. However, such requirements shall not apply to action by written consent in accordance with subsection (b) below, and only the Board may authorize action by ballot hereunder. When the Board authorizes ballot voting under this subsection (a), ballots may be delivered to the members and/or returned by members by electronic mail. Approval by written ballot shall be valid only when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action, and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot.

All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall: (1) indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; (2) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; and (3) specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Board in order to be counted. A written ballot may not be revoked. The Association shall maintain such ballots in its file for at least three (3) years.

(b) **Written Consent.** Approval by written consent in lieu of a meeting shall be valid only when the number of written consents received equals or exceeds the requisite majority of the voting power for such action. Executed written consents shall be included in the minutes or filed with the Association's records, and the Board may accept properly authenticated documents sent by electronic mail as written consents hereunder. If an action of the members is approved by written consent hereunder, the Board shall issue written notice of such approval to all members who did not sign written consents. Membership approval shall be effective ten (10) days after written notice is issued; provided, however, if the consent is to an amendment to the Declaration or Bylaws which must be recorded, the effective date shall be no earlier than the date of recording of such amendment. It shall not

be necessary to follow the procedural requirements of subsection (a) above to take action by written consent under this subsection (b).

Section 9. Order of Business. At all meetings of the Association, Roberts Rules of Order (latest edition) shall govern when not in conflict with the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation.

Article III **Board of Directors**

A. Composition and Selection

Section 1. Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors initially consisting of five (5) persons who shall hold office until the election of their successors at the first annual meeting of the members of the Association. Commencing with the first annual meeting of the Association, the Board of Directors shall consist of an uneven number of not fewer than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members who shall be elected by the members of the Association. The number of directors shall be determined by a vote of the members at the first annual meeting of the members and the number of directors may be changed by a vote of the members at any subsequent annual meeting of the members; provided, however, that (a) the limitations of this section shall continue to apply; and (b) no such change shall operate to curtail or extend the term of any incumbent director.

Section 2. Term of Office At the first annual meeting, the members shall elect one (1) director for a term of one (1) year, and two (2) directors for a term of two (2) years and at least two (2) directors for a term of three (3) years; and at each annual meeting thereafter, the members shall elect a director to each vacancy for a term of three (3) years.

Section 3. Removal of Directors. After the first annual meeting of the members, any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Association. Prior to the first annual meeting of the members, any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by the Declarant. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor. Moreover, any director who has had three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from regularly scheduled Board meetings, or is more than thirty (30) days past due in the payment of any assessment, may be removed by the vote of a majority of the other directors. Any director whose removal has been proposed by the Association membership shall be given at least ten (10) days notice of the calling of the meeting to consider his or her removal and the purpose thereof and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting.

Section 4. Vacancies. Vacancies in the Board caused by any reason, except the removal of a director by vote of the membership, shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining directors, even though less than a quorum, at any Board meeting. The successor selected shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the director being replaced.

Section 5. Compensation. Directors shall not be compensated for services as such unless and only to the extent that compensation is authorized by a majority vote of the members. Directors may be reimbursed for the expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as directors upon Board approval of such expenses. Directors also may be given nominal gifts or tokens of appreciation by the Association for recognition of services performed not to exceed a value of

\$100.00 per calendar year. For purposes hereof, reasonable food and beverages purchased for Board meetings shall not be considered compensation.

Section 6. Director Conflicts of Interest. Nothing herein shall prohibit a director from entering into a contract and being compensated for services or supplies furnished to the Association in a capacity other than as director, provided that the director's interest is disclosed to the Board and the contract is approved by a Majority of the directors who are at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, excluding the director with whom the contract is made. The interested director shall not count for purposes of establishing a quorum of the Board. The interested director must leave the room during the discussion on such matter.

Section 7. Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board shall be made from the floor at the meeting, or, if elections are conducted by ballot or electronically in lieu of a meeting, by the method and date proscribed by the Board. Nominations also may be made by a nominating committee, if appointed by the Board.

Section 8. Elections. All Association members eligible to vote shall be entitled to cast their entire vote for each directorship to be filled. There shall be no cumulative voting. The directorships for which elections are held shall be filled by that number of candidates receiving the most votes. Voting for election of Board members shall be by secret written ballot (unless dispensed by unanimous consent at the meeting at which such voting is conducted, or a slate of candidates is unopposed and is accepted by acclamation).

B. Meetings.

Section 9. Regular Meetings. Regular Board meetings may be held at such time and place as determined by the Board, but at least once every three (3) months. The newly elected Board shall endeavor to meet within ten (10) days after each annual Association meeting.

Section 10. Special Meetings. Special Board meetings may be called by the President on two (2) days' notice to each director given by mail, telephone, facsimile, e-mail, or in person, which notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. Special Board meetings shall be called by the President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer in like manner and on like notice on the written request of a least two (2) directors.

Section 11. Waiver of Notice. Any director at any time, in writing, may waive notice of any Board meeting, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a director at any Board meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice by him or her of the time and place of such meeting. If all directors are present at any Board meeting, no notice shall be required, and any business may be transacted at such meeting.

Section 12. Conduct of Meetings. The President shall preside over all Board meetings, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board and a record of all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings. The presence, at the time an action is taken, of directors entitled to cast one-half of the votes of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. One or more directors who participate in a meeting by means of telephone or electronic communication shall be deemed present and in attendance for all purposes at such meeting, provided all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Directors may not use proxies for director meetings.

Section 13. Open Meetings. Boards meetings need not be open to all members. If the Board permits member to attend Board meetings, then members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so authorized by the Board. Notwithstanding the above, the Board may adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session. The Board may order the removal of any meeting guest who, in the Board's opinion, either disrupts the conduct of business at the meeting or fails to leave the meeting upon request after an announcement of reconvening in executive session.

Section 14. Action Without a Meeting. Any Board action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting may be taken without a meeting if a Majority of the directors consent in writing to such action. The written consents must describe the action taken and be signed by no fewer than a Majority of the directors. The written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the Board. For purposes hereof, written consents of directors may be given by electronic mail or other electronic document.

C. **Powers and Duties.**

Section 15. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association and shall have all the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Property and may do all such acts and things as are not by the Act, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the members. In addition to the duties imposed by these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall have the power to and shall be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:

(a) preparation and adoption of an annual budget, in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner to the Common Expenses;

(b) making assessments to defray the Common Expenses, establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments, and establishing the period of the installment payments of the annual assessment;

(c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all of the Common Property, as defined in the Declaration;

(d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Common Property and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;

(e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a financial depository or institution which it shall approve, or otherwise investing the proceeds in accordance with any limitations set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 14-3-302, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;

(f) making and amending rules and regulations and imposing sanctions for violation thereof, including reasonable monetary fines;

- (g) opening bank or other financial accounts on behalf of the Association, and designating the signatories required;
- (h) making or contracting for repairs, additions, and improvements to, or alterations of, the Common Property, in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration and these Bylaws, after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;
- (i) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- (j) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted by it, and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association;
- (k) paying the costs of all services rendered to the Association or its members and not directly chargeable to specific Owners;
- (l) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred; and
- (m) contracting with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions. Any and all functions of the Association shall be fully transferable by the Board, in whole or in part, to any other entity.

Section 16. Management Agent. The Association may, but shall not be required to, hire a professional management agent or agents, at a compensation established by the Board, to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. The Board shall use reasonable efforts in any management contract to provide for termination of such contract with or without cause and without penalty, upon no more than thirty (30) days written notice, and for a term not in excess of one (1) year.

Section 17. Borrowing. The Board shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of maintenance, repair, restoration or improvement of the Common Property and facilities without the approval of the members of the Association. The Board also shall be authorized to borrow money for other purposes (including, but not limited to modifying, improving or adding amenities to the Property), but, in such case, if the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars outstanding debt at any one time, such borrowing must first be approved by members holding a Majority of the total eligible Association vote.

Section 18. Liability and Indemnification of Directors, Officers, and Committee Members. The Association shall indemnify every officer, director and committee member against any and all expenses, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any such action, suit, or proceeding, if approved by the Board of Directors) to which he or she may be made a party by reason of being or having been an officer, director or committee member, whether or not such person holds

such position at the time such expenses are incurred. The officers, directors, and committee members shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, or for injury or damage caused by any such person in the performance of his or her duties, except for his or her own individual willful misfeasance or malfeasance. The officers, and directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer, director or committee member, or former officer, director or committee member, may be entitled. The Association shall, as a Common Expense, maintain adequate general liability and, if obtainable, officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, and the insurance shall be written as provided in the Declaration.

D. Committees.

Section 19. Nominating Committee. Pursuant to Section 7 of this Article, there may be a Nominating Committee appointed to perform the functions specified in section 7 of this Article.

Section 20. Architectural Control Committee. The Board may establish an Architectural Control Committee for the purposes of establishing and maintaining architectural standards in the Property as provided in the Declaration.

Section 21. Other Committees. There shall be such other committees as the Board shall determine with the powers and duties that the Board shall authorize.

Section 22. Service on Committees. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws or in the resolution authorizing a particular committee, the members of any committee shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Any committee member may be removed with or without cause at any time and with or without a successor being named.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. Designation. The principal officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Vice President must be Board members. The Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected by the Board, but need not be Board members. The Board may appoint one or more Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Secretaries, and such other subordinate officers as in its judgment may be necessary. Any assistant or subordinate officers shall not be required to be Board members. Except for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, which may be held by the same person, no person may hold more than one (1) office.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The Association officers shall be elected annually by the Board at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the members and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board and until a successor is elected.

Section 3. Removal of Officers. Upon the affirmative vote of the Majority of the Board members, any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, and a successor may be elected.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all Association and Board meetings. The President shall have all the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of the president of a corporation organized under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, including, but not limited to, the power to establish agendas for Association and Board meetings, and to appoint committees from among the members as he or she may decide is appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

Section 6. Vice President. The Vice President shall act in the President's absence and shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities provided for the President when so acting.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Association and Board meetings, shall have charge of such books and papers as the Board may direct, and shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary of a corporation organized under Georgia law.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the Association's funds and securities. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records and books of account showing all receipts and disbursements, for preparing all required financial statements and tax returns, and for the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name of the Association in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the budget as provided in the Declaration. The Treasurer may delegate all or a part of the preparation and notification duties associated with the above responsibilities to a management agent.

Section 9. Other Officers. Other offices may be created by the Board, and the Board members which hold such offices shall have such titles and duties as are defined by the Board.

Section 10. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Etc. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, promissory notes, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least two (3) Board members or by such other person or persons as may be designated by Board resolution.

Article V.
Rule Making and Enforcement

Section 1. Authority and Enforcement. The Property shall be used only for those uses and purposes set out in the Declaration. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make, modify, repeal and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct, use, and enjoyment of Lots and the Common Property. Copies of all such rules and regulations shall be furnished to all Owners and Occupants and/or posted on an Association website. Any rule or regulation may be repealed by the affirmative vote or written consent of a Majority of the total Association vote at an annual or special meeting of the membership.

Every Owner and Occupant shall comply with the Declaration, Bylaws and rules and regulations of the Association, and any lack of compliance shall entitle the Association and, in an appropriate case, one or more aggrieved Lot Owners, to take action to enforce the terms of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations.

The Board shall have the power to impose reasonable fines, which shall constitute a lien upon the Owner's Lot, and to suspend an Owner's right to vote or to use the Common Property for violation of any duty imposed under the Declaration, these Bylaws, or any Association rules and regulations; provided, however, nothing herein shall authorize the Association or the Board to deny ingress and egress to or from a Lot. If any Occupant violates the Declaration, Bylaws or Association rules and a fine is imposed, the fine may be imposed against the Owner and/or Occupant, subject to Section 2 below. The failure of the Board to enforce any provision of the Declaration, Bylaws, or any rule or regulation shall not be deemed a waiver of the right of the Board to do so thereafter.

In any enforcement action taken by the Association under this Article V, to the maximum extent permissible, all costs incurred by the Association in abating a violation or otherwise taking action to enforce the Declaration, Bylaws or Association rules, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, may be assessed against the violating Owner and/or Occupant, as specified in the Declaration.

Section 2. Fining and Suspension Procedure. The Board shall not impose a fine or suspend the right to vote or to use the Common Property, unless and until the Association has sent or delivered written notice to the violator as specified in the Declaration.

Section 3. Enforcement Rights. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the Association, acting through the Board, may elect to enforce any

provision of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the rules and regulations by self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking rules and regulations or performing maintenance on any Lot upon a failure by the Lot Owner to do so) or by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both without the necessity for compliance with the procedure set forth in Section 2 of this Article.

The Association or its duly authorized agent shall have the power to enter a Lot or upon any portion of the Common Property to abate or remove, using such force as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the rules and regulations. Except in emergency situations or situations involving repeat violations for which notice hereunder already has been given, or as otherwise specified in the Declaration, entry onto a Lot to abate or remove a violation shall be made only after ten (10) days written notice to the violating Lot Owner. Additionally, the Association shall have the authority to record in the Paulding County land records a notice of violation identifying an uncured violation of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations regarding the Lot.

Article VI. **Miscellaneous**

Section 1. Notices. All notices, demands, bills, statements or other communications given under these Bylaws or the Declaration shall be in writing and, unless prohibited under these Bylaws or the Declaration, shall be given: (1) by personal delivery to the addressee; (2) by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid; (3) by electronic mail or other electronic document; or (4) via facsimile.

Notice sent by one of the methods described shall be deemed to have been duly given:

(a) If to a lot Owner, at the mailing address, electronic mail address or facsimile number which the owner has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, or if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Lot of such owner.

(b) If to an occupant, to the address of the Lot occupied and/or the electronic mail address or facsimile number which the occupant has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary; or

(c) If to the Association, the Board, or the managing agent, at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, if any, or at such other mailing address, electronic mail address or facsimile number as shall be designated in writing and approved for use by the Association's Board of Directors.

Section 2. Severability. The invalidity of any part of these Bylaws shall not impair or affect in any manner the validity, enforceability, or effect of the balance of these Bylaws or the Declaration.

Section 3. Captions. The captions herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope of these Bylaws or the intent of any provision thereof.

Section 4. Gender and Grammar. The use of the masculine gender in the Bylaws shall be deemed to include the feminine gender, and the use of the singular shall be deemed to include the plural whenever the context so requires.

Section 5. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association may be set by Board resolution or, in the absence thereof, shall be the calendar year.

Section 6. Financial Review. A financial review of the accounts of the association shall be performed annually in the manner provided by the Board. However, after having received the Board's financial review at the annual meeting, the Owners may, by a Majority of the total Association vote, require that the Association accounts be audited as a Common Expense by an independent accountant.

Section 7. Conflicts. The duties and powers of the Association shall be set forth in the Act, the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, the Declaration, these Bylaws, and the Articles of Incorporation, together with those reasonably implied to affect the purposes of the Association. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between such, then the provisions of the Act, the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code (as may be applicable), the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, in that order, shall prevail, and each owner of a Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefore, covenants to vote in favor of such amendments as will remove such conflicts or inconsistencies.

Section 8. Amendment. Except where a higher vote is required for action under a particular provision of the Declaration or Bylaws, these Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote, written consent, or any combination of affirmative vote and written consent of the members holding sixty-six and two-thirds (66-2/3%) percent of the total eligible vote of the Association. Notice of a meeting, if any, at which an amendment will be considered shall state that fact and the subject matter of the proposed amendment. No amendment shall become effective until it is certified by the President and Secretary of the Association and filed in the Paulding County, Georgia land records. Any amendment duly certified and recorded (containing any additional signatures required by the Declaration) shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly adopted in accordance with the Declaration and Bylaws. Owners whose voting rights have been suspended pursuant to the Declaration or these Bylaws shall not be counted as eligible votes toward the amendment requirement.

If legal action is not instituted to challenge the validity of an amendment within one (1) year of the recording of the amendment in the Paulding County, Georgia land records, then such amendment shall be presumed to be validly adopted.

Section 9. Book and Records. To the extent provided in O.C.G.A. Section 14-3-1602, all Association members and any institutional holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled to inspect Association records at a reasonable time and location specified by the Association, upon written request at least five (5) business days before the date on which the member wishes to inspect and copy. The Association may impose a reasonable charge, covering the cost of labor and material, for copies of any documents provided to the member. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Board may limit or preclude member inspection of confidential or privileged documents, including attorney/client privileged communications, executive session meeting minutes, and financial records or accounts of other members. Minutes for any Board or Association meetings do not become effective and an official association record until approved by the Board or Association membership, as applicable, at a subsequent meeting.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

That I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of Creekside Homeowners Association, Inc., a Georgia corporation;

That the foregoing Bylaws constitute the Bylaws of said Association, as duly adopted by the Board of Directors on the ____day of_____, 200_.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this ____day of_____, 200_.

CREEKSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

_____(Seal)

Secretary

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