

BYLAWS
OF
COVINGTON RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS

The following terms used in these Bylaws shall have the following meanings (unless otherwise expressly provided herein):

- 1.1. "Act" means the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act as promulgated.
- 1.2. "Articles" means the Association's Articles of Incorporation.
- 1.3. "Association" means COVINGTON RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a North Carolina non-profit corporation.
- 1.4. "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors for the Association.
- 1.5. "Bylaws" means the Association's Bylaws.
- 1.6. "Common Area" means all real property which is owned or leased by, or located in an easement granted to or reserved by, the Association and which has been designated by Declarant, the record owner of newly annexed land, or the Association as "Common Area" or some other similarly descriptive term, on a recorded plat, in a Declaration of Annexation, or in a deed or other written instrument for the common use and enjoyment of the Members of the Association. Common Area shall also refer to Subdivision signage, water lines and sewer lines located within the Property which are not otherwise dedicated to a governmental entity or serving only a single Lot.
- 1.7. "Declarant" means NC CAPITAL GROUP PURNELL ROAD, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, and its successors and assigns designated as Declarant.
- 1.8. "Declaration" means the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Covington Ridge Subdivision, recorded in Book 10171, Page 1339, Wake County Registry, and any recorded amendments thereto.
- 1.9. "Director" means each individual elected or appointed, pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaws, to serve on the Board of Directors of the Association.
- 1.10. "Improvements" means any structure of any type or kind and all exterior modifications thereof, including, without limitation, buildings, outbuildings, parking areas, loading areas, screening walls, retaining walls, fences, hedges, mass plantings, lawns, sidewalks, poles, signs, and utility lines and facilities.
- 1.11. "Lot" means any plot of land described by a metes and bounds description shown upon any recorded subdivision plat of the Property with the exception of the Common Area.

1.12. "Member" means every Person who holds membership in the Association.

1.13. "Owner" means the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is part of the Property, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest as security for the performance of an obligation.

1.14. "Person" means an individual, a trust, an estate, or a domestic corporation, a foreign corporation, a professional corporation, a partnership, a limited partnership, a limited liability company, a foreign limited liability company, an unincorporated association, or other entity.

1.15. "Property" means that certain real property located in Wake County, North Carolina, and as more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and any additional real property annexed thereto in accordance with, and made subject to, the terms of the Declaration.

1.16. "Subdivision" means COVINGTON RIDGE SUBDIVISION, as shown on the recorded subdivision plat(s) of the Property.

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION OF THE CORPORATION

2.1. Name. The name of the corporation is COVINGTON RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Association").

2.2. Principal Office. The principal office of the Association shall be located at 1009 Smokewood Drive, Apex, NC 27502. The Board of Directors of the Association may fix the location of its principal office from time to time.

2.3. Registered Office and Registered Agent. The office of the Association's registered agent shall be at its initial principal office and the name of its initial registered agent at such office shall be Paul R. Murphy, Jr.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

3.1. This Association does not contemplate a pecuniary gain or profit to the Members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for maintenance, preservation, and architectural control of each Lot and the Common Area within the Property and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association, and for this purpose to:

(a) Exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration, and as the same may be amended from time to time, being incorporated herein as if set forth at length;

(b) Fix, levy, collect, and enforce payment by any lawful means all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association;

(c) Subject to all applicable laws of the County of Wake , acquire (by gift, purchase, or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer or dedicate for public use real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association;

(d) Dedicate, sell, or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument has been signed by two thirds of each class of Members agreeing to such dedication, sale, or transfer, provided, that this subsection shall not preclude the Board of Directors of the Association from granting easements to public authorities or others for the installation and maintenance of sewage, utilities, drainage facilities, upon, over, under and across the Common Area without the assent of the membership when, in the sole opinion of such Board, such easements do not interfere with the use and enjoyment of a Common Area or are necessary for the convenient use and enjoyment of the Common Area;

(e) Participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional real property, and Common Area, provided that any such merger, consolidation, or annexation shall have the consent of the Members, as provided in the Declaration; and

(f) Have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the Act may now or hereafter have or exercise.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

4.1. Membership. Every person or entity who is an Owner shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment by the Association. Ownership of such Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership. The Board of Directors may make reasonable rules relating to the proof of ownership of a Lot in this Subdivision.

4.2. Suspension of Membership. During any period in which a Member shall be in default in the payment of any annual or special assessment levied by the Association, said Member's voting rights and rights to use the Common Area may be suspended by the Board of Directors until such assessment has been paid. Such rights of a Member may also be suspended, after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for violation of any rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors governing the use of the Common Area.

ARTICLE V PROPERTY RIGHTS

5.1. Member's Easements of Enjoyment. Every Member shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area, including the right of access, ingress and egress, both pedestrian and vehicular, on and over the drives, walkways and parking areas of the Common Area, all of which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Declaration.

**ARTICLE VI
VOTING RIGHTS**

6.1. Voting Classes. The Association may have the following two (2) classes of voting membership:

(a) The Class A Members shall be all those Owners of Lots (with the exception of Declarant). Class A Members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot in which they hold the interest required for membership under Article IV of the Declaration. When more than one Person holds such interest in any Lot, all such Persons shall be Members, and the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as the majority of such Persons among themselves determine; however, in no event may more than one vote be cast with respect to any one Lot. Fractional voting shall be prohibited. At any meeting of the Members, a representation by any of such Persons that a majority of such Persons have agreed as to the vote for such Lot shall be conclusive unless another of such Persons contests such representation at such meeting prior to the casting of such vote.

(b) The Class B Members shall be the Declarant. The Class B Member shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of one of the following events, whichever occurs first:

- (i) Declarant's written consent to termination; or
- (ii) When the total votes outstanding in Class A equal the total votes outstanding in Class B [provided, however, that Declarant shall retain its architectural review and approval rights under Article XI of the Declaration until the Class B membership is terminated in accordance with either Section 6.1(b) (i) or (iii)]; or
- (iii) Ten (10) years following the date of incorporation of the Association.

Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above to the contrary, the Class B membership shall be reinstated if, after the events described in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, and before the time stated in sub-paragraph (iii) above, Declarant annexes additional lands to the Property without the assent of the Class A Members, as provided for in Section 3.2 of the Declaration.

**ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

7.1. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the Members will be held at such time and date as shall be designated by the Board of Directors as stated in the notice of meeting. The Board of Directors may change the date of the annual meeting from time to time. The purposes of the annual meeting need not be enumerated in the notice of such meeting, unless otherwise required by these Bylaws, the Declaration or the Act.

7.2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, may be called by either (a) the Board of Directors, (b) the President, or (c) upon the written request of Members who hold not less than 10% of all votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at the special meeting. A meeting called by the Members shall be held within thirty (30) days of the Association's request therefore.

7.3. Place of Meetings. The Board of Directors shall designate the place of meeting for the annual meeting of the Members. Provided, however, if no designation is made, or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of meeting shall be the principal office of the Association.

7.4. Notice of Meetings. Except as may otherwise be provided in the Declaration, written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting, by or at the direction of the Secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered two (2) calendar days after being deposited in the United States Mail, addressed to the Member at its address as it appears on the books of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid.

In the case of a special meeting, the notice of meeting shall include a description of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called; but, in the case of an annual or substitute annual meeting, the notice of meeting need not include a description of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called unless such a description is required by the provisions of the Act.

7.5. Record Date. For the purpose of determining the Members entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any meeting of Members or any adjournment thereof or in order to make a determination of Members for any other purpose, the date on which notice of the meeting is mailed shall be the record date for such determination of Members. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, if a determination of Members entitled to vote at any meeting of Members has been made as provided in this section, such determination shall apply to any adjournment thereof.

7.6. Quorum. Members holding at least ten percent (10%) of the votes of each class of membership, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for any action at any meeting of Members except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or the Declaration. In the absence of a quorum at any such meeting, a majority of the Members so represented may adjourn the meeting from time to time, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, without further notice. However, if at the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each Member of record entitled to vote at the meeting. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present or represented, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally noticed. The Members present at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal during such meeting of that number of Members whose absence would cause less than a quorum to be present.

7.7. Manner of Acting. Except in the election of Directors as governed by the provisions of Article VIII, if a quorum exists, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast shall be the act of the Members, unless a greater vote is required by the Act, the Bylaws, or the Declaration. Cumulative voting is expressly prohibited.

7.8. Proxies. At all meetings of Members, a Member may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by the Member or by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact. Such proxy shall be filed with the Association before or at the time of the meeting. No proxy shall be valid after eleven (11) months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

7.9. Action by Written Consent. Action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of Members may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all Members entitled to vote on the action.

The action taken shall be evidenced by one (1) or more written consents describing the action taken, signed before or after such action by the Members entitled to vote thereon, and delivered to the Association for inclusion in the minutes or for filing with the corporate records. The record date for determining Members entitled to take action without a meeting shall be the date the first Member signs the written consent.

7.10. Waiver of Notice. When any notice is required to be given to any Member, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person entitled to such notice, whether before, at, or after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice. A Member's attendance, in person or by proxy, at a meeting (a) waives objection to lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting, unless the Member or his proxy at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting or conducting business at the meeting, and (b) waives objection to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice, unless the Member or his proxy objects to considering the matter before it is voted upon.

ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8.1. General powers. All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Association shall be managed under the direction of, the Board of Directors.

8.2. Number and qualifications. The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors shall be not less than two (2) nor more than nine (9). Directors need not be Members of the Association.

8.3. Term. At the first annual meeting of members, Members shall elect one-third of the directors for a term of one year, one-third of the directors for a term of two years and one-third of the directors for a term of three years. At each annual meeting thereafter the Members shall elect one-third of the directors for a term of three (3) years, and thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified.

8.4. Nomination of Directors. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee to be established in accordance with these Bylaws. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting of Members. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) or more Members. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made only from among Members.

8.5. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the Members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of Article VI. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is expressly not permitted.

8.6. Expiration of Term. A Director's term shall expire upon such Director's death, resignation, or removal. The term of a Director elected to fill a vacancy expires at the next meeting of Members at which directors are elected. A decrease in the number of directors does not shorten an

incumbent Director's term. Despite the expiration of a Director's term, such Director shall continue to serve until a successor shall be elected and qualifies.

8.7. Removal. Except as herein stated, any Director may be removed at any time with or without cause by a vote of the Members if the number of votes cast to remove such Director would be sufficient to elect the Director at a meeting to elect Directors. A Director may not be removed by the Members at a meeting unless the notice of the meeting states that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of the Director. If any Directors are so removed, new Directors may be elected at the same meeting. A majority of the Directors then in office may remove any Director elected by the Board of Directors; provided, however, any Director elected by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy of a Director elected by the Members may be removed only by the Members.

8.8. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors, including without limitation a vacancy resulting from a failure by the Members to elect the full authorized number of Directors, may be filled by the Members or by the Board of Directors, whichever group shall act first. If the Directors remaining in office do not constitute a quorum, the Directors may fill the vacancy by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors.

8.9. Compensation. No Director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Association in his capacity as Director; provided, however, any Director may be reimbursed for any and all expenses incurred by him in connection with such services.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

9.1. Regular meetings. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately after, and at the same place as, the annual meeting of Members. In addition, the Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place, for the holding of additional regular meetings.

9.2. Special meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or by any two (2) Directors, after not less than three (3) days notice to each Director.

9.3. Notice of meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice. The person or persons calling a special meeting of the Board of Directors shall, at least three (3) days before the meeting, give or cause to be given notice thereof by any usual means of communication. Such notice need not specify the purpose for which the meeting is called unless otherwise required by the Act or these Bylaws. Any duly convened regular or special meeting, may be adjourned by the Directors to a later time without further notice.

9.4. Waiver of notice. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting before or after the meeting. The waiver must be in writing, signed by the Director entitled to the notice, and delivered to the Association for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records. A Director's attendance at, or participation in, a meeting waives any required notice of such meeting unless the Director at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon arrival, objects to holding the meeting or to transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting.

9.5. Quorum. Unless the Articles or these Bylaws provide otherwise, a majority of the number

of directors fixed by or pursuant to these Bylaws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

9.6. Manner of acting. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, including Section 9 of this Article IX, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

9.7. Presumption of assent. A Director who is present at a meeting of (i) the Board of Directors or (ii) committee of the Board of Directors when corporate action is taken is deemed to have assented to the action taken unless (a) he objects at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon his arrival, to holding it or to transacting business at the meeting, or (b) his dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting, or (c) he files written notice of his dissent or abstention with the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or with the Association immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right of dissent or abstention is not available to a Director who votes in favor of the action taken.

9.8. Action without meeting. Action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all Directors then in office. The action shall be evidenced by one or more written consents signed by each Director before or after such action, describing the action taken, and included in the minutes or filed with the corporate records reflecting the action taken.

9.9. Committees of the Board. The Board of Directors may create an Architectural Review Committee, as provided in the Declaration, a Nominating Committee, as provided in these Bylaws, and any other committee as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purposes, and appoint members of the Board of Directors to serve on them. The creation of a committee of the Board of Directors and appointment of members to it must be approved by the greater of (a) a majority of the number of Directors in office when the action is taken or (b) the number of Directors required to take action pursuant to this Article IX. Each committee of the Board of Directors must have two or more members and, to the extent authorized by law and specified by the Board of Directors, shall have and may exercise all of the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Association. Each committee member serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The provisions in these Bylaws governing meetings, action without meetings, notice and waiver of notice, and quorum and voting requirements of the Board of Directors apply to committees of the Board of Directors established under this section.

ARTICLE X OFFICERS

10.1. Officers of the Association. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may from time to time be appointed by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, but no officer may act in more than one capacity where action of two or more officers is required.

10.2. Election and term. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed or otherwise disqualified to serve. Such elections may be held at any regular or special meeting of the Board. Each officer shall hold office until his death, resignation, retirement, removal, disqualification, or his

successor is elected and qualified.

10.3. Removal. Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board with or without cause; but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

10.4. Duties.

(a) President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the Members; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all promissory notes.

(b) Vice Presidents. The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of that office. In addition, he shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the acts and proceedings of all meetings of Members and Directors. He shall have general charge of the corporate books and records and of the corporate seal, and shall affix the corporate seal to any lawfully executed instrument requiring it. He shall keep, at the registered or principal office of the Association, a record of Members showing the name and address of each Member. He shall sign such instruments as may require his signature, and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned him from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(d) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors. He shall keep full and accurate accounts of the finances of the Association in books especially provided for that purpose. He shall cause an annual review (or, if requested by a resolution of the Board of Directors, an audit) of the corporate books to be made by an independent certified accountant at the completion of each fiscal year and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the Members at its regular annual meeting, delivering a copy of each to each of the Members. The Treasurer shall, in general, perform all duties incident to his office and such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI BOOKS AND RECORDS

11.1. The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member or his designated agent. The Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

ARTICLE XII CORPORATE SEAL

12.1. The corporate seal of the Association shall consist of a circular impressed seal containing the name of the Association around the outer area and the word "seal" in the inner area.

**ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS**

13.1. These Bylaws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the Members, by a vote of the majority of the Members.

**ARTICLE XVI
FISCAL YEAR**

14.1. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1 through December 31 of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

BEING all of Lots 1 through 38, inclusive, open space, well lots and rights-of-way, containing 88.54 acres in the aggregate, as shown on plat recorded in Book of Maps 2003, Pages 802-806, Wake County Registry.