

BY-LAWS  
OF  
THE VILLAGES OF NORTHGATE CROSSING  
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation is The Villages of Northgate Crossing Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The principal office of the Association shall be located at Suite 305, 3311 Richmond Ave., Houston, Texas 77098, but meetings of Members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Texas as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to The Villages of Northgate Crossing Homeowners Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Common Area" shall mean and refer to all properties, real or personal, owned, leased or used by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Members.

Section 3. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to The Villages of Northgate Crossing Partners, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, its successors or assigns.

Section 4. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions

for Villages of Northgate Crossing recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided.

Section 5. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any of the numbered lots shown on a recorded subdivision map of the Properties intended for the construction of a single family residence, excluding reserve tracts or common area, but including Lots created by a replat of a reserve tract.

Section 6. "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity which holds a Membership in the Association.

Section 7. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot which is part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation or those owning an easement right, a mineral interest, or a royalty interest.

Section 8. "Properties" shall mean and refer to the property within the jurisdiction of the Association, including the property subject to the Declaration, and such property as may be added to the jurisdiction of the Association as specified in the Declaration.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the Members shall be held within one year after the date of the conveyance of the first completed residence in the Properties to a home buyer on a date designated by the Association's Board of

Directors, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the Members shall be held on a date in the same month selected by the Association's Board of Directors, at a time designated by the Board of Directors. If the day for the annual meeting of the Members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the president or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the Members who are entitled to vote one-third (1/3) of the aggregate votes of the Members.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the Members shall be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least 15 days before such meeting to each Member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the Member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by such Member of the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of Members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-four (1/4) of the votes of each class of the Members shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting

shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting.

Section 5. Proxies. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the Member of his Lot.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a board of directors containing three (3) members who need not be Members of the Association. The number of directors may be increased at any time by amendment of these By-Laws.

Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting the Members shall elect one (1) director for a term of one (1) year, one (1) director for a term of two (2) years, and one (1) director for a term of three (3) years. At each annual meeting of the Members thereafter the Members shall elect the number of directors equal to the number of directors whose terms expire at such time for a term of three years.

Section 3. Removal. The Members may remove any director with or without cause by a majority vote at a meeting called for such purpose. In the event of the 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.

Section 4. Compensation. No director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Association.

However, any director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting. The directors shall have the right to take any action which they could take at a meeting by execution of a written consent instrument signed by all of the directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

## ARTICLE V

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Nomination. Nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a Member of the Board of Directors, and two or more Members of the Association. The Nominating Committee 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 from among Members or non-Members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot at the annual meeting. At such election, the Members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the

provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place and with such frequency as the Board from time to time deems necessary.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the president of the Association, or by any two directors, after no less than three (3) days notice to each director.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

## ARTICLE VII

### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power to:

(a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities located thereupon, and the personal conduct of the Members or their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;

(b) suspend the voting rights and right to use of the Association's facilities of a Member during any period in which such Member shall be delinquent in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association in excess of 30 days.

Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed 60 days for infraction of published rules and regulations;

(c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to the Association and not reserved to the Membership by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;

(d) declare the office of a Member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such Member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and

(e) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as the Board of Directors deems necessary, and to prescribe their duties.

Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

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

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

(c) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:

(1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot as set forth in the Declaration;

(2) send written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto as set forth in the Declaration; and

(3) foreclose the lien against any property for which assessments are not paid or to bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same.

(d) issue, or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;

(e) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association and, at the option of the Board of Directors, directors and officers liability insurance;

(f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;

(g) cause the Common Area and other areas within or in the vicinity of the Properties to be maintained; and

(h) perform the other duties of the Association set forth in the Declaration.

## ARTICLE VIII

### OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Offices. The officers of this Association shall be a president and vice-president, who shall at all times be Members of the Board of Directors, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members.

Section 3. Term. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise be disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Special Appointments. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any

officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the president or the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

Section 7. Multiple Offices. The offices of secretary and treasurer or president and treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

Section 8. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

President

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

Vice-President

(b) The vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to

act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board.

#### Secretary

(c) The secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the Members; keep appropriate current records showing the Members of the Association together with their addresses; and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.

#### Treasurer

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

### ARTICLE IX

#### COMMITTEES

The Association shall appoint a Nominating Committee as provided in these By-Laws. The Board of Directors may appoint other committees as it deems appropriate in carrying out its purposes.

## ARTICLE X

### BOOKS AND RECORDS

The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any member. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

## ARTICLE XI

### ASSESSMENTS

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each Member is obligated to pay to the Association annual assessments, neighborhood assessments and special assessments which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the assessment is made. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent and shall bear interest from the due date at the rate specified in the Declaration. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property. Interest as provided above, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for in the Declaration by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any time by the majority vote of each class of the Members present at a regular or special meeting of the Members.


Section 2. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

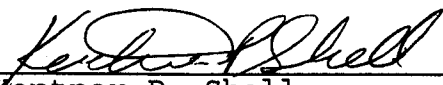
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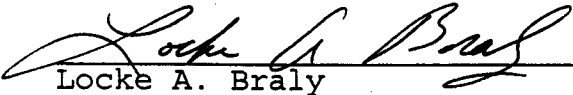
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The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, being all of the directors of the Association have executed this instrument to be effective the 25th day of February, 1997.

  
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