

**BYLAWS OF**  
**WHITE OAK MANOR**  
**HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**AMENDED AS OF**  
**AUGUST 24, 2003**

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## ARTICLE I

## NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation is White Oak Manor Homeowners Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Association." The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 2780 Highway 10 East, Conover, North Carolina 28613, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of North Carolina, County of Catawba, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE II

## DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to White Oak Manor Homeowners Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 3. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

Section 4. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Properties with the exception of the Common Area.

Section 5. "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 a part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Bill R. Barringer, his heirs, successors and assigns if such heirs, successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

Section 7. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the Properties recorded in Book 2000 at Page 460 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Catawba County, North Carolina.

Section 8. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to membership as provided in the Declaration.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one year from the date of incorporation of the Association, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held on the same day of the same month of each year thereafter, at the hour of 8 o'clock, p.m. 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-fourth (1/4) of all of the votes of the Class A membership.

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, not less than 10 days nor more than 50 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 to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-half (1/2) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles

of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these Bylaws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be represented.

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: SELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, who need not be members of the Association. The initial Board of Directors will consist of three (3) Directors until the first annual meeting of the members of the Association. Thereafter the number of Directors will be determined by a vote of the members, but in no case shall the number of Directors exceed nine (9).

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

Section 3. Removal. Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board 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 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 in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all 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. Nomination 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 nonmembers.

Section 2. 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 provision 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 monthly without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 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 not 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 Areas and facilities, and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;

(b) suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed 60 days for infraction of published rules and regulations;

(c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these Bylaws or 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 they deem 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-fourth (1/4) of the Class A members who are entitled to vote;

(b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this 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 at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period; and

(2) send written notice of the each assessment to every Owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days prior to due date or to bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same.

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

(e) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;

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

(g) cause the Common Areas and the exterior of the townhouses to be maintained as provided for in the Declaration.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Officers. 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. Each officer of this 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 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 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 Executive Board; see that orders and resolutions of the Executive Board are carried out; sign all leases, mortgages, and deeds and other written instruments and may sign promissory notes and checks.

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; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; 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 required by the Board.

Treasurer

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

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

The Association shall appoint an Architectural Control Committee, as provided in the Declaration, and a Nominating Committee, as provided in these Bylaws. In addition, the Board of Directors shall appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

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 Bylaws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

ARTICLE XI

ASSESSMENTS

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each member is obligated to pay to the Association annual 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. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the due date of delinquency at the maximum rate permitted to be legally charged under the laws of the State of North Carolina at the time of delinquency, and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property, and interest, 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 herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

ARTICLE XII

CORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: White Oak Manor Homeowners Association, Inc. with the word "SEAL" in the center.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of members present in person or by proxy.

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

## ARTICLES XIV

## MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of September and end on the 31st day of August, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.

Section 2. The Association will provide from an annual assessment, and from other assessments, the reserve for the replacement of common elements.

Section 3. A working capital fund for the initial project operation will be collected from each member of the Association upon the member's joining the Association.

Section 4. The Association shall provide the holders of the mortgage prompt notice of any default by any member on its assessment, if such default is not cured within thirty (30) days of default.

Section 5. A fidelity bond will be provided for any person or persons handling the funds of the Association, including any employee of any professional manager.

Section 6. The Association will provide liability insurance for the Common Area and provide fire and extended coverage on any of the Common property owned by the Association based on a current replacement basis of not less than one hundred (100%) percent of the insurable value, and such premiums for these insurances shall be considered a common expense of the Association and part of the annual assessment.

Section 7. The first mortgagee of any units or lots on the Association's property shall be entitled to such rights of the individual unit owners as to the inspection of books, records, and operating budget.

Section 3. The Board of Directors of the Association is empowered to enter into a contract with any person or corporation to provide a professional manager for the Association, however, any such contract shall provide that either party may terminate the contract on ninety (90) days written notice to the other.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

THAT I am the duly elected and acting secretary of White Oak Manor Homeowners Association, Inc., a North Carolina corporation; and

THAT the foregoing Bylaws constitute the original Bylaws of said Association, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof, held on the 30 day of August, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this 30 day of August, 1996.

Patricia R. Alrod  
Secretary

NORTH CAROLINA CATAWBA COUNTY

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