

The following document is a representation of the *Bylaws of the Palmetto Hall Plantation Owners' Association*, as amended. These bylaws have been amended four (4) times in association with the *Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Palmetto Hall Plantation*: the Seventh Amendment (November 7, 1995); the Tenth Amendment (March 5, 2001); the Twelfth Amendment (January 23, 2003); the Thirteenth Amendment (January 20, 2005); and the Fourteenth Amendment (February 20, 2006). Note: Article III, Section 1 and Article V Section 2 were changed in the 7th amendment and again in the 12th amendment; Article IV, Section 2 was changed in the 12th amendment and again in the 13th amendment; and Article VIII, Section 8.a was changed in the 10th amendment and again in the 13th amendment. Changes are shown in **bold type** with deleted text shown as ~~strikethrough~~ and inserted text shown as underlined. The amendment that changed the wording is shown as a superscript ^{7th 10th 12th}.

BYLAWS

OF

**PALMETTO HALL PLANTATION
OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**



ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION. The name of the corporation is PALMETTO HALL PLANTATION OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the corporation shall be located at PALMETTO HALL PLANTATION OWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC., ~~c/o Greenwood Development Corporation, 23-C Shelter Cove Lane~~^{14th} **11 Palmetto Parkway, Suite 201**^{14th}, Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of South Carolina, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Palmetto Hall Plantation Owners' Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Property" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, etc. hereafter described in Section 3 hereof, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 3. "Declaration" or "this Declaration" shall mean and refer to the "DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITION AND RESTRICTIONS PALMETTO HALL PLANTATION AND PROVISIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PALMETTO HALL PLANTATION OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.", a South Carolina non-profit corporation, dated February 28th, 1991, recorded in the RMC Office for Beaufort County, South Carolina, in Deed Book 572 at Page 1722, et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time, together with any and all supplementary declarations or amendments pursuant to the Declaration which may be recorded from time to time. Reference is made to said Declaration for all of the defined terms which may be used herein in these By-Laws.

Section 4. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Greenwood Development Corporation, Greenwood and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and which shall be hereinafter referred to as "DECLARANT".

Section 5. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to membership

as provided in the Declaration.

ARTICLE III
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one month from the date of incorporation of the Association, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held during the month of ~~December~~^{7th} ~~November~~^{7th,12th} ~~December~~^{12th} of each year thereafter. If the day for the annual meeting of the members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held 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 thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) 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, thirty (30%) percent of the votes of the ~~Class A~~^{14th} membership ~~plus, for so long as the Class B membership exists, a representative of the Class B Members~~^{14th} shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Declaration and Petition for Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned and another meeting shall be scheduled for a date not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days subsequent to the initial meeting. Written notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting shall be provided to all Members. The quorum requirement for the adjourned meeting shall be the presence of Members, or of proxies, entitled to cast twenty-five percent (25%) of the total vote of the ~~Class A M~~^{14th} membership^{14th} ~~and a representative of the Class B Members~~^{14th}.

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 or Unit.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION; TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, who shall be members of the Association. The Board shall consist of ~~five (5)~~^{12th} **seven (7)**^{12th} members ~~appointed by the Declarant until the first election~~^{12th}. All members of the Board shall be elected by the members ~~after the initial appointment of the initial Board by the Declarant~~^{12th}.

Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting the members shall elect one director for a term of one year, two directors for a term of two years and two directors for a term of three years; and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect directors for a term of three years. **Notwithstanding the forgoing, at the first annual meeting for which there is an election due to the increase in the size of the Board from five (5) members to seven (7) members, the candidates who receive the first, second and third most votes shall serve for a term of three (3) years; and the candidate who receives the fourth most votes shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Upon the expiration of the initial term of the director serving for two (2) years, the term for such seat shall thereafter be three (3) years.**^{12th} **Notwithstanding the forgoing, at the 2004 Annual Meeting the candidates who receive the first and second most votes shall serve for a term of three (3) years; and the candidate who receives the third most votes shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Upon the expiration of the initial term of the director serving for two (2) years, the term for such seat shall thereafter be three (3) years.**^{13th}

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 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 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. Other than the initial Board of Directors which will be appointed by the Declarant as provided in Section 1 of Article IV hereof 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 initial Nominating Committee shall be

composed of two of the initial members of the Board. Thereafter, 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. At the first annual meeting of the members and ~~prior to~~^{13th} during^{13th} each annual meeting of the members thereafter the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors 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~~^{13th} must^{13th} be made from among members ~~or non-members~~^{13th}.

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 provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is permitted.~~^{7th} Election to the Board of Directors shall be by votes represented by a show of hands of the members and their proxies, unless a majority of a quorum of members votes in favor of a written ballot. In such a case, election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot.^{7th, 13th} 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 the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.^{13th}

ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held periodically at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Telephonic meetings, or other types of meetings, such as by e-mail or other forms of electronic communication,^{13th} are expressly authorized. When meetings using telephonic, e-mail, or other non-traditional methods, the Secretary shall insure any action taken is accurately reflected in the minutes of the next regular meeting.^{13th} 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 the power to:

(a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Properties 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 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 thirty (30) 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 By-Laws, the Declaration and Petition for 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 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;

(2) send notice of each Assessment to every Owner subject thereto pursuant to the requirements as provided in the Declaration; and

(3) file a lien and subsequent to such filing, foreclose the lien against any property for which assessments are not paid within ~~thirty (30)~~^{10th} **sixty (60)**^{10th} days after 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 Properties to be maintained.

(h) perform all other duties reasonably required of it to satisfy the functions of the Association as set forth in the Declaration and in the Petition for Incorporation.

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 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 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 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~~^{13th} ~~on reserve accounts~~^{10th,13th} transfers of money from reserve accounts^{13th} 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; 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 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; cause an ~~annual~~^{14th} audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant ~~at the completion of each fiscal year~~^{14th} at least every

third year, or more often if necessary^{14th} and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be represented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the members.

ARTICLE IX
COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee, as provided in these By-Laws and such other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out the purpose of the Association.

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 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)~~^{10th} sixty (60)^{10th} days after the due date, the Assessment shall be subject to a late charge of ~~twelve (12%) percent per year on the delinquent amount until the Assessment and any accrued late charges are~~^{10th} (18%) percent annum (or the maximum interest rate allowed by law) from the date of delinquency until^{10th} paid in full. 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 Properties or abandonment of his Lot or Unit.

ARTICLE XII
CORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the

words: "PALMETTO HALL PLANTATION OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.", or an appropriate abbreviation thereof.

ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the members, (but not a reconvened meeting pursuant to Article III, Section 4, unless a fifty-one (51%) percent quorum is present in person or by proxy) 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 Declaration and Petition for Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Declaration and Petition for Incorporation shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XIV
DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution, liquidation or final determination of the operations of the corporation, its residual assets must not inure to the direct benefit of any member or shareholder but must be turned over to one or more non-profit organizations which are organized and operate for charitable or non-profit purposes on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

ARTICLE XV
MISCELLANEOUS

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.