# Powhatan Crossing Homeowners' Association

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#### POWHATAN CROSSING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**ARTICLE I** 

NAME AND LOCATION. The name of the corporation is Powhatan Crossing Homeowners Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Association." The principal office of the corporation shall be located at the Law Office of Sheldon M. Franck, 1200 Old Colony Lane, (mailing address P. O. Drawer Q), Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Virginia, County of James City, or elsewhere as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE II Definitions

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Powhatan Crossing Homeowners Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described by 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. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the Properties recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Williamsburg and County of James City, Virginia.

Section 7. "Articles" shall mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of the Powhatan Crossing Homeowners Association recorded with the state of Virginia in compliance with requirements of Chapter 10, Title 13.1 of the Code of Virginia.

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

#### ARTICLE III

Meeting of Members

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The regular annual meeting of the members shall be held in April of each year, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m. The Annual Meeting shall:

a. elect Directors of the Association

b. adopt a budget for the upcoming fiscal year

c. transact such other business as may properly come before it

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 entitled to cast one eighth (1/8) of the votes at any such meeting.

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 fifteen (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 to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and the items of business to come before the members. In the case of the Annual Meeting this shall include minutes of

previous meetings, budget for the upcoming fiscal year and nominations for directors put forth by the Nominating Committee.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one eighth (1/8)) of the votes of the membership shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or these By-Laws.

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. Each proxy shall contain the member's signature, property address and date.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

Board of Directors: Section: Term of Office

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a board of six (6) directors, one (1) of whom need not be a member of the Association.

Section 2. Term of Office. At each annual meeting, the members shall elect two (2)

Directors for a term of three (3) years.

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

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.

Section 1. Nominating Committee. 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. Such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting.

Section 2. Nominations for Election. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a nominating committee. The nominating committee shall make as many nominations as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. Such nominations may be made from among members and non-members; no more than one non-member may hold office in the Association at any time.

#### ARTICLE VI Meetings of Directors

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held a minimum of eight times per year, without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.

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 (2) Directors, after not less than three (3) days' notice to each Director.

Section 3. Ouorum. 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, 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 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 sixty (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 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 they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties.
- (f) exercise any power or authority delegated to the Board of Directors by the Virginia Property Owners Association Act (§55-508, et seq. of the Code of Virginia).

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 members who may cast one eighth (1/8) of the votes 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 written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto at

least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;

(3) consider whether to foreclose the lien against any property for which assessments are not paid within two (2) years after due date, and consider whether to bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same; and

(d) determine the amount, currently set at \$100, of the pre-closing assessment to be

paid to the PCHA by the purchaser at the time of any resale closing.

(e) 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;

(f) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on Property owned by

the Association;

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

(h) cause the Common Area(s) to be maintained;

(i) establish and oversee the functioning of such committees as may be deemed necessary.

## 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/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 or she 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 officers 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/treasurer. 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. <u>Vacancies</u>. 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 the 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 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 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 audit of the Association books to be made every three years; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented 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 an architectural control committee, as provided in the Declaration, and a nominating committee, as provided in these By-Laws. In addition, the Board 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 By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association. Copies may be purchased at reasonable cost from the Treasurer.

#### 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 date of delinquency at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum, 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 attorneys' 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 Indemnification

Each person now or hereafter a director or officer of the Corporation (and his heirs. executors and administrators) shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all claims. liabilities, judgments, settlements, costs and expenses, including all attorneys' fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred by him in connection with or resulting from any action, suit, proceeding or claim to which he is or may be made a party by reason of his being or having been a director or officer of the Corporation (whether or not a director or officer at the time such costs or expenses are incurred by or imposed upon him), except in relation to matters as to which he shall have been finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duties as such director or officer. In the event of any other judgment against such director or officer or in the event of a settlement, the indemnification shall be made only if the Corporation shall be advised, in case none of the persons involved shall be or have been a director, by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, and otherwise by independent counsel to be appointed by the Board of Directors, that in its or his opinion such director or officer was not guilty of gross negligence of willful misconduct in the performance of his duty, and in the event of a settlement, that such settlement was or is in the best interest of the Corporation. If the determination is to be made by the Board of Directors, it may rely as to all questions of law on the advice of independent counsel. Such rights of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any rights to which he may be entitled under any by-law, agreement, vote of stockholders, or otherwise.

### ARTICLE XIII

Corporate Seal

The Association may have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: POWHATAN CROSSING HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., 1989, Corporate Seal, Commonwealth of Virginia.

### ARTICLE XIV

<u>Amendments</u>

Section 1. These By-Laws 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 By-Laws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XV
Fiscal Year

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.

**CERTIFICATION** 

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

THAT I am the duly elected and acting secretary of the Powhatan Crossing

Homeowners Association, Inc., a Virginia corporation, and.

THAT the foregoing By-Laws constitute the By-Laws of said Association, as adopted at a duly called meeting of the membership thereof, held on the 4th day of September,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 23 day of

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