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**BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**THE HILLS OF BEAR CREEK-PHASE THREE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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ARTICLE 1  
GENERAL

The Hills of Bear Creek-Phase Three Homeowners' Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation (the "**Association**"), is the "Association" described in the Declaration of Covenants and Easements for The Hills of Bear Creek-Phase Three, recorded in Book 1746, Page 1283, of the Real Property Records of Parker County, Texas (the "**Declaration**"). The Declaration subjects the Property (as defined in the Declaration) to certain covenants, restrictions, easements, conditions, stipulations and reservations (collectively, the "**Restrictions**"). For convenience, several of the provisions of the Declaration will be repeated or summarized within these Bylaws. The remaining terms and provisions of these Bylaws are intended to complement and supplement the Declaration. In the event of any conflict or ambiguity between the Declaration and these Bylaws and unless otherwise required by law, the terms and conditions of the Declaration control and govern.

ARTICLE 2  
NAME, DEFINITIONS, MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

2.1 Name. The name of the Association shall be The Hills of Bear Creek-Phase Three Homeowners' Association, Inc. The Association is a Texas non-profit corporation.

2.2 Definitions. Certain words used in these Bylaws shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Declaration, some of which are set forth below either in their entirety or in an abridged format:

"**Act**" means the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, as amended from time to time.

"**Annual Assessment**" has the meaning specified in the Declaration.

"**Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Association.

"**Bylaws**" means these Bylaws of the Association, as adopted and amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Articles and the Declaration.

"**Declarant**" means Choctaw Properties L.L.C., its successors and assigns.

"**Declaration**" means the Declaration for the development, together with any and all amendments or supplements thereto.

"**Development-Wide Standard**" means the standard of conduct, maintenance or other activity general prevailing in the Development, as more specifically determined in accordance with the Declaration.

"**Member**" means each Owner, in its capacity as a member of the Association.

"**Occupant**" shall mean any person occupying all or any portion of a Residence located within the Development for any period of time, regardless of whether that person is a family member, tenant, guest or the Owner of the Residence.

"**Owner**" means the record owner (including Declarant), whether one or more persons or entities, of fee simple title to any Tract; provided, however, that where fee simple title has been transferred and is being held

merely as security for the repayment of a loan, the person or entity who would own the Tract in fee simple if the loan were paid in full shall be considered the Owner.

“**Property**” means the Development and any other property which may from time to time be subject to the Declaration.

“**Residence**” means a Structure situated upon a Tract intended for independent use and occupancy by a single family.

“**Restrictions**” means all covenants, restrictions, easements, charges, liens and other obligations created or imposed by Declarant, including, but not limited, to the matters contained in the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for The Hills of Bear Creek-Phase Three, recorded in Book 1746, Page 1283, Real Property Records of Parker County, Texas.

“**Structure**” means: (i) any excavation, grading, fill, ditch, diversion, drain site preparation or other thing or device which affects or alters the natural flow of surface waters from, upon or across any Tract, or which affects or alters the flow of waters in any natural or artificial creek, stream, wash or drainage channel from, upon or across any Tract.

“**Tract**” means any parcel of land of five or more acres conveyed by Declarant to an Owner.

2.3 Membership. Each and every Owner of each and every Tract within the Development shall automatically be, and must at all times remain, a Member of the Association in good standing. During the period of time in which Declarant has its Right of Appointment (referred to in these Bylaws as the “**Appointment Period**”), the Association shall have two (2) classes of Members, Class A and Class B. During the Appointment Period, the Class A Members shall include all Owners other than Declarant, and the Class B Member shall be Declarant. Upon conclusion of the Appointment Period, the Class B membership shall terminate and Declarant shall become a Class A Member.

2.4 Voting Rights. Each Class A Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote per Lot owned by that Class A Member. The Class B Member shall have the total number of votes as determined in accordance with the Declaration.

A Member shall not be in “good standing,” and the Board may suspend the voting rights of such Member if such person or entity is: (a) subject to the Right of Abatement by reason of having failed to take reasonable steps to remedy a violation of either the Restrictions or the Design Standards of the RRC within thirty (30) days after having received notice of same as required under the Declaration; (b) delinquent in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association pursuant to Article IV of the Declarations; or (c) in violation of Association rules and regulations relating to the use, operation and maintenance of Common Property. The Board may make such rules and regulations, consistent with the terms of the Declaration and these Bylaws, as it deems advisable for: any meeting of Members; proof of membership in the Association; the status of good standing; evidence of right to vote; the appointment and duties of examiners and inspectors of votes; the procedures for actual voting in person or by proxy; registration of Members for voting purposes; and such other matters concerning the conduct of meetings and voting as the Board shall deem fit.

### ARTICLE 3 MEMBERS: MEETINGS, QUORUM, VOTING, PROXIES

3.1 Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Association shall be at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Members as may be designated by the Board of Directors, either within Tarrant or Parker County, Texas, or as convenient thereto as is possible and practical.

3.2 Annual Meetings. The first meeting of the Members, whether a regular or special meeting, shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation of the Association. The next annual meeting shall be set by the Board so as to occur within forty-five (45) days after the close of the Association’s fiscal year. Subsequent regular annual meetings of the Members shall be held within forty-five (45) days of the same day of the same month of each year thereafter, at a specific date and hour set by the Board.

3.3 Special Meeting. The President may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the Association if so directed by resolution of a majority of a quorum of the Board of Directors or upon a petition signed by at least thirty percent (30%) of the total votes of the Association. The notice of any special meeting shall state the date, time, and place of such meeting and the purpose thereof. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

3.4 Notice of Meetings. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to cause notices to be prepared concerning each annual or special meeting of the Association, stating the purpose of the special meeting, as well as the time and place where it is to be held. Quorum, notice and voting requirements of and pertaining to the Association shall be in accordance with permitted Texas law.

3.5 Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of any meeting of the Members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Member may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a Member, whether in person or by proxy, shall be deemed waiver by such Member of notice of the time, date, and place thereof, unless such Member specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting shall also be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted thereat unless objection to the calling or convening of the meeting, of which proper notice was not given, is raised before the business is put to a vote.

3.6 Adjournment of Meetings. If any meetings of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the Members who are present at such meeting, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the time the original meeting was called. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted. If a time and place for the adjourned meeting is not fixed by those in attendance at the original meeting, or if for any reason a new date is fixed for the adjourned meeting after adjournment, notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting shall be given to Members in the manner prescribed for regular meetings. The Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum, provided that any action taken shall be approved by at least a majority of the Members required to constitute a quorum.

3.7 Voting. The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration and Section 2.4 above.

3.8 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 before the appointed time of each meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon loss of good standing by any such Member or upon receipt of notice by the Secretary of the Board of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a Member or upon the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date of the proxy. A form of proxy or written ballot may provide an opportunity to specify approval or disapproval with respect to any proposal.

3.9 Majority. As used in these Bylaws, the term majority shall mean those votes totaling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total number of votes cast by voting Members in good standing attending any meeting (or represented by proxy) of the Association.

3.10 Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or in the Declaration, the presence in person or by proxy of the Members holding twenty percent (20%) or more of the votes entitled to be cast shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association.

3.11 Conduct of Meetings. The President (or, in the absence of the President, a Vice-President) shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting, as well as a record of all transactions occurring thereat.

3.12 Action Without a Meeting. Any action which may be taken by the vote of the voting Members at a regular or special meeting may be taken without a meeting as and to the extent permitted by applicable Texas law.

ARTICLE 4  
BOARD: NUMBER, ELECTION, POWERS, MEETINGS

4.1 Governing Body; Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by the Board. Except for any director appointed or nominated by Declarant, the Directors shall be Members or spouses of such Members; provided, however, no person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time.

4.2 Number of and Voting for Directors. The affairs of the Association shall be managed initially by a board of three (3) individuals appointed by Declarant under the terms of the Declaration. After the expiration of the Appointment Period, the directors shall be elected by vote of the Owners in accordance with the terms of these Bylaws and Article III of the Declaration.

Directors shall be elected for two-year terms of office and shall serve until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Any vacancy which occurs in the Board, by reason of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, may be filled at any meeting of the Board by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors representing the same class of Members who elected the Director whose position has become vacant. Any Director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve as such until the expiration of the term of the Director whose position he or she was elected to fill.

Unless otherwise prohibited by the Bylaws, the Board shall be entitled to have one or more private workshop meetings and to have one or more public meetings per Fiscal Year.

4.3 Nomination of Directors. Prior to each annual meeting of Members and with respect to those director positions for which Class A Members may elect, the Board shall prescribe:

(a) the opening date and the closing date of a reasonable filing period in which each and every Member who has a bona-fide interest in serving as a Director may file as a candidate for such position;

(b) that each and every Member who has properly filed shall be included within the ballot;

(c) that where three (3) or more candidates are vying for one position, election may occur by a plurality (rather than a simple majority) of the votes cast; and

(d) such other rules and regulations which may then be appropriate to conduct the nomination and election of directors in a fair, efficient and cost-effective manner. Each candidate shall be given a reasonable, uniform opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the Members and to solicit votes.

4.4 Election and Term of Office. The election process shall occur by secret ballot not less than twenty (20) days before the annual meeting of the Members, in accordance with any reasonable procedure approved (from time to time) by the Board, so that the tabulated results can be announced at the annual meeting. Directors shall be elected for two (2) year terms of office and shall serve until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

4.5 Removal of Class A Directors. This Section applies with respect to those Director(s) elected by Class A Members. At any regular or special meeting or special voting process (in lieu of a meeting) by secret written ballot of the Association duly called, where the bona-fide signatures of the Members holding at least thirty percent (30%) of the total votes of the Members appear on an appropriate petition, any one or more of the Directors may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority vote of those Members voting in person or by proxy, and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. A Director whose removal has been proposed by the Class A Members shall be given at least five (5) days notice of the calling of the meeting or the special voting process (in lieu of a meeting) and the purpose thereof and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting or to communicate his position in connection with the special voting process in lieu of a meeting. Additionally, any Director who has three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings or who is delinquent in the payment of an assessment for more than sixty (60) days may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at a regular or special Board meeting. In the event of death or resignation of a Director, his or her

successor shall be a Member selected by a majority of the remaining Members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of the predecessor.

4.6 Removal of Class B Directors. This Section applies with respect to those Director(s) nominated or appointed by the Class B Member. The Class B Member may, at any time and from time to time, remove any Director theretofore nominated or appointed by the Class B Member. In the event of the death, removal or resignation of a Class B Director, his or her successor shall be appointed by the Class B Member and shall serve for the unexpired term of the predecessor.

4.7 Voting Procedure for Directors. The election of each director position by Class A Members shall be conducted on or shortly before the next earliest applicable meeting of the Association. At such election, the Members or their proxies may cast, with respect to each such director position, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The person(s) receiving the largest number of votes (which may be a plurality and not a majority) shall be elected. Voting for Directors shall be by secret written ballot.

4.8 Organizational Meetings. The first meeting of the members of the Board following each annual meeting of the Membership shall be held within ninety (90) days thereafter at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board.

4.9 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors, but at least two (2) such meetings shall be held during each Fiscal Year (as hereinafter defined). As used in these Bylaws, the term "Fiscal Year" means each twelve (12) month period commencing on the first day of January and ending on the last day of the following December, unless the Board shall otherwise select an alternative twelve month period. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be posted at a prominent place within the Property and shall be communicated to Directors not less than four (4) days prior to the meeting; provided, however, notice of a meeting need not be given to any Director who has signed a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding of the meeting. Advance notice of the meeting(s) at which the annual budget and/or the Annual Assessment are likely to be discussed shall be reasonably publicized.

4.10 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by written notice signed by the President, Vice President, or Secretary of the Association, or by any two (2) Directors. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each Director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery; (b) written notice by first class mail, postage prepaid; (c) by telephone communication, either directly to the Director or to a person at the Director's office or home who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the Director; or (d) by telecopy. All such notices shall be given or sent to the Director's business office and/or home address or telephone number(s) as shown on the records of the Association. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited into a United States mailbox at least seven (7) days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, or telecopy shall be delivered, telephoned, or faxed at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time set for the meeting. Notices should be posted at a prominent place within the Property not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled time for the meeting.

4.11 Waiver of Notice. The transactions of any meeting of the Board, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting each of the Directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need to specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any Director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.

4.12 Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.

4.13 Compensation. Unless otherwise approved in advance by a majority vote of those Class A Members present (or represented by proxy) and by the Class B Member (if that membership class still exists), at a regular or special meeting of the Association, no Director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such.

4.14 Conduct of Meetings. The President (or, in the President's absence, a Vice-President) shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary shall keep a minute book of the Board, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board and a record of all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings.

4.15 Open Meetings. All meetings of the Board (excluding workshop meetings and meetings to discuss personnel, litigation and other similar confidential matters) shall to the extent possible be open to all Members, but Members other than Directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation except as follows in accordance with a format approved by the Directors from time to time:

(a) the Directors shall publish a meeting agenda and permit Members a reasonable opportunity to express their opinions concerning such agenda matters prior to taking any formal action; and

(b) the Directors shall allow an "open" or "new business" portion of the meeting in which any Member can express his/her opinion concerning any new or previously non-discussed matter.

The Directors shall at all times have the right to reasonably limit the number of speakers, the time limit for each presentation and speaker, and to adopt other rules of efficiency and decorum.

4.16 Executive Session and Workshops. The Board may, with approval of a majority of a quorum, adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and other business of a similar confidential nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session. The Board may also attend "workshop" meetings or sessions to discuss long-range concepts, receive educational assistance and training and the like, provided no official action of any sort is taken.

4.17 Action Without a Formal Meeting. Any action to be taken at a meeting of the Directors or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the Directors. An explanation of the action taken shall be posted at a prominent place or places within the Property within three (3) days after the written consents of all the Board members have been obtained.

4.18 Powers. The Board shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do all acts and things as are not by the Declaration, Articles, or these Bylaws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the Members. The Board may delegate to one or more of its members the authority to act on behalf of the Board on all matters relating to the duties of, and/or matters directly or indirectly pertaining to the Managing Agent, if any, which might arise between meetings of the Board. In addition to the duties imposed by these Bylaws or by any resolution of the Association that may be hereafter adopted, the Board shall have the power to and be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:

(a) preparation and adoption of an annual budget in which there shall be established the Annual Assessment rate charge;

(b) making assessments to defray the common expenses, establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments, and establishing the period of any installment payments of the Annual Assessment;

(c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all the Common Property;

(d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the maintenance, operation, repair, and replacement of the Association, its property, and the Common Property and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;

(e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;

(f) making and amending rules and regulations;

(g) opening of bank accounts and/or banking-type accounts on behalf of the Association (giving, at all times, first preference to the Declarant) and designating the signatories required;

(h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to or alterations of the Common Property in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration, the Restrictions and these Bylaws after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;

(i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, the Restrictions, these Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted by it and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Members concerning the Association;

(j) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;

(k) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its Members; and

(l) keeping books with reasonably detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred. The said books and vouchers accrediting the entries thereupon shall be available for examination by the Members and bona-fide mortgagees, their respective duly authorized agents, accountants, or attorneys, during general business hours on working days at the time and in a manner that shall be set and announced by the Board for the general knowledge of the Members; and

(m) filing all requisite forms, documents and information with taxing authorities; and

(n) permit utility suppliers to use portions of the Common Property reasonably necessary to the ongoing development or operation of the Subdivision.

4.19 Managing Agent. The Board may employ for the Association a professional management agent(s) or executive manager (each and all of whom will be sometimes referred to herein as the “**Managing Agent**”) at a compensation established by the Board of Directors to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. The Managing Agent shall provide the Board and the officers with reasonable reports, prepared not less than once a quarter, concerning the affairs of the Association. The Board may delegate to the Managing Agent some of the powers granted to the Board for the routine operation of the Association. While the Managing Agent may formulate data and make recommendations to the Board, the final powers envisioned by subparagraphs (a), (b), (f), (g) and (i) in Section 4.18 shall be exclusively exercised by the Board. The Declarant, or an affiliate of the Declarant, may be employed as Managing Agent. No management contract may have a term in excess of three (3) years and, where the Declarant or an affiliate of the Declarant is the Managing Agent, must permit termination by either party without cause and without any materially adverse termination fee upon at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of such termination.

4.20 Accounts and Reports. The following management standards of performance will be followed unless the Board by resolution specifically determines otherwise:

(a) cash or accrual accounting (as determined by the Board from time to time) shall be employed;

(b) accounting and controls should generally conform with established American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) guidelines and principles; (a segregation of accounting duties should be maintained, and disbursements by check shall require at least one (1) signature);

(c) cash accounts of the Association shall not be commingled with any other accounts;

(d) excluding the regular business activities of the Declarant, no remuneration shall be accepted by the Managing Agent from vendors, independent contractors, or others providing goods or services to the Association, whether in the form of commissions, finder's fees, service fees, prizes, gifts, or otherwise; any thing of value received shall benefit the Association;

(e) any financial or other interest which the Managing Agent (excluding the Declarant and its affiliates) may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association shall be disclosed promptly to the Board; and

(f) commencing at the end of the Fiscal Year in which the first Residence is sold and closed, annual financial reports shall be prepared for the Association containing:

(i) an income statement reflecting all income and expense activity for the preceding twelve (12) months on a cash or accrual basis, as the Board may prescribe;

(ii) an expense and disbursement statement reflecting all receipt and disbursement activity for the preceding twelve (12) months on a cash or accrual basis, as the Board may prescribe;

(iii) an account status report reflecting the status of all accounts in an actual versus approved budget format with a budget report reflecting any actual or pending obligations which are in excess of budgeted amounts by an amount exceeding the operating reserves or ten (10%) percent of a major budget category (as distinct from a specific line item in an expanded chart of accounts);

(iv) a balance sheet as of the last day of the Association's Fiscal Year and an operating statement for said Fiscal Year which shall be made available for distribution within ninety (90) days after the close of a Fiscal Year; and

(v) a delinquency report listing all Members who have been delinquent during the preceding twelve (12) month period in paying the assessments and who remain delinquent at the time of the report and describing the status of any action to collect such amounts which remain delinquent.

The Managing Agent shall prepare quarterly reports, generally containing the data and information described above, for submission to the Board.

4.21 Borrowing. Subject to the terms of the Declaration, the Board shall have the power to borrow money, without the specific approval of the Members of the Association, for the purpose(s) of:

(a) operations, capital improvements, repair, replacement or restoration of Common Property where such proposed borrowing has been theretofore reflected in an annual budget of the Association; and

(b) modifying, improving or adding amenities, where the total amount of such borrowing would exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that Fiscal Year provided that any such borrowing proposal shall have the affirmative approval of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the individuals comprising the Board.

4.22 Rights of the Association. With respect to the Common Property, and in accordance with the Declaration and to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, the Association shall have the right to contract with any person for the performance of various duties and functions.



4.23 Hearing Procedure. The Board shall, from time to time and at times, have the right to prescribe the procedures for the conduct of a hearing and other similar "due process" matters. Until and unless further amended, modified, revised, clarified or repealed and replaced by the Board, the following provisions shall be applicable. The Board shall not impose a fine, suspend voting, initiate a legal proceeding (unless extraordinary circumstances exist) or infringe upon any other rights of a Member or Occupant for violations of the Declaration or any rules adopted by the Board (other than the obligation to pay assessments) unless and until the following procedure is followed:

(a) Demand. Written demand to cease and desist from an alleged violations be given to the alleged violator specifying:

- (i) the alleged violation;
- (ii) the action required to abate the violation; and
- (iii) a time period, not less than five (5) days, during which the violation must be abated without incurring further sanctions, if such violation is a continuing one, or a statement that any further violation of the same rule may result in the imposition of a sanction if the violation is not a continuing one.

(b) Notice. At any time within twelve (12) months of such demand, if the violation continues past the period allowed in the demand for abatement without penalty or if the same rule is subsequently violated, the Board or its delegate shall furnish the violator with written notice of a hearing to be held by the Board (in executive session) or its delegate. The notice shall contain:

- (i) the nature of the alleged violation;
- (ii) the time and place of the hearing, which time shall not be less than five (5) days from the giving of the notice;
- (iii) an invitation to attend the hearing and produce any statement, evidence, or witness on behalf of the alleged violator; and
- (iv) the proposed sanction to be imposed.

(c) Hearing. The hearing shall be held in executive session pursuant to notice and afford the Member or Occupant a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of notice and the invitation to be heard shall be placed in the minutes of the meeting. Such proof shall be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice, together with a statement of the date and manner of delivery, is entered by the officer, Director, or agent who delivered such notice. The notice requirement shall be deemed satisfied if the alleged violator appears at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing and the sanction, if any, imposed.

(d) Delegation. The Board may, at any time and from time to time, appoint a "Restrictions Committee" and delegate to that Committee the powers, duties and responsibilities described within subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) above. Following a hearing before the Restrictions Committee, the violator shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Restrictions Committee to the Board in accordance with procedures then prescribed by the Board.

## ARTICLE 5 OFFICERS

5.1 Officers. The officers of the Association may include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as the Board shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority and to perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, excepting the offices of President and Secretary. Any member of the Board, or of the Managing Agent or of the Declarant may serve as an officer.

5.2 Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

5.3 Removal. Any officer may be removed by the affirmative vote on a majority of the Board whenever in their judgment the best interest of the Association will be served thereby.

5.4 Powers and Duties. The officers of the Association shall each have such powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices, as well as such powers and duties as may from time to time be specifically conferred or imposed by the Board. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the preparation of the annual budget as provided for hereinabove and may delegate all or part of the preparation and notification duties to a finance committee, Managing Agent, or both.

5.5 Resignation. 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 the 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.

5.6 Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least one (1) officer or by such other person or persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board.

#### ARTICLE 6 COMMITTEES

6.1 General. Committees to perform such tasks and to serve or such periods as may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present are hereby authorized. Such committees shall perform such duties and have such powers as may be provided in the resolution. Each committee shall operate in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Board designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board. The Board shall appoint the chairperson for each committee who shall preside at its meetings and who shall be responsible for transmitting any and all communications to the Board.

#### ARTICLE 7 MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 Fiscal Year. The initial fiscal year of the Association shall commence on March 14, 2002.

7.2 Parliamentary Rules. Except as may be modified by Board resolution establishing modified procedures, Robert's Rules of Order (current edition) shall govern the conduct of the Association proceedings when not in conflict with Texas law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these Bylaws.

7.3 Conflicts. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of Texas law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or these Bylaws, then the provisions of Texas law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws (in that order) shall prevail.

7.4 Books and Records.

(a) Inspection by Members. The membership register, books of account, and minutes of meetings of the Members, the Board, and committees shall be made available for inspection and copying by any Member of the Association or by his or her duly appointed representative at any reasonable time and for a proper purpose reasonably related to his or her interest as a Member at the office of the Association or at such other place as the Board shall prescribe.

- (b) Rules for Inspection. The Board may establish reasonable rules with respect to:
  - (i) notice to be given to the custodian of the records by the Member desiring to make the inspection;
  - (ii) hours and days of the week when such an inspection may be made;
  - (iii) payment (or prepayment) of the cost of reproducing copies of documents requested by a Member; and
  - (iv) maintenance of confidentiality with respect to records.

(c) Inspection by Directors. Every Director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a Director includes the right to make reasonable extracts and copies of documents at the expense of the Association.

7.5 Amendments. The power and authority to alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws, or to adopt new Bylaws, has been delegated by the Members to the Board of Directors.

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We, the undersigned, being all the existing Directors of The Hills of Bear Creek-Phase Three Homeowners' Association, Inc., do hereby certify that we hereby assent to the foregoing Bylaws and hereby adopt the same as the Bylaws of the Association effective as of March 14, 2002.