

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, Declarant herein, has hereby caused this instrument to be executed this 13 day of October, 2005.

EMERALD COVE I, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (SEAL)

By: 

Name: Deborah P. Wright

Title: Manager

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

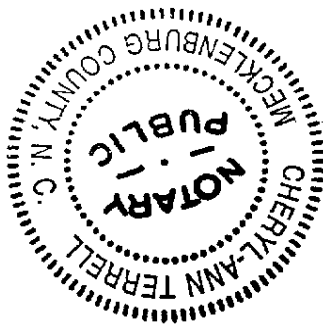
COUNTY OF Mecklenburg

I, Cheryl Ann Terrell, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that Deborah P. Wright, personally came before me this day and acknowledged that (s)he is the Manager of Emerald Cove I, LLC, a limited liability company, and that (s)he as Manager being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing on behalf of the limited liability company as Manager of EMERALD COVE I, LLC.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 13 day of October, 2005.

Cheryl Ann Terrell  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Sept. 17, 2006



**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**"DEFINITIONS"**

The following words, when used in this Declaration or in any Supplementary Declaration (unless the context shall prohibit), shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Association" shall mean Wright's Emerald Cove Homeowners Association, Inc. , a nonprofit North Carolina applicable, having its normal meaning under North Carolina Law.
- (b) "Board of Directors" or "Board" of the Association shall be the appointed or elected body, as applicable, having its normal meaning under North Carolina law.
- (c) "Bylaws" shall refer to the Bylaws of Wright's Emerald Cove Homeowners Association, Inc., attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "D" and incorporated herein by this reference.
- (d) "Common Property" shall mean any and all real and personal property and casements and other interests therein, together with the facilities and improvements located thereon, now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners, and includes the Recreational Common Property.
- (e) "Community" shall mean and refer to that certain real property and interests therein described in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, and (i) such additions thereto as may be made by Declarant by Supplementary Declaration of all or any portion of the real property described in Exhibit "C" attached hereto; and (ii) such additions thereto as may be made by the Association by Supplementary Declaration of other real property.
- (f) "Community-Wide Standard" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in the Community. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Such determination, however, must be consistent with the Community-Wide Standard originally established by Declarant.
- (g) "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Emerald Cove I, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, and its successors-in-title and assigns, provided by such successor-in-title or assign shall acquire for the purpose of development or sale all or any portion of the remaining undeveloped or unsold portions of the real property described in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, or in Exhibit "C", attached hereto, and provided further, in the instrument of conveyance to any such successor-in-title or assign, such successor-in-title or assign is designated as "Declarant" hereunder by the grantor of such conveyance, which grantor shall be "Declarant" hereunder at the time of such conveyance; provided, further, upon such designation of such successor Declarant, all rights of the former Declarant in and to such status as "Declarant" hereunder shall cease, it being understood that as to all of the property described in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, and in Exhibit "C", attached hereto, which is now or hereafter subjected to this Declaration, there shall be only one (1) "Declarant" hereunder at any one point in time.
- (h) "Lot" shall mean any plot of land within the Community, whether or not improvements are constructed thereon, which constitutes or will constitute, after the construction of improvements, a single-family dwelling site as shown on a plat recorded in the land records of the county where the Community is located. The ownership of each Lot shall include, and there shall pass with

each Lot as an appurtenance thereto, whether or not separately described, all of the right, title, and interest of an Owner in the Common Property, which shall include, without limitation, membership in the Association.

(i) "Mortgage" means any mortgage, deed to secure debt, deed of trust, and any all other similar instruments used for the purpose of encumbering real property in the Community as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation.

(j) "Mortgagee" shall mean the holder of a Mortgage.

(k) "Occupant" shall mean any Person occupying all or any portion of a residence or other property located within the Community for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant of the Owner of such property.

(l) "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one (1) or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Lot located within the Community, excluding, however, any Person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.

(m) "Person" means any natural person, as well as a corporation, joint venture, partnership (general or limited), association, trust, limited liability company or other legal entity.

(n) "Recreational Common Property" means that portion of the Common Property which Declarant will complete and convey or cause to be conveyed to the Association for the common use and enjoyment of its members as recreational land, together with any all improvements constructed thereon.

(o) "Supplementary Declaration" means an amendment or supplement to this Declaration which subjects additional property to this Declaration or imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described therein, or both.

(p) "Total Association Vote" means all of the votes attributable to members of the Association (including votes of Declarant), and the consent of Declarant so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Community.

**EXHIBIT "B"**Property Submitted

Being all of Lots 1-26, inclusive, and all land designated as "1.24 ± acres in common area" as shown on plat entitled "Wright's Emerald Cove" recorded in Map Book 44, at Page 531 in the Mecklenburg County Public Registry.

**EXHIBIT "C"**

None

**EXHIBIT "D"**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**WRIGHT'S EMERALD COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be Wright's Emerald Cove Homeowners Association, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**  
**QUALIFICATIONS**

This Corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and it is organized for non-profit purposes. It is intended that this Corporation qualify as an exempt organization under the provisions of Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes. No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual.

**ARTICLE III**  
**PURPOSES AND POWERS**

This Corporation is a not for profit corporation organized under the North Carolina Non-Profit Corporation Act. The purpose of this Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the North Carolina Non-Profit Corporation Act. Its specific and primary purposes are to provide for the enforcement of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions relating to, and the care, maintenance and preservation of the Wright's Emerald Cove property as described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Wright's Emerald Cove recorded, or to be recorded, in the Mecklenburg County Public Registry, located in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and to promote the health, safety and welfare of persons residing in said development. In furtherance of these purposes, but subject to any restriction in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded in or to be recorded upon the real property comprising the development, and in the duly adopted Bylaws of this Corporation, this Corporation shall have power to do the following:

- (a) To exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of this Corporation as set forth in the aforesaid Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions;
- (b) To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means of charges and assessments;
- (c) To pay all expenses of the business of this Corporation, including all license and permit fees, taxes and other governmental charges levied or imposed against this Corporation or the property of this Corporation;

(d) To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of this Corporation;

(e) To borrow money and mortgage, pledge, deed in trust or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;

(f) To compromise, settle, release and otherwise adjust claims, demands, causes of action and liabilities in favor of the Corporation and the owners, or on behalf of the Corporation and owners, as the case may be, provided any such claim, demand, cause of action or liability arises out of or relates to a condition or defect common to all or a majority of the lots or improvements constructed thereon, or to the development, design, construction, condition, repair or maintenance of or damage or injury to or defect in the common area of the development or part thereof, and to make and receive all payment or other consideration necessary therefore or in connection therewith;

(g) To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the North Carolina Non-Profit Corporation Code by law may now or hereafter have or exercise; and

(h) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of its members, directors, officers or other persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes of the organization.

No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or of otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE IV FINANCE

Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purpose of this Corporation.

#### ARTICLE V REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

The name of the Corporation's registered agent for service of process is Joseph D. McCullough, and the address of the registered office of the Corporation shall be 201 South Tryon Street, Suite 1200, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202 (Mecklenburg County).

#### ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be initially managed by a Board of one (1) Director.

The name and address of the person who is to act in the capacity of Director until the selection of her successor is:

Name

Address

Deborah P. Wright

414 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit F  
Charlotte, NC 28202

The members may increase the number of directors in accordance with the Bylaws. At the annual meeting the members shall elect a new Director to replace any Director whose term is due to expire in accordance with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII  
MEMBERSHIP, VOTING RIGHTS AND ASSESSMENTS

The Corporation shall have members. The authorized number and qualifications of members of this Corporation, the different classes of membership, if any, the property voting rights and privileges of members, the liability of members for assessments and the method of collection thereof shall be as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions referenced in Article III hereof and in Bylaws to be adopted by the Director of this Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII  
BY-LAWS

The first Director of this Corporation shall have the power to adopt Bylaws for this Corporation.

ARTICLE IX  
DURATION

The term of existence of this Corporation shall be perpetual. Its principal place of business is 414 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit F, Charlotte, NC 28202.

ARTICLE X  
DISSOLUTION

This Corporation may be dissolved only upon the signed written assent of the members entitled to not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the entire vote of the membership. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations with similar purposes which are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

ARTICLE XI  
AMENDMENTS

Any amendment of these Articles of Incorporation shall require the assent of the members entitled to at least three-fourths (3/4) of the entire vote of the membership.



ARTICLE XII  
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is Joseph D. McCullough.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2005.

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
Joseph D. McCullough, Incorporator

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that **Joseph D. McCullough** personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this day of \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "E"**

**BYLAWS OF  
WRIGHT'S EMERALD COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**BYLAWS  
OF  
WRIGHT'S EMERALD COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Article I  
Name, Membership, Definitions**

**Section 1. Name.** The name of the Association shall be WRIGHT'S EMERALD COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Association").

**Section 2. Membership.** The Association shall have one (1) class of membership, as is more fully set forth in that Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for WRIGHT'S EMERALD COVE (such Declaration, as amended, renewed, or extended from time to time, is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Declaration"), the terms of which pertaining to membership are specifically incorporated by reference herein.

**Section 3. Definitions.** The words used in these Bylaws shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Declaration, unless the context shall prohibit.

**Article II  
Association: Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies**

**Section 1. Place of Meetings.** Meetings of the Association shall be held 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 in the Community or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.

**Section 2. First Meeting and Annual Meetings.** An annual or special meeting shall be held within one (1) year from the date the Declaration is recorded. Annual meetings shall be set by the Board so as to occur no later than sixty (60) days after the close of the Association's fiscal year.

**Section 3. Special Meetings.** 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 the Board of Directors or upon a petition signed by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Total Association Vote (the consent of the Declarant shall not be required). 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.

**Section 4. Notice of Meetings.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to mail or to cause to be delivered to the Owner of each Lot (as shown in the Association's records) a notice of each annual or special meeting of the Association stating the time and place where it is to be held, and in the notice of a special meeting, the purpose thereof. If an Owner wishes notice to be given at an address other than his or her Lot, such Owner shall designate by notice in writing to the Secretary such other address. The mailing or delivery of a notice of meeting in the manner provided in this Section shall be considered service of notice. Notices shall be served not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days before a meeting.

**Section 5. Waiver of Notice.** Waiver of notice of a 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.

**Section 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 without further notice.

**Section 7. Voting.**

(a) Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) Person holds an ownership interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Owners themselves determine and advise the Secretary of the Association prior to any meeting. In the absence of such advice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended if more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it. If only one (1) co-Owner attempts to cast the vote for a Lot, it shall be conclusively presumed that such co-Owner is authorized on behalf of all co-Owners to cast the vote for such Lot. In the event of disagreement between or among co-Owners and an attempt by two (2) or more of them to cast such vote or votes, such Persons shall not be recognized and such vote or votes shall not be counted.

(b) In the event an Owner is a corporation, partnership, trust, or other legal entity not being a natural person or persons, then any natural person who is an officer, director or other designated agent of such corporation, partner of such partnership, beneficiary or other designated agent of such trust or other legal entity shall be eligible to represent such entity or entities in the affairs of the Association. Such person's relationship with the Association shall terminate automatically upon the termination of such person's relationship with the entity or entities which are the Owner, and termination of the person's relationship with the Association will create a vacancy in any elected or appointed position within the Association in which such person may have been serving to be filled by the Board.

(c) No Owner shall be eligible to vote, either in person or by proxy, or to be elected to the Board, if that Owner is shown on the books or management accounts of the Association to be more than thirty (30) days delinquent in any payment due the Association or if the Owner has had its voting rights suspended for the infraction of any provision of the Declaration, these Bylaws, or any rule of the Association. If the voting rights of an Owner have been suspended, that Owner shall not be counted as an eligible vote for purposes of establishing a majority or a quorum or for purposes of amending these Bylaws or the Declaration.

**Section 8. Proxies.** At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing, dated, and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of each meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of such member's Lot, or upon receipt of notice by the Secretary of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a member, or of written revocation, or upon the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date of the proxy.

**Section 9. Quorum.** The presence, in person or by proxy, of ten percent (10%) of the total eligible Association vote shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association. 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.

**Section 10. Action Without a Formal Meeting.** Any action to be taken at a meeting of the members or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting if one (1) or more consents, in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by members holding the voting power required to pass such action at a meeting held on the date that the last consent is executed and such action is consented to by the Declarant if required. Such action shall be effective upon receipt by the Association of a sufficient number of such consents executed by current members unless a later effective date is specified therein. Each signed consent shall be delivered to the Association and shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the permanent records of the Association.

**Section 11. Action by Written Ballot.** Any action to be taken at any annual, regular or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if approved by written ballot as provided herein. The Association shall deliver a written ballot to each member entitled to vote on the matter. The written ballot shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. Approval by written ballot of an action shall only be valid when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting held to authorize such action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve such matter other than the election of directors; and specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Association in order to be counted. A timely written ballot received by the Association may not be revoked without the consent of the Board of Directors. The results of each action by written ballot shall be certified by the Secretary and shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the permanent records of the Association.

### **Article III**

#### **Board of Directors: Number, Powers, Meetings**

##### **A. Composition and Selection.**

**Section 1. Governing Body; Composition.** The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article, the directors must reside in the Community and 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.

**Section 2. Directors Appointed by Declarant.** Declarant shall have the right to appoint or remove any member or members of the Board of Directors or any officer or officers of the Association until such time as the first of the following events shall occur: (a) the expiration of seven (7) years after the date of the recording of the Declaration, (b) the date on which seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots which may be developed on the real property described in Exhibit "B" and Exhibit "C" of the Declaration shall have been conveyed to Persons who have not purchased such Lots for the purpose of construction of a residence and resale of such Lot and residence, or (c) the surrender by Declarant in writing of the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot, vests in Declarant such authority to appoint and remove directors

and officers of the Association. The directors selected by the Declarant need not be Owners or residents in the Community.

**Section 3. Number of Directors.** For as long as the Declarant has the right to appoint or remove any member or members of the Board of Directors, the Board shall consist of as many members as the Declarant shall, from time to time, appoint, subject to the requirements of Article III, Section 2 above. Thereafter, the Board shall consist of three (3) members; provided, however, the Board may, at any time after the meeting at which the Owners elect directors pursuant to Article III, Section 5(a) of these Bylaws, increase the number of Board members to be elected at the next annual meeting of the Association at which Board members are elected to five (5).

**Section 4. Nomination of Directors.** Elected directors shall be nominated from the floor and may also be nominated by a nominating committee, if such a committee is established by the Board. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the members and to solicit votes.

**Section 5. Election and Term of Office.** Owner-elected directors shall be elected and hold office as follows:

(a) At the next annual meeting after the Declarant's right to appoint directors and officers terminates (or at a special meeting if one is called for such purpose), Owners shall elect three (3) directors.

(b) At annual meetings of the membership thereafter, directors shall be elected. All eligible members of the Association shall vote on all directors to be elected, and the candidate(s) receiving the most votes shall be elected.

The term of one (1) director shall be fixed at one (1) year, the term of one (1) director shall be fixed at two (2) years, and the term of one (1) director shall be fixed at three (3) years. At the expiration of the initial term of office of each respective Owner-elected member of the Board of Directors, or, if the Board is increased to five (5) members as provided in Section 3 above, a successor and, if applicable, the additional Board members, shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years. The members of the Board of Directors shall hold office until their respective successors shall have been elected by the Association.

**Section 6. Removal of Directors.** At any regular or special meeting of the Association duly called, any one (1) or more of the members of the Board of Directors may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority of the Total Association Vote and a successor may then be elected at the same meeting to fill the vacancy thus created. A director whose removal has been proposed by the Owners shall be given at least ten (10) days' notice of the calling of the meeting and the purpose thereof and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the 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 thirty (30) days may be removed by a majority vote of the directors at a meeting, a quorum being present. This Section shall not apply to directors appointed by Declarant.

**Section 7. Vacancies.** Vacancies in the Board of Directors caused by any reason, excluding the removal of a director by vote of the Association, shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining directors, even though less than a quorum, at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each person so selected shall serve the unexpired portion of the term.



**B. Meetings.**

**Section 8. Organization Meetings.** The first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the membership shall be held within ten (10) days thereafter at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board.

**Section 9. Regular Meeting.** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors 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 four (4) such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year with at least one (1) per quarter. Notice of the regular schedule shall constitute sufficient notice of such meetings.

**Section 10. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when requested by the President 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 (1) 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 home or office who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the director, (d) by telegram, charges prepaid, or (e) by commercial delivery service to such director's home or office. All such notices shall be given or sent to the director's address or telephone number as shown on the records of the Association. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited into a United States mailbox at least four (4) days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, or telegraph company shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time set for the meeting.

**Section 11. Waiver of Notice.** The transactions of any meeting of the Board of Directors, 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 not 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.

**Section 12. Quorum of Board of Directors.** At all meetings of the Board of Directors, 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 of Directors.

**Section 13. Compensation.** No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such. However, any director may be reimbursed for his or her actual expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties.

**Section 14. Open Meetings.** All meetings of the Board shall be open to all members, but members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so-authorized by the Board.

**Section 15. Executive Session.** The Board may 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 orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.

**Section 16. 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 one (1) or more consents, in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by a majority of the directors and delivered to the Association for inclusion in the minutes for filing in the corporate records.

**Section 17. Telephonic Participation.** One (1) or more directors may participate in and vote during any regular or special meeting of the Board by telephone conference call or similar communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time, and those directors so participating shall be present at such meeting. Any such meeting at which a quorum participates shall constitute a regular meeting of the Board.

**C. Powers and Duties.**

**Section 18. Powers.** The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all of 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 of Incorporation of the Association, or these Bylaws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the members. In addition to the duties imposed by these Bylaws or by any resolution of the Association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board of Directors 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 contribution of each Owner to the common expenses;
- (b) making assessments to defray the common expenses, establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments, and establishing the period of the installment payments of the annual assessment;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all areas which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association;
- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association 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 bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;
- (f) making and amending use restrictions and rules and regulations;
- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted by it, and bring any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association;

- (i) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- (j) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its members which are not directly chargeable to Owners;
- (k) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, and specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred; and
- (l) contracting with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions.

**Section 19. Management Agent.** The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board of Directors to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. The Declarant or an affiliate of the Declarant may be employed as managing agent or manager. The term of any management agreement shall not exceed one (1) year and shall be subject to termination by either party, without cause and without penalty, upon thirty (30) days' written notice.

**Section 20. Fining Procedure.** The Board shall not impose a fine (a late charge shall not constitute a fine) unless and until the following procedure is followed:

(a) **Notice.** Written notice shall be served upon the violator by first-class or certified mail sent to the last address of the member shown on the Association's records, specifying:

(i) the nature of the violation, the fine to be imposed and the date, not less than fifteen (15) days from the date of the notice, that the fine will take effect;

(ii) that the violator may, within ten (10) days from the date of the notice, request a hearing regarding the fine imposed;

(iii) the name, address and telephone numbers of a person to contact to challenge the fine;

(iv) that any statements, evidence, and witnesses may be produced by the violator at the hearing; and

(v) that all rights to have the fine reconsidered are waived if a hearing is not requested within ten (10) days of the date of the notice.

(b) **Hearing.** If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Board in executive session, and the violator shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing. No fine shall be imposed prior to the date that is five (5) days after the date of the hearing.

#### **Article IV** **Officers**

**Section 1. Officers.** The officers of the Association shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary; provided, however, the President and Secretary appointed by the Declarant may be the same person. The President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors. The Board may also elect a Vice President to act in the President's absence and any such Vice President shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities provided for the President when so acting.

**Section 2. Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies.** Except during the period in which the Declarant has the right to appoint the officers of the Association under Article III, Section 2 of these Bylaws, the officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors 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 of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

**Section 3. Removal.** Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Association will be served thereby.

**Section 4. President.** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors. The President shall have all the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of the president of a corporation organized under the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act.

**Section 5. Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall have charge of such books and papers as the Board of Directors may direct and shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary of a corporation organized in accordance with North Carolina law.

**Section 6. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the Association's funds and securities and shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records and books of account showing all receipts and disbursements, for preparing all required financial statements and tax returns, and for the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name of the Association or the managing agent in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

**Section 7. Resignation.** Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors. 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.

## **Article V**

### **Committees**

Committees to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as may be designated by the Board are hereby authorized. Each committee shall be composed and shall operate in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

## **Article VI**

### **Miscellaneous**

**Section 1. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Association shall be determined by resolution of the Board. In the absence of such a resolution, the fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

**Section 2. Parliamentary Rules.** Roberts Rules of Order (current edition) shall govern the conduct of all Association proceedings, when not in conflict with North Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the Declaration, these Bylaws, or a ruling made by the person presiding over the proceeding.

**Section 3. Conflicts.** If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of North Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the Declaration, and these Bylaws, the provisions of North Carolina law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, and the Bylaws (in that order) shall prevail.

**Section 4. Amendment.** These Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors (a) if such amendment is necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith, (b) if such amendment is necessary to enable any title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to the Declaration, (c) if such amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of Mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to the Declaration, or (d) if such amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to the Declaration. In addition, these Bylaws may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote; provided, however, that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") (if it is then guaranteeing any mortgage in the Community or has issued a project approval for the guaranteeing of such mortgages) and/or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") (if it is then insuring any mortgage in the Community or has issued a project approval for the insuring of such mortgages) shall have the right to veto material amendments to these Bylaws for as long as the Declarant has the right to appoint and remove the directors and officers of the Association.

**Section 5. Notices.** Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all notices, demands, bills, statements or other communications under these Bylaws or the Declaration shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or if sent by United States mail, first class postage prepaid:

(a) if to a Lot Owner, at the address which the Lot Owner has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary or, if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Lot of such Owner;

(b) if to an Occupant, at the address of the Lot occupied; or

(c) if to the Association, the Board or the managing agent, at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, if any, or at such other address as shall be designated in writing and filed with the Secretary.

**Section 6. Severability.** Whenever possible, each provision of these Bylaws shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid, but if the application of any provision of these Bylaws to any Person or to any property shall be prohibited or held invalid, such prohibition or invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application of any provision which can be given effect without

the invalid provision or application, and, to this end, the provisions of these Bylaws are declared to be severable.

**Section 7. Captions.** The captions of each Article and Section hereof, as to the contents of each Article and Section, are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining, limiting, extending, or otherwise modifying or adding to the particular Article or Section to which they refer.

**CONSENT AND JOINDER**

WHEREAS, Declarant executed a certain Deed of Trust, Assignment and Security Agreement dated October 29, 2004, and recorded in Book 17937 at Page 149 in the Mecklenburg County Public Registry (the "Deed of Trust") to PBRE Inc. ("Trustee") to secure the payment of a loan from PIEDMONT BANK ("Beneficiary"), which deed of trust is a lien on all or a portion of the property described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Wright's Emerald Cove (the "Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, Trustee and Beneficiary have agreed at the request of Declarant to consent to the provisions of the Declaration and to subordinate the lien of the Deed of Trust to the provisions of the Declaration;

NOW, THEREFORE, Trustee and Beneficiary, by joining herein, hereby:

1. Consent to the execution, delivery and recording of the Declaration;
2. Subordinate the lien of the Deed of Trust to the provisions of the Declaration with the same effect as if the Declaration had been executed, delivered and recorded prior to the execution, delivery and recording of such Deed of Trust; and
3. Agree, notwithstanding the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust (or conveyance in lieu thereof) that the Declaration and all rights therein described shall continue unabated, in full force and effect.

Executed this 11 day of October, 2005.

PBRE INC.

By: John W. Diller

Vice President

"Trustee"

PIEDMONT BANK

By: Harold A. Howard, Jr.

Vice President

"Beneficiary"

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF Mecklenburg

I, Sheila B. Keer, a Notary Public for the County and State aforesaid, certify that Thomas C. Dutton personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he/she is Vice President of PBRE INC., a corporation and that he/she as Vice President, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing on behalf of the corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 11 day of October, 2005.

Sheila B. Keer  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
7-13-07

[Notary Seal]

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF Mecklenburg

I, Sheila B. Keer, a Notary Public for the County and State aforesaid, certify that Harold A. Howard Jr personally came before me this day and acknowledged that he/she is Vice President of PIEDMONT BANK, a corporation, and that he/she as Vice President being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing on behalf of the corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 11 day of October, 2005.

Sheila B. Keer  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
7-13-07

[Notary Seal]