# BYLAWS OF VALENCIA BONITA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

### Section 1. Identification of Association

These are the Bylaws of Valencia Bonita Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Association") as duly adopted by its Board of Directors ("Board"). The Association is a corporation not for profit, organized pursuant to Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes.

- 1.1. The office of the Association shall be for the present at 1600 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway, Suite 400, Sunrise, Florida 33323 and thereafter may be located at any place designated by the Board.
  - 1.2. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.
- 1.3. The seal of the Association shall bear the name of the Association, the word "Florida" and the words "Corporation Not For Profit."

## Section 2. Explanation of Terminology

The terms defined in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association ("Articles") as well as in the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Valencia Bonita ("Declaration") are incorporated herein by reference and shall appear in initial capital letters each time such terms appear in these Bylaws.

### Section 3. Membership; Members' Meetings; Voting and Proxies

- 3.1. The qualification of Members, the manner of their admission to membership in the Association, the manner of termination of such membership and the voting by Members shall be as set forth in the Articles.
- 3.2. The Members shall meet annually ("Annual Members' Meeting"). The Annual Members' Meeting shall be held at the office of the Association or at such other place in the County as the Board may determine and on such day and at such time as designated by the Board in the notice of such meeting commencing with the year following the year in which the Articles are filed with the Secretary of State. The purpose of the Annual Members' Meeting shall be to hear reports of the officers, elect members of the Board (when that shall be appropriate as determined by the provisions of the Articles) and transact any other business authorized to be transacted at such Annual Members' Meeting.
- 3.3. Special meetings (meetings other than the Annual Members' Meeting) of the Members shall be held at any place within the County whenever called by the President or Vice President or by a majority of the Board. A special meeting must be called by such President or Vice President upon receipt of a written request from Members having the right to vote at least one-third (1/3) of the total number of votes entitled to be cast by Members at any such special meeting.

- Except as otherwise provided in the Articles, a written notice of each Members' meeting, whether an Annual Members' Meeting or a special meeting (collectively "Meeting"), shall be given to each Member entitled to vote at such Member's last known address as it appears on the books of the Association, and shall be mailed or hand delivered to the said address or electronically transmitted to the location furnished by the Member for that purpose not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Meeting. Proof of such mailing, hand delivery or electronic transmission shall be given by affidavit of the person giving the notice. Any notice given hereunder shall state the time and place of the Meeting and the purposes for which the Meeting is called. The notices of all Annual Members' Meetings shall, in addition, specify the number of Directors of the Association to be designated by Declarant and the number of Directors to be elected by the Members, if applicable. Notwithstanding any provisions hereof to the contrary, notice of any Meeting may be waived before, during or after such Meeting by a Member or by the person entitled to vote for such Member by signing a document setting forth the waiver of such notice and the attendance of any Member (or person authorized to vote for such Member), either in person or by proxy, shall constitute such Member's waiver of notice of such Meeting, and waiver of any and all objections to the place of the Meeting, the time of the Meeting or the manner in which it has been called or convened, except when Member's (or Member's authorized representative's) attendance is for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the Meeting to the transaction of business because the Meeting is not lawfully called.
- 3.5. The Members may, at the discretion of the Board, act by written response in lieu of a Meeting provided written notice of the matter or matters to be agreed upon is given to the Members or duly waived in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. Unless some greater number is required under the Valencia Bonita Documents and except as to the election of Directors, which shall be accomplished by plurality vote, the decision of a majority of the votes cast by Members as to the matter or matters to be agreed or voted upon shall be binding on the Members provided a quorum is either present at such Meeting or submits a response if action is taken by written response in lieu of a Meeting, as the case may be. The notice with respect to actions to be taken by written response in lieu of a Meeting shall set forth the time period during which the written responses must be received by the Association.
- 3.6. (a) A quorum of the Members shall consist of Members entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes of the Members. A quorum of any class of Members shall consist of Class Members of such class entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes of the class. Limited "Proxies" and general "Proxies" (as hereinafter defined in Paragraph 3.10) may be used to establish a quorum.
- (b) When a quorum is present at any Meeting and a question which raises the jurisdiction of such Meeting is presented, the holders of a majority of the voting rights present in person or represented by written Proxy shall be required to decide the question. However, if the question is one upon which a vote other than the majority vote of a quorum is required by express provision of the Valencia Bonita Documents or by law, then such express provision shall govern and control the required vote on the decision of such question.
- 3.7. Not less than sixty (60) days before any Annual Members' Meeting at which elections of Directors are to occur, the Association shall mail, delivery or electronically transmit, whether by separate Association mailing or included in another Association mailing, delivery or transmission, including regularly published newsletters, to each Member entitled to a

vote, a first notice of the date of the Election Meeting. Any Member or other eligible person desiring to be a candidate for the Board must give written notice to the Association not less than forty (40) days before the Election Meeting. Together with an agenda, the Association shall mail, delivery or electronically transmit a second notice of the Election Meeting to all Members entitled to vote therein, together with a ballot which shall list all candidates. Upon request of a candidate, the Association shall include an information sheet, no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, which must be furnished by the candidate not less than thirty-five (35) days before the Election Meeting, to be included with the mailing, delivery or transmission of the ballot, with the costs of mailing, delivery or electronic transmission and copying to be borne by the Association. The Association shall not be liable for the contents of any information sheets prepared and supplied by the candidates. Elections shall be decided by a plurality of those ballots cast. There shall be no quorum requirement; however, at least twenty percent (20%) of the eligible voters must cast a ballot in order to have a valid election of Members of the Board. Members may not vote for Directors by Proxy. Voting by secret ballots by Members shall be conducted in accordance with Section 720.306(8)(b) of the Homeowners' Association Act. Furthermore, at any Election Meeting, the "Chairman" (as hereinafter defined in Paragraph 7.2) shall appoint an "Election Committee" consisting of three (3) Members to supervise the election, count and verify ballots, disqualify votes if such disqualification is justified under the circumstances and certify the results of the election to the Board. The Election Committee shall be able to determine questions within its jurisdiction by plurality vote of all three (3) members, but matters resulting in deadlocked votes of the Election Committee shall be referred to the entire Board for resolution.

- 3.8. If a quorum is not in attendance at a Meeting, the majority of the Members who are present, either in person or by Proxy, may adjourn the Meeting from time to time until a quorum is present, but in no event later than ninety (90) days from the date of the originally scheduled Meeting. Proxies for such Meeting shall remain valid in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- 3.9. Minutes of all Meetings shall be kept in a businesslike manner and be available for inspection by the Members and Directors at all reasonable times. The Association shall retain minutes for such time as required by applicable Florida law.
- 3.10. Voting rights of Members shall be as stated in the Articles with respect to the election of all Boards other than the First Board. Such votes may be cast in person, by secret ballot or by Proxy (as hereinafter defined). Proxies may also be used to vote on other agenda items at meetings at which Directors are to be elected, and may also be used to establish a quorum. "Proxy" is defined to mean an instrument containing the appointment of a person who is substituted in the place and stead of the person or authorized representative of an entity entitled to vote. Proxies shall be in writing signed by the person or authorized representative of an entity giving the same and shall be valid only for the particular Meeting designated therein and, if so stated in the Proxy, any adjournments thereof, provided, however, any proxy automatically expires ninety (90) days after the date of the meeting for which it was originally given. A Proxy must be filed with the Secretary of the Association before the appointed time of the Meeting in order to be valid. Any Proxy may be revoked prior to the time a vote is cast in accordance with such Proxy. Any proxy holder may appoint, in writing, a substitute to act in his or her place.

3.11. The voting on any matter at a Meeting shall be by secret ballot upon request of the holders of ten percent (10%) of the votes represented at such Meeting and entitled to be cast on such matter, if such request is made prior to the vote in question.

### Section 4. Board; Directors' Meetings

- 4.1. The business and administration of the Association shall be by its Board.
- 4.2. The election and, if applicable, designation of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with Section 3.7 above. Except for Declarant-appointed Directors, Directors must be Members or the parents, children or spouses of Members except that if a Lot is owned by an entity and not an individual, such entity may only appoint a partner, shareholder, member, manager, director or officer of such entity or any of its constituent entities on its behalf to be eligible to serve on the Board.
- 4.3. (a) Any person elected or designated as a Director shall have all the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of a Director of the Association.
- (b) The term of a Director's service shall be as stated in the Articles and, if not so stated, shall extend until the next Annual Members' Meeting and thereafter until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until he or she resigns or is removed in the manner elsewhere provided.
- 4.4. The organizational meeting of a newly elected Board shall be held immediately after the election, but if not, then no later than ten (10) days following its election at such place and time as shall be fixed by the Directors at the meeting at which they were elected and notice of such organizational meeting shall be given in accordance with the Homeowners' Association Act.
- 4.5. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such times and places in the County as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors. Special meetings of the Board may be called at the discretion of the President or the Vice President. Special meetings must be called by the Secretary at the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Directors. Any such special meeting may be held in the County at such time and place as determined by the Directors requesting such meeting or in such other place as all of the Directors shall agree upon.
- 4.6. Notice of the time and place of regular and special meetings of the Board, or adjournments thereof, shall be given to each Director personally or by mail, telephone, facsimile or electronically transmitted if correctly directed to an electronic mail address at which the Director has consented to receive notice, at least forty eight (48) hours prior to the date and time named for such meeting unless such notice is waived before, during or after such meeting. Any Director may waive notice of the meeting in writing before, during or after a meeting and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the receipt of notice by such Director. Attendance by any Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, and a waiver of any and all objections to the place of the meeting, to the time of the meeting or the manner in which it has been called or convened, except when a Directors states at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly upon arrival at the meeting, any objection to the transaction of affairs because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

- 4.7 Notice of all Board meetings shall be given to the members in accordance with the Homeowners' Association Act.
- 4.8. A quorum of the Board shall consist of the Directors entitled to cast a majority of the votes of the entire Board. Matters approved by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the official acts of the Board, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law, by the Articles or elsewhere herein. If at any meeting of the Board there shall be less than a quorum present, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present. At any meeting that takes place on account of a previously adjourned meeting, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called may be transacted. In the case of the adjournment of a meeting, no further notice of the adjourned meeting need be given other than, prior to such adjournment, the announcement of the time, date and place for the re-continued meeting.
- 4.9. The presiding officer at all Board meetings shall be the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside and in the absence of the Vice President, the Directors shall designate any one of their number to preside.
- 4.10. No Director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting in such capacity or capacities, unless approved by a majority vote of the Members at a Meeting.
- 4.11. Minutes of all meetings of the Board shall be kept in a businesslike manner and be available for inspection by Members and Directors as required by Florida law.
- 4.12. The Board shall have the power to appoint an "Executive Committee(s)" of the Board consisting of not less than three (3) Directors. An Executive Committee(s) shall have and exercise such powers of the Board as may be delegated to such Executive Committee(s) by the Board.
- 4.13. Meetings of the Board shall be open to all Members pursuant to, and as limited by, the Homeowners' Association Act. The Board may also hold closed meetings to the extent permitted by applicable law, including, by way of example but not by way of limitation, when the discussion at a meeting is governed by attorney-client privilege, meetings between the Board or a committee and the Association's attorney to discuss proposed or pending litigation or meetings of the Board held for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Members shall have the right to speak on any matter placed on the agenda in accordance with, and as limited by, the Homeowners' Association Act and any rules and regulations promulgated by the Association governing the frequency, duration and other manner of Member statements, which rules may include a sign-up sheet for Members wishing to speak. In the event a Member conducts himself or herself in a manner detrimental to the carrying on of the meeting, then any Director may expel said Member from the meeting by any reasonable means which may be necessary to accomplish said Member's expulsion. Also, the Board shall have the right to exclude from any meeting of the Board any person who is not able to provide sufficient proof that he or she is a Member or a duly authorized representative, agent or proxy holder of a Member, unless said person has been specifically invited by any of the Directors to participate in such meeting.

- 4.14. The Board may by resolution also create committees and appoint persons to such committees and vest in such committees such powers and responsibilities as the Board shall deem advisable.
- 4.15 Prior to the Turnover Date, any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, specifically setting forth the action to be taken, shall be signed by all the Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Directors, provided, however, whenever assessments are to be considered, they may be considered only at a meeting of the Directors properly noticed in accordance with the Homeowners' Association Act.

## Section 5. Powers and Duties of the Board

- 5.1. All of the powers and duties of the Association shall be exercised by the Board. Such powers and duties of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, all powers and duties set forth in the Valencia Bonita Documents, as well as all of the powers and duties of a director of a corporation not for profit under applicable Florida law not inconsistent therewith.
- 5.2. The Association may employ a manager to perform any of the duties, powers or functions of the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association may not delegate to the manager the power to conclusively determine whether the Association should make expenditures for capital additions or improvements chargeable against the Association funds. The members of the Board shall not be personally liable for any omission or improper exercise by the manager of any duty, power or function delegated to the manager by the Association.

#### Section 6. Late Fees

An Owner who fails to timely pay any Assessment shall be charged a late charge of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) by the Association for such late Assessment or such other amount determined by the Board to be charged for the late payments of Assessments provided such amount does not exceed the highest amount permitted by law. Owners shall also be responsible to pay all legal fees (including, but not limited to, attorney and paralegal fees and court costs) incurred in connection with the collection of late Assessments whether or not an action at law to collect said Assessments and foreclose the Association's lien has been commenced. Without limitation, the Board has authorized the following initial schedule of fees for such circumstances:

- (a) Reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred in the filing of a Claim of Lien.
- (b) Reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred in the filing of a Satisfaction of Lien;
- (c) Reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred in the preparation and sending of any Notice of Intent to Lien and Notice of Intent to Foreclose; and

(d) Reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred in any action pursuing collection of such unpaid Assessments or violation by a Member or their guests and invitees of any part of the Valencia Bonita Documents.

#### Section 7. Officers of the Association

- 7.1. Executive officers of the Association shall be the President, who shall be a Director, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Board. Any officer may be removed without cause from office by vote of a majority of the Directors at any meeting of the Board. The Board may, from time to time, elect such other officers and assistant officers and designate their powers and duties as the Board shall find to be required to manage the affairs of the Association. One person may hold any two offices simultaneously, except when the functions of such offices are incompatible, but no person shall hold the office of President and any other office simultaneously.
- 7.2. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He or she shall have all of the powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of the President of an association or a corporation not for profit, including, but not limited to, the power to appoint such committees from among the Members at such times as he or she may, in his or her discretion, determine appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association. If in attendance, the President ("Chairman") shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the Members; provided, however, that the President may appoint a substitute.
- 7.3. In the absence or disability of the President, a Vice President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President. If there is more than one (1) Vice President, the Board shall designate which Vice President is to perform which duties. The Vice President(s) shall also generally assist the President and exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Board. In the event there shall be more than one Vice President elected by the Board, then they shall be designated "First," "Second," etc., and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the presidency in such order.
- 7.4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board and the Members, which minutes shall be kept in a businesslike manner and be available for inspection by Members and Directors at all reasonable times. The Secretary shall have custody of the seal of the Association and affix the same to instruments requiring such seal when duly authorized and directed to do so. The Secretary shall be custodian for the corporate records of the Association, except those of the Treasurer, and shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of Secretary of the Association as may be required by the Board or the President. The Assistant Secretary, if any, shall perform the duties of the Secretary when the Secretary is absent and shall assist the Secretary under the supervision of the Secretary.
- 7.5. The Treasurer shall have custody of all of the monies of the Association, including funds, securities and evidences of indebtedness. The Treasurer shall keep the assessment rolls and accounts of the Members and shall keep the books of the Association in accordance with good accounting practices and he or she shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall perform the duties of the Treasurer when the Treasurer is absent and shall assist the Treasurer under the supervision of the Treasurer.

7.6. The compensation, if any, of the Directors, officers, committee members and other employees of the Association shall be fixed by the Board. Directors and officers shall not receive any compensation from the Association for acting in such capacity or capacities, unless approved by a majority vote of the Members at a Meeting. This provision shall not preclude the Board from hiring a Director or Officer as an employee of the Association or preclude contracting with a Director or Officer, or a party affiliated with a Director or Officer for the management or performance of contract services for all or any part of Valencia Bonita.

### Section 8. Resignations; Vacancy; Removal

- 8.1 Any Director or officer may resign his or her post at any time by written resignation, delivered to the President or Secretary, which shall take effect upon its receipt unless a later date is specified in the resignation, in which event the resignation shall be effective from such date unless withdrawn. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be required to make it effective. The conveyance of all Lots owned by any Director or officer (other than appointees of Declarant) shall constitute a written resignation of such Director or officer.
- 8.2 Except when contrary to the Homeowners' Association Act, when a vacancy occurs on the Board, the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board at any meeting by electing a person who shall serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term, provided that all vacancies in directorships to which Directors are appointed by Declarant pursuant to the provisions of the Valencia Bonita Documents shall be filled only by the Declarant and without the necessity of any meeting.
- 8.3 Any Director elected by the Members (other than the Declarant) may be removed by concurrence of a majority of voting interest of all of the Members (other than the Declarant) at a Special Meeting of Members called for that purpose, by written agreement signed by a majority of all such Members' voting interest or by written ballot without a Meeting in accordance with the Homeowners' Association Act. The vacancy of the Board so created shall be filled in accordance with the procedures specified in the Homeowners' Association Act.
- 8.4 When a vacancy occurs in an office for any cause, the office shall be filled by the Board at any meeting.

#### Section 9. Accounting Records; Fiscal Management

9.1. The Association shall prepare financial reports and maintain accounting records in accordance with the Homeowners' Association Act. The accounting records of the Association shall be open to inspection by Members and Institutional Mortgagees or their respective authorized representatives at reasonable times and in accordance with, but subject to the limitations of, the Homeowners' Association Act. Such authorization as a representative of a Member must be in writing and signed by the person giving the authorization and dated within sixty (60) days of the date of the inspection. Such records shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a record of all receipts and expenditures; (ii) an account for each Lot within Valencia Bonita which shall designate the name and address of the Owner thereof, the amount of Individual Lot Assessments and all other Assessments, if any, charged to the Lot, the amounts and due dates for payment of same, the amounts paid upon the account and the dates paid, and the balance due; (iii) any tax returns, financial statements and financial reports of the Association; and (iv) any

other non-privileged records that identify, measure, record or communicate financial information.

- 9.2. The Board shall adopt a Budget (as defined and provided for in the Declaration) of the anticipated Operating Expenses for each forthcoming calendar year (the fiscal year of the Association being the calendar year) at a special meeting of the Board ("Budget Meeting") called for that purpose to be held during the month of November of the year preceding the year to which the Budget applies. Prior to the Budget Meeting, a proposed Budget for the Operating Expenses shall be prepared by or on behalf of the Board. Within thirty (30) days after adoption of the Budget, the Association shall provide each Member with notice of the Individual Lot Assessment applicable to such Member's Lot and either: (a) a copy of the Budget, or (b) a written notice that a copy of the Budget is available upon request at no charge to the Members. If so requested by a Member, a copy thereof shall be furnished to each requesting Member within ten (10) business days after the Association's receipt of the written request. The copy of the Budget, if requested, shall be deemed furnished and the notice of the Individual Lot Assessment shall be deemed given upon its delivery or upon its being mailed to the Owner shown on the records of the Association at such Owner's last known address as shown on the records of the Association.
- 9.3. In administering the finances of the Association, the following procedures shall govern: (i) the fiscal year shall be the calendar year; (ii) any monies received by the Association in any calendar year may be used by the Association to pay expenses incurred; (iii) there shall be apportioned between calendar years on a *pro rata* basis any expenses which are prepaid in any one calendar year for Operating Expenses which cover more than such calendar year; (iv) Assessments shall be made quarterly in amounts no less than are required to provide funds in advance for payment of all of the anticipated current Operating Expenses and for all unpaid Operating Expenses previously incurred; and (v) items of Operating Expenses incurred in a calendar year shall be charged against income for the same calendar year regardless of when the bill for such expenses is received. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Assessments for Operating Expenses and any periodic installments thereof shall be of sufficient magnitude to insure an adequacy and availability of cash to meet all budgeted expenses in any calendar year as such expenses are incurred in accordance with the cash basis method of accounting.
- 9.4. Individual Lot Assessments shall be payable as provided in the Declaration.
- 9.5. No Board shall be required to anticipate revenue from Assessments or expend funds to pay for Operating Expenses not budgeted or which shall exceed budgeted items, and no Board is required to engage in deficit spending. Should there exist any deficiency which results from there being greater Operating Expenses than monies from Assessments, then such deficits shall be carried into the next succeeding year's Budget as a deficiency or shall be the subject of a Special Assessment or an upward adjustment to the Budget and Individual Lot Assessment, as amended by the Board.
- 9.6. The depository of the Association shall be such bank or banks as shall be designated from time to time by the Board in which the monies of the Association shall be deposited. Withdrawal of monies from such account shall be only by checks signed by such persons as are authorized by the Board.

9.7. A report of the accounts of the Association shall be made annually by an accountant and a copy of the report shall be furnished to each Member who requests same in writing no later than the first day of April of the year following the year for which the report is made. The report shall be deemed to be furnished to the Member upon its delivery or mailing to the Owner at such Owner's last known address as shown on the records of the Association.

## Section 10. Rules and Regulations

The Board may at any meeting of the Board adopt rules and regulations or amend, modify or rescind, in whole or in part, then existing rules and regulations for the operation of Valencia Bonita; provided, however, that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the terms or provisions of the Valencia Bonita Documents. Copies of any rules and regulations promulgated, amended or rescinded shall be mailed or delivered to all Members at the last known address for such Members as shown on the records of the Association at the time of such delivery or mailing and shall not take effect until forty-eight (48) hours after such delivery or mailing, or, in the event both forms of notification are used, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when rules and regulations are to regulate the use of a specific portion of the Association Property, same shall be conspicuously posted at such facility and such rules and regulations shall be effective immediately upon such posting. Care shall be taken to insure that posted rules and regulations are conspicuously displayed and easily readable and that posted signs or announcements are designed with a view toward protection from weather and the elements. Posted rules and regulations which are torn down or lost shall be promptly replaced.

## Section 11. Parliamentary Rules

The then latest edition of <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Members and the Board; provided, however, if such rules of order are in conflict with any of the Valencia Bonita Documents or Chapters 617 and 720 of the Florida Statutes, <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> shall yield to the provisions of such instrument(s).

## Section 12. Roster of Owners

Each Owner shall file with the Association a copy of the recorded deed or other document showing his or her ownership interest in Valencia Bonita. The Association shall maintain such information. The Association shall also maintain the electronic mailing addresses and numbers of those Owners consenting to receive notice by electronic transmission. The electronic mailing address and numbers provided by Owners consenting to receive notice by electronic transmission shall be removed from Association records when consent to receive notice by electronic transmission is revoked. The Association may rely on the accuracy of such information for all purposes until notified in writing of changes therein. Unless otherwise requested in writing, all numbers and electronic mailing addresses shall constitute a part of the official records of the Association and provided to any Member who makes a proper request to inspect such official records of the Association and/or as part of published membership directories of the Association.

#### Section 13. Amendment of the Bylaws

13.1. These Bylaws may be amended as hereinafter set forth in this Section 13.

- 13.2. After the Turnover Date, any Bylaw of the Association may be amended or repealed, and any new Bylaw of the Association may be adopted by either:
- (i) a majority vote of the Members who appear in person or by proxy at any Annual Members' Meeting or any special meeting of the Members called for that purpose or by majority action of the Members who have acted by written response in lieu of a Meeting as permitted by these Bylaws; or
- (ii) by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in office at any regular meeting of the Board or at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose or by written instrument signed by all of the Directors as is permitted by these Bylaws, provided that the Directors shall not have any authority to adopt, amend or repeal any Bylaw if such new Bylaw or such amendment or the repeal of a Bylaw would be inconsistent with any Bylaw previously adopted by the Members.
- 13.3. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this Section 13 to the contrary, until the Turnover Date, all amendments or modifications to these Bylaws and adoption or repeal of Bylaws shall only be made by action of the First Board as described in the Articles, which First Board shall have the power to amend, modify, adopt and repeal any Bylaws without the requirement of any consent, approval or vote of the Members.
- 13.4. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 13, there shall be no amendment to these Bylaws which shall abridge, prejudice, amend or alter the rights of: (i) Declarant, without the prior written consent thereto by Declarant; or (ii) any Institutional Mortgagee without the prior written consent of such Institutional Mortgagee; nor shall any other amendment to these Bylaws be adopted or become effective without the prior written consent of Declarant for so long as Declarant holds either a leasehold interest in or title to at least one (1) Lot.
- 13.5. Any instrument amending, modifying, repealing or adding Bylaws shall identify the particular section or sections affected and give the exact language of such modification, amendment or addition or of the provisions repealed. A copy of each such amendment, modification, repeal or addition attested to by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Association shall be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County.

### Section 14. Mediation

If and to the extent required by the Homeowners' Association Act, mandatory mediation before the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (the "Department") shall be required prior to institution of court litigation for disputes involving certain actions or inactions, as described in the Homeowners' Association Act.

### Section 15. Recall of Board Members and Election Disputes

If and to the extent required by the Homeowners' Association Act, mandatory binding arbitration before the Department shall be required for election disputes and disputes involving the recall of any member of the Board. Any member of the Member-elected Board may be recalled and removed from office as provided for and described in the Homeowners' Association Act.

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## Section 16. Interpretation

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

ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation

By:

Name: Dianna Betancourt

VALENCIA BONITA HOMEOWNERS

Title: President

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_Name: N. Maria Menendez

Title: Secretary

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