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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

# WILLIAMSGATE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a nonstock, nonprofit corporation under and pursuant to the Kentucky Nonprofit Corporation Acts, KRS 273.161, et seq., does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

## **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be Williamsgate Homeowners Association, Inc. For convenience, the Corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the "Association."

## **ARTICLE II**

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the principal office of the Association is 3609 Walden Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40517.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **PURPOSES**

- A. The general purposes of the Association include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (i) to perform all obligations and duties of the Association, and to exercise all rights and powers of the Association, as specified in the By-Laws of the Association, and as provided by law; and
  - (ii) to provide an entity for the furtherance of the interests of the Owners of the Properties.
  - B. The Association shall make no distributions of income to its members, directors or officers.

## **ARTICLE IV**

#### **POWERS**

The powers of the Association shall include those enumerated in KRS 273.171 and shall be governed by the following provisions:

- A. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a not-for-profit corporation which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles, the Declaration, and the By-Laws of this Association.
- B. The Association shall have all of the powers necessary or desirable to perform the obligations and duties and to exercise the rights and powers set out in these Articles, the By-Laws, or the Declaration, including, without limitation, the following:
  - (i) to fix and to collect assessments or other charges to be levied against members of the Association;
  - (ii) to manage, control, operate, maintain, repair, and improve property for which the Association by rule, regulation or contract has a right or duty to provide such services;
  - (iii) to enforce covenants, conditions or restrictions affecting any property to the extent the Association may be authorized to do so under any Declaration or By-Laws;
  - (iv) to engage in activities which will actively foster, promote, and advance the common interests of all members of the Association;
  - (v) to buy or otherwise acquire, sell or otherwise dispose of, mortgage or otherwise encumber, exchange, lease, hold, use, operate and otherwise deal in and with real, personal and mixed property of all kinds and any right or interest therein for any purpose of the Association;
  - (vi) to borrow money for any purpose as may be limited in the By-Laws;
  - (vii) to enter into, make, perform or enforce contracts of every kind and description, and to do all other acts necessary, appropriate, or advisable in carrying out any purpose of the Association, with or in association with any other association, corporation, or other entity or agency, public or private.
  - (viii) to act as agent, trustee or other representative of other corporations, firms or individuals, and as such to advance the business or ownership interests in such corporations, firms or individuals;
  - (ix) to adopt, alter, and amend or repeal such By-Laws as may be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Association; provided, however, such By-

Laws may not be inconsistent with or contrary to any provisions of the Declaration; and

The foregoing enumeration of powers shall not limit or restrict in any manner the exercise of other and further rights and powers which may now or hereafter be allowed or permitted by law; and the powers specified in each of the paragraphs of this Article IV are independent powers, not to be restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other paragraph or provision of Article IV.

## ARTICLE V

#### **MEMBERS**

- A. The Association shall be a membership corporation without certificate or share of stock.
- B. The owner of each subdivision lot in Williamsgate Subdivision in LaGrange, Kentucky, shall be a member of the Association whereupon they shall be entitled to vote on matters subject to Association votes according to the Bylaws. The manner of exercising voting rights shall be determined by the By-Laws of the Association.
- C. Membership in the Association shall be established by: (i) the recording in the public records of Oldham County, Kentucky, a deed or other instrument establishing record title to a subdivision lot in Williamsgate Subdivision in LaGrange, Kentucky, and (ii) the timely payment of all dues and other assessments levied by the Association.

## **ARTICLE VI**

#### **TERM**

The Association shall be of a perpetual duration.

### ARTICLE VII

### **DIRECTORS**

A. The management and direction of the business and affairs of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The qualifications, term of office, method of appointment or election, powers, authority, and duties of the directors of the Association, the time and place of their meetings, and such other provisions with respect to them as are not inconsistent with the express provisions of the Kentucky Nonprofit Corporation Acts and the Association's Articles of Incorporation shall be as specified in the By-Laws of the Association, as such By-Laws may be amended from time to time.

B. The Association shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws, but in no event shall the number of directors be less than three (3). The following persons shall serve as the initial Board of Directors of the Association and shall continue to serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified as specified in the By-Laws of the Association;

**NAME** 

**ADDRESS** 

Lisa B. Sharp Jonathan R. Norris D. Ray Ball, Jr. 3609 Walden Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40517 3609 Walden Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40517 3609 Walden Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40517

# **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **INDEMNIFICATION**

Each person who is or was a member, director, trustee, committee member, or officer of the Association, whether elected or appointed, and each person who is or was serving at the request of the Association as a member, director, trustee, or officer of another corporation, whether elected or appointed, including the heirs, executors, administrators, or estate of any such person, shall be indemnified by the Association to the full amount against any liability, and the reasonable cost or expense (including attorney fees, monetary or other judgments, fines, excise taxes, or penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) incurred by such person in such person's capacity as a member, director, trustee, officer, committee member, or employee or arising out of such person's status as a member, director, trustee, officer, committee member, or employee; provided, however, no such person shall be indemnified against any such liability, cost, or expense incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding in which such person shall have been adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by such person, or if such indemnification would be prohibited by law. Such right of indemnification shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the Association the reasonable expenses incurred in defending any threatened or pending action, suit, or proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that such advance payment of expenses shall be made only after delivery to the Association of an undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall be determined that such person is not entitled to such indemnification. This right of indemnification shall also provide that the officers, directors and committee members shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct or bad faith. Furthermore, the officers and directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them in good faith on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be Members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any repeal or modification of this Article VII shall not affect any right or obligations then existing. If any indemnification payment required by this Article VIII is not paid by the Association within 90 days after a written claim has been received by the Association, the member, director, trustee, officer, committee member, or employee may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Association to recover the unpaid amount and, if successful in whole or in part, such person shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting such claim. The Association shall maintain insurance, as a common expense, to protect itself and any such person against any such liability, cost, or expense, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability, cost, or expense under the Kentucky Nonprofit Corporation Acts or under this Article VIII, if such insurance is reasonably available. The indemnification provided by this Article VIII shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights which those seeking indemnification may have or hereafter acquire under any bylaw, agreement, statute, vote of members or board of directors, or otherwise. If this Article VIII or any portion thereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the Association shall nevertheless indemnify each such person to the full extent permitted by any applicable portion of this Article VIII that shall not have been invalidated or by any other applicable law.

## ARTICLE IX

### LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

The liability of each and all of the directors of this Association shall be and is hereby limited to the greatest extent permitted by law and no director of the Association shall be liable to the Association for monetary damages for breach of such director's duties as a director, except for the following (which exceptions shall be construed as narrowly as legally permissible):

- 1. For acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or are known to the director to be a violation of law; or
  - 2. For any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

In addition to the limitation on a director's liability stated hereinabove, no action taken as a director and no failure to take action as a director shall be the basis for monetary damages or injunctive relief unless:

- A. The director has breached or failed to perform the duties of the director's office in compliance with the general standards for directors as set forth in KRS 273.215; and
- B. In the case of an action for monetary damages, the breach or failure to perform constitutes willful misconduct or wanton or reckless disregard for human rights, safety or property.

If the Kentucky Nonprofit Corporation Acts are amended after approval of this Article IX to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Association shall be deemed to be eliminated or limited by this provision to the fullest extent then permitted by the Kentucky Nonprofit Corporation Acts,

as so amended. Any repeal or modification of this Article IX shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Association existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

## ARTICLE X

#### **BY LAWS**

The By-Laws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided by the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted as provided in KRS 273.263 provided that no amendment may be in conflict with the Declaration.

# **ARTICLE XII**

### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Jonathan R. Norris 3609 Walden Drive Lexington, Kentucky 40517

# **ARTICLE XIII**

#### REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered office of the Association is 3609 Walden Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40517, and the initial registered agent at such address is Jonathan R. Norris.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has hereunto affixed his signature this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

JONATHAN R. NORRIS

# STATE OF KENTUCKY) COUNTY OF FAYETTE)

The foregoing Articles of I  May, 2007, by Jonat	Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 84 day of han R. Norris.
My Commission Expires:_	January 17,2010
	NOTARY PUBLIC

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:

JONATHAN R. NORRIS, ESQ. 3609 Walden Drive Lexington, Kentucky 40517 (859) 268-1191

Articles of Inc. - Williamsgate

#### **OF**

# WILLIAMSGATE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

# Article I Name, Principal Office and Definitions

- Section 1. <u>Name</u>. The name of the Association shall be Williamsgate Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Association").
- Section 2. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Association in the State of Kentucky shall be located at 3609 Walden Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40517. The Association may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Kentucky, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require.
- Section 3. <u>Definitions</u>. The words used in these By-Laws shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Restrictive Covenants for Williamsgate Subdivision (said Covenants, as amended, renewed, or extended from time to time, are hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Declaration"), unless the context shall prohibit.

# Article II <u>Association: Membership, Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies</u>

- Section 1. <u>Membership</u>. The Association shall have two (2) classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B". Class "A" Members shall be owners of all lots within the subdivision that are not owned by Ball Homes, LLC ("Developer"). The Class "B" Members shall be Developer or its successor or assignee.
- Section 2. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Voting Members as may be designated by the Board of Directors either within the Properties or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.
- Section 3. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The first meeting of the membership, 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 no later than one hundred twenty (120) days and no less than ninety (90) days before the close of the Association's fiscal year. Subsequent regular annual meetings of the membership shall be held within thirty (30) days of the same day of the same month of each year thereafter at an hour set by the Board. Subject to the foregoing, the annual meeting shall be held at a date and time as set by the Board of Directors.
  - Section 4. 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 a majority of a quorum of the Board of Directors or upon a petition signed by Voting Members representing at least fifty (50) percent 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.

Section 5. <u>Notice of Members</u>. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of the Members shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each Voting Member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting.

In case of a special meeting or when required by statute or these By-Laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Voting Member at his address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid.

Section 6. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the Voting Members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Voting Member may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Voting Members, either before or after such meeting. a meeting by a Voting Member or alternate shall be deemed waiver by such Voting Member of notice of the time, date, and place thereof, unless such Voting Member specifically objects to lack or proper notice Attendance 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.

Section 7. Adjournment of Meetings. If any meetings of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the Voting Members who are present at such meeting, either in person or by alternate, 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 the reconvened meeting, if 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 reconvening the meeting is not fixed by those in attendance at the original meeting or if for any reason a new date is fixed for reconvening the meeting after adjournment, notice of the time and place for reconvening the meeting shall be given to Voting Members in the manner prescribed for regular meetings.

The Voting 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 Voting Members to leave less than a quorum, provided that Voting Members or their alternates representing at least twenty-five (25%) percent of the total votes of the Association

remain present, and provided further that any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the Voting Members required to constitute a quorum.

- Section 8. <u>Voting</u>. The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration, and such voting rights provisions are specifically incorporated herein.
- Section 9. <u>Proxies</u>. Voting Members may vote by proxy through their designated alternates, who must be a Voting Member, provided that the proxy is filed in writing with the Secretary prior to the meeting at which the proxy is to be cast.
- Section 10. <u>Majority</u>. As used in these By-Laws, the term "majority" shall mean those votes, owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total number.
- Section 11. Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws or in the Declaration, the presence in person or by alternate or by proxy of the Voting Members representing more than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the total vote of the Association shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association. Any provision in the Declaration concerning quorums is specifically incorporated herein.
- Section 12. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting, as well as a record of all transactions occurring thereat.
- Section 13. <u>Action Without A Meeting</u>. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Voting Members, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Voting Members, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the Voting Members 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 Voting Members/

# Article III Board of Directors: Number, Powers, Meetings

# A. <u>Composition and Selection</u>.

Section 1. Governing Body; Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, each of whom shall have one (1) vote. Except as provided in Section 2 of this Article, the Directors shall be embers or spouses of such Members; provided, however, no person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time. In the case of an Owner which is a corporation or partnership, the person designated in writing to the secretary of the Association as the representative of such corporation or partnership shall be eligible to serve as a director.

Section 2. Directors During Class "B" Control. The directors shall be selected by the

Class "B" Member acting in its sole discretion and shall serve at the pleasure of the Class "B" Member until the first to occur of the following:

- (i) when one hundred (100%) percent of the lots within Williamsgate Subdivision have been conveyed to Persons other than the Declarant or builders holding title for purposes of development and sale;
  - (ii) June 30, 2017; or
  - (iii) when , in its discretion, the Class "B" member so determines.

Within one hundred twenty (120) days thereafter, the Class "B" member may: (i) call a meeting, as provided in Article II, Section 4, of these By-Laws for special meetings, to advise the membership of the termination of the Class "B" member's control, or (ii) advise the membership of the termination of the Class "B" member's control by written notice.

The directors selected by the Class "B" member pursuant to this Section need not be Members or spouses of such Members as provided in Section 1 of this Article.

- Section 3. <u>Number of Directors</u>. The number of Directors in the Association shall be not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7), as provided below. The initial Board shall consist of three (3) members as identified in the Articles of Incorporation.
- Section 4. <u>Nomination of Directors</u>. Except with respect to directors selected by the Class "B" Member, nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by Members of the Association at an annual meeting. Nominations shall be permitted from the floor. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the Members and to solicit votes.
- Section 5. <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein:

All directors selected by the Class "B Member shall serve at the pleasure of the Class "B" Member until the first occurrence of the events described in Article III (A), Section 2 herein. Thereafter, all directors elected by the Class "A" Members shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years.

Section 6. Removal of Directors and Vacancies. Directors, other than those selected by the Class "B" Member, may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of the Voting Members holding a majority of the votes of the Association. Any director whose removal is sought will be given notice prior to any meeting called for that purpose. Upon removal of a director, a successor shall then and there be elected to fill the vacancy by the Voting members responsible for such removal.

Any director who has three consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings or who is delinquent in the payment of any assessment for more than thirty (30) days may be removed

by a majority of the directors present at a regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present, and

a successor may be appointed by the Board. In the event of the death, disability, or resignation of a director, a vacancy may be declared by the Board and it may appoint a successor. Any director appointed by the Board shall serve for the remainder of the term such successor was appointed to fill. The director appointed to fill the vacancy shall be selected from the District represented by the director who has vacated the position.

Section 7. <u>Voting Procedure for Directors</u>. At any election of directors to the Board of Directors, each Voting Member may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as he or she is entitle to exercise under Article III of the Declaration. Votes shall be cast as provided in Section 5. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

## B. Meetings.

Section 8. <u>Organization Meetings</u>. 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. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. 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, upon the election of a Board of Directors by the Class "A" Members, at least four (4) such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year with at least one (1) per quarter. Notice of the time and place of the meeting 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.

Section 10. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by written notice signed by the President or by a majority of 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 telegram, charges prepaid. All such notices shall be given at the director's telephone number or sent to the director's address 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 shall be delivered, telephoned, or given to the telegraph company at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time set for the meeting.

Section 11. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. The transactions of any meetings 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. 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. If any meeting of the Board cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the directors who are present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.

Section 13. <u>Compensation</u>. No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for action as such unless approved by Members holding a majority of the total vote of the Association at a regular or special meeting of the Association; provided any director may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association upon approval of a majority of the other directors.

Section 14. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of meetings of the Board of Directors, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors and all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings.

Section 15. Open Meetings. Subject to the provisions of Section 16 of this Article, all meetings of the Board shall be open to all Voting Members, but Voting Members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless permission to speak is requested on his or her behalf by a director. In such case, the President may limit the time any Voting Member may speak.

Section 16. <u>Action Without a Formal Meeting</u>. 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 of the directors, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote. An explanation of the action taken shall be posted in the corporate minute records of the Association and shall be available by inspection by any Voting Member.

#### C. Powers and Duties.

Section 17. <u>Powers</u>. 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, or these By-Laws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the Voting Members or the membership generally.

The Board of Directors shall delegate to one of its members the authority to act on behalf of the Board of Directors on all matters relating to the duties of the managing agent or manager, if any, which might arise between meetings of the Board of Directors.

In addition to the duties imposed by these By-Laws or by any resolution of the Association that may be hereafter adopted, the Board of Directors shall have the power to and shall 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; provided, unless otherwise determined by the board of Directors, the annual assessment for each Unit's proportionate share of the Common Expenses shall be payable in equal monthly installments, each such installment to be due and payable in advance on the first day of each month for said month;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all of the Area of Common Responsibility;
- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the maintenance, operation, repair, and replacement of the Association, its property, and the Area of Common Responsibility and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and materials 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; provided, any reserve fund may be deposited, in the directors' best business judgment, in depositories other than banks;
  - (f) making and amending rules and regulations;
- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to or alterations of the Common Area in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration and these By-Laws after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;
- (i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws, and the rules and regulations adopted by it and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on

behalf of or against the Owners 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 not chargeable to Owners;
- (l) keeping books with 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 Owners and mortgagees, their 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 of Directors for the general knowledge of the owners. All books and records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices;
- (m) make available to any prospective purchaser of a Unit, any Owner of a Unit, any first Mortgagee, and the holders, insurers, and guarantors of a first Mortgage on any Unit, current copies of the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, rules governing the Unit, and all other books, records, and financial statements of the Association; and
- (n) permit utility suppliers to use portions of the Common Area reasonably necessary to the ongoing development or operation of the Properties.

### Section 18. Management Agent.

- (a) 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 Board of Directors may delegate to the managing agent or manager, subject to the Board's supervision, all of the powers granted to the Board of Directors by these By-Laws, other than the powers set forth in subparagraphs (a), (b), (f), (g), and (i) of Section 17 of this Article. The Declarant, or an affiliate of the Declarant, may be employed as managing agent or manager.
- (b) No management contract may have a term in excess of one (1) year and must permit termination by either party without cause and without termination fee or penalty on ninety (90) days or less written notice.
- Section 19. <u>Accounts and Reports</u>. The following management standards of performance will be followed unless the Board by resolution specifically determines otherwise:
- (a) accrual accounting, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, shall be employed;

- (b) accounting and controls should conform to generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) cash accounts of the Association shall not be mingled with any other accounts;
- (d) 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 may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association shall be disclosed promptly to the Board of Directors;
- (f) commencing at the end of the month in which the first Unit is sold and closed, financial reports shall be prepared for the Association at least quarterly containing:
- (i) an income statement reflecting all income and expense activity for the preceding period;
- (ii) a statement reflecting all cash receipts and disbursements for the preceding period;
- (iii) a variance report reflecting the status of all Association ledger accounts in an "actual" versus "approved" budget format;
  - (iv) a balance sheet as of the last day of the preceding period; and
- (v) a delinquency report listing all Owners who are delinquent in paying the monthly installments of assessments at the time of the report and describing the status of any action to collect such installments which remain delinquent (a monthly installment of the assessment shall be considered to be delinquent on the fifteenth (15th) day of each month unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors); and
- (g) an annual report as of the end of the fiscal year consisting of at least the following shall be distributed to all Members within one hundred twenty (120) days after the close of the fiscal year: (1) a balance sheet; (2) an operating (income) statement; and (3) a statement of changes in financial position for the fiscal year. The annual report referred to above shall be prepared on an audited, reviewed, or unaudited basis, as determined by the Board, by an independent certified public accountant for any fiscal year in which the gross receipts of the Association exceeds Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars. If said report is not prepared by an independent certified public accountant, it shall be accompanied by the certificate of an authorized officer of the Association that the statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the Association.
  - Section 20. Borrowing. The Board of Directors shall not have the power to borrow

money for the purpose of repair or restoration of any property within Williamsgate Subdivision that is deemed to be an "Open Space", "Non-Buildable Lot" or as an area of common ownership on any subdivision plat of the subdivision (hereinafter referred to as "Area of Common Responsibility") without the approval of the membership.

Section 21. Rights of the Association. With respect to the Area of Common Responsibility, and in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association, the Association shall have the right to contract with any person for the performance of various duties and functions. Without limiting the foregoing, this right shall entitle the Association to enter into common management, operational, or other agreements with trusts, condominiums, cooperatives, or neighborhood and other owners or residents associations, both within and without the Properties. Such agreements shall require the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all Directors of the Association.

The Association shall not be bound, either directly or indirectly, by any contract, lease, or other agreement (including any management contract) executed during the period of Class "B" control unless such contract, lease or other agreement contains a right of termination exercisable by either party without penalty at any time, with or without cause, upon not more than ninety (90) days notice to the other party.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Association, through its Board of Directors, shall have the right to enter into a declaration of easements and covenant to share costs or similar arrangement whereby the Association assumes maintenance responsibility for property which it does not own, or grants easements to Persons who are not Members, in consideration for payment by the owner of such property or such nonmembers of all or a portion of the costs associated with such maintenance or use.

Section 22. <u>Enforcement</u>. The Board shall have the power to impose reasonable fines, which shall constitute a lien upon the property of the violating Owner, and to suspend an Owner's right to vote or to use any Area of Common Responsibility for violation of any duty imposed under the Declaration, these By-Laws, or any rules and regulations duly adopted hereunder; provided, however, nothing herein shall authorize the Association or the Board of Directors to limit ingress and egress to or from any lot. In the event that any occupant of a lot violates the Declaration, By-Laws, or a rule or regulation and a fine is imposed, the fine shall first be assessed against the occupant; provided, however, if the fine is not paid within the time period set by the Board, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Association. The failure of the Board to enforce any provision of the Declaration, By-Laws, or any rule or regulation shall not be deemed a waiver of the right of the Board to do so thereafter.

(a) <u>Notice</u>. Prior to imposition of any sanction hereunder, except the suspension of voting rights for nonpayment of assessments, the Board or its delegate shall serve the alleged violator with written notice describing (i) the nature of the alleged violation, (ii) the proposed sanction to be imposed, (iii) a period of not less than ten (10) days within which the alleged violator may present a written request to the Covenants Committee, if any, or Board of Directors for a hearing; and (iv) a statement that the proposed sanction shall be imposed as contained in the

notice unless a challenge is begun within ten (10) days of the notice. If a timely challenge is not made, the action stated in the notice shall be imposed.

- (b) <u>Hearing</u>. If a hearing is requested in a timely manner, the hearing shall be held in executive session affording the Owner a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of proper notice 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.
- (c) <u>Appeal</u>. Following a hearing before the Covenants Committee, the violator shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors. The perfect this right, a written notice of appeal must be received by the manager, President, or Secretary of the association within thirty (30) days after the hearing date.
- (d) Additional Enforcement Rights. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the Association, acting through the Board of Directors, may elect to enforce any provision of the Declaration, these By-Laws, or the rules and regulations of the Association by self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking rules and regulations) or by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both without the necessity of compliance with the procedure set forth above. In any such action, to the maximum extent permissible, the Owner or occupant responsible for the violation of which abatement is sought shall pay all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred by the Association.

# Article IV Officers

- Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected from among the members of the Board. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority and perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any two (2) or more officers may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.
- Section 2. <u>Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies</u>. 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 membership, as herein set forth in Article III. 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. <u>Removal</u>. 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. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. 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 of Directors. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the preparation of the budget as provided for in the Declaration and may delegate all or part of the preparation and notification duties to a finance committee, management agent, or both.

Section 5. <u>Resignation</u>. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, 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.

Section 6. <u>Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks, Etc.</u> All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least two (2) officers or by such other person or persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

## Article V Committees

Section 1. <u>General</u>. Committees are hereby authorized to perform such tasks and to serve for 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. Each committee 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.

Section 2. <u>Covenants Committee</u>. In addition to any other committees which may be established by the Board pursuant to Section 1 of this Article, the Board of Directors may appoint a Covenants Committee consisting of at least three (3) and no more than seven (7) members. Acting in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws, and resolutions the Board may adopt, the Covenants Committee, if established, shall be the hearing tribunal of the Association and conduct all hearings held pursuant to Article III, Section 22 of these By-Laws.

# Article VI Miscellaneous

Section 1. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be set by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. <u>Parliamentary Rules</u>. Except as may be modified by Board resolution, <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> (current edition) shall govern the conduct of Association proceedings when not in conflict with Kentucky law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-Laws.

Section 3. <u>Conflicts</u>. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of Kentucky law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, and these By-Laws, the provisions of Kentucky law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws (in that order) shall prevail.

#### Section 4. Books and Records.

- (a) <u>Inspection by Members and Mortgagees</u>. The Declaration and By-Laws, 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 Mortgagee, Member of the Association, or by his or her duly appointed representative at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her interest as a Member at the office of the Association or at such other place within the Properties as the Board shall prescribe.
  - (b) Rules for Inspection. The Board shall establish reasonable rules with respect to:
    - (i) notice to be given to the custodian of the records;
    - (ii) hours and days of the week when such an inspection may be made; and
    - (iii) payment of the cost of reproducing copies of documents requested.
- (c) <u>Inspection by Directors</u>. 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 extracts and a copy of relevant documents at the expense of the Association.
- Section 5. <u>Notices</u>. Unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under these By-Laws 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 Member or Voting Member, at the address which the Member or Voting Member has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary or, if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Unit or lot of such Member or Voting Member; or
- (b) if to the Association, the Board of Directors, 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 by notice in writing to the Members pursuant to this Section.
- Section 6. <u>Amendment</u>. The Declarant may unilaterally amend these By-Laws so long as it still owns property in Williamsgate Subdivision and so long as the amendment has no material adverse effect upon any right of any Member. Thereafter and otherwise, these By-Laws may be amended only by the affirmative vote (in person or by alternate or by proxy) or written consent of Voting Members representing seventy-five (75%) percent of the total votes of the

Association. However, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause. No amendment shall be effective until recorded in the public records of the County Clerk of Oldham County, Kentucky.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

That I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of Williamsgate Homeowners Association, Inc., a Kentucky corporation;

That the foregoing By-Laws constitute the original By-Laws of said Association, as duly adopted at a meeting on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this 17 Hday of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2007.



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