

BY-LAWS OF

AMHERST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION. The name of the corporation is AMHERST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 5106 Shamrock Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of North Carolina, County of Wake, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

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

Section 2. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described in the Declaration of Covenants and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 3. "Common Open Space" shall mean all real property dedicated to the common use and enjoyment of the Owners, including, but not limited to, the real property conveyed to the Association, and real property leased to the Association.

"Permanent" Common Open Space shall belong to the Association. "Non-permanent" Common Open Space shall be owned by the Declarant and may be exchanged for other similar lands.

Section 4. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any numbered plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Properties with the exception of the Common Open Space.

Section 5. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any lot which is a part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Middle Creek Developers, Ltd., a corporation, its successors and assigns, if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from Declarant for the purpose of development.

Section 7. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration fo Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Amherst recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, wake County, North Carolina, and all amendments thereto.

Section 8. "Member " shall mean and refer to those persons who own lots in the property subject to the Declaration and are entitled to membership as provided in the Declaration.

Section 9. Classes of Membership. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Declarant and shall be entitled to one vote for each lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class B. The Class B member(s) shall be Declarant and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier;

(a) when the total votes outstanding in Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in Class B membership, or

(b) January 1, 1992.

ARTICLE III

MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one year from the date of incorporation of the Association, or in any event on or before January 15, 1988, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held on the same day of the same month of each year thereafter, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock, P.M. If the day of the annual meeting of the members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday. The Association shall give at

least 15 days written notice of the annual meetings to all members, and shall designate the place of such meetings.

Section 2. Special Meetings Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the members who are entitled to vote one-fourth (1/4) of all of the votes of the Class A membership.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the members shall be given by, or at the direction of, the Secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least 15 days before such meeting to each member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by such member to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-tenth (1/10) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be represented.

Section 5. Proxies. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of his Lot.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION: TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of three (3) directors, who need not be

members of the Association. The first Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) persons, who shall serve until their successors have been chosen.

Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting the members shall elect two directors for a term of one year, and one director for a term of two years. At each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect directors to succeed those whose terms expire, with all terms thereafter to be two year terms.

Section 3. Removal. Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of each class of membership of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 4. Compensation. No director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Association. However, any director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Section 5. Action taken without a meeting. The Directors shall have the right by written approval of all the directors, to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could have taken at a meeting. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

ARTICLE V

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee, except that so long as the Declarant owns twenty-five percent (25%) of the individual lots, but in any event, no longer than January 1, 1992, Declarant shall be entitled to name a majority of the Board of Directors. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating

Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among members or non-members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President of the Association, or by any two directors, after not less than three (3) days notice to each director.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

ARTICLE VII

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power to:

(a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Open Space and facilities, and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;

(b) suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in payment of any assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed 60 days for infraction of published rules and regulations;

(c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;

(d) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and

(e) employ a manager, independent contractors, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties.

Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

(a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the members at the annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by one-fourth (1/4) of the Class A members who are entitled to vote;

(b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;

(c) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:

(1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;

(2) send written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period; and

(3) foreclose the lien against any property for which assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same.

(d) issue, or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;

(e) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;

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

(g) cause the Common Open Space to be maintained;

(h) perform all other duties set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a President and Vice-president, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the members.

Section 3. Term. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise be disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Special Appointments. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such

authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the board. Any officer may resign at any time giving written notice to the Board, the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

Section 7. Multiple Offices. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

Section 8. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

PRESIDENT

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

VICE-PRESIDENT

(b) The Vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board.

SECRETARY

(c) The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of

the Board and of all members; keep appropriate current records showing the members of the Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

TREASURER

(d) The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the members.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

The Association shall appoint an Architectural Control Committee, as provided in the Declaration, and a Nominating Committee, as provided in these By-Laws. In addition, the Board of Directors shall appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

ARTICLE X

BOOKS & RECORDS

The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any member. The Declaration, the Article of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

ARTICLE XI

ASSESSMENTS

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each member is obligated to pay to the Association annual and special assessments which are secured by a continuing lien upon the

property against which the assessment is made. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owners personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property, and interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waiver or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Open Space or abandonment of his Lot.

ARTICLE XII

CORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: AMHERST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. The word "Association" may appear as "Ass'n".

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of members present in person or by proxy.

Section 2. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XIV

MISCELLANEOUS

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of the incorporation, and end on December 31, 1987.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, being all of the initial Board of Directors of Amherst Homeowners Association, Inc. have hereunto set our hands this 18th day of July, 1987.

Frederick A. Ferraro
FREDERICK A. FERRARO

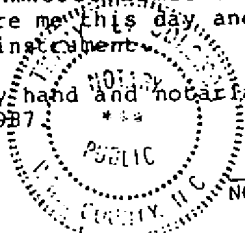
Fred Pallas
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Glenn D. Ward
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NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

I, the undersigned Notary Public, do hereby certify that Frederick A. Ferraro, Fred Pallas and Glenn D. Ward, all of the initial Board of Directors of Amherst Homeowners Association, Inc. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this 13th day of July, 1987.



Frederick A. Ferraro
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 3-18-89

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

That I am the duly elected and acting secretary of Amherst Homeowners Association, Inc., and,

That the foregoing By-Laws constitute the original By-Laws of said Association, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof, held on the 14th day of June, 1987.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this 13th day of July, 1987.

Glenn D. Ward
SECRETARY

**AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS
OF
AMHERST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 1 of the Bylaws of Amherst Homeowners Association, Inc. and by vote of a majority of the quorum of the members present at the annual meeting of the Association held on January 13, 2000 at the Fairview Community Center, Wake County, North Carolina, the Association hereby amends Article IV, entitled BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Selection: Term of Office, Section 1, entitled Number by deleting that section in its entirety and substituting therefor, the following:

"The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of five (5) directors, each of whom must be a member of the Amherst Homeowners Association, Inc. In the event a currently seated board member sells their property in Amherst within six months or less of the expiration of their term, they may, if they desire, remain on the board until the next election of board members. If a currently seated board member sells their property in Amherst with more than six months left until the expiration of their term, they must, upon the sale of their property, immediately tender their resignation from the Board of Directors."

"Two (2) directors shall be elected at the 2000 annual meeting, each to serve two (2) year terms, and three (3) directors shall be elected at the 2001 annual meeting, each to serve two (2) year terms. At each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect directors to succeed those whose terms expire."