

BY-LAWS  
OF  
SUNSET RIDGE NORTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I  
NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation is Sunset Ridge North Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Association". The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 5129 Salem Ridge Rd., Holly Springs, North Carolina 27540, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of North Carolina, County of Wake, or elsewhere as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II  
DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Sunset Ridge North Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

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

Section 3. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

Section 4. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the properties with the exception of the Common Area and Limited Common Area.

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 Sunset Forest, LLC, its successors and assigns, if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

Section 7. "Master Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the properties recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County in Book 7342, Page 452, and as the same may be supplemented ("Supplementary Declaration") and/or amended from time to time as therein provided.

Section 8. "Member" shall mean and refer to those entities entitled to membership as provided in the Master Declaration or a Supplementary Declaration.

### 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, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held on or about the 1st day of February of each and every year thereafter, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. If the day for 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.

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 other person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least 10 days, but no more than 50 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-half (1/2) of the votes of the membership shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Master Declaration, a Supplementary Declaration, or these By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at a meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have 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.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SELECTION; TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of three (3) directors, who need not be members of the Association. The number of directors may be changed by amendment of these By-Laws.

Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting the members shall elect one director for a term of one year, one director for a term of two years, and one director for a term of three years, and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect one director for a term of three years.

Section 3. Removal. Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members 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 to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the directors. 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. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve from the close of such 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 Master Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

Section 3. Right of Declarant to Representation on Board of Directors. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, until December 31, 2017, or until Declarant shall have conveyed seventy-five (75%) of the properties which are or may become subject to the Master Declaration, Declarant or its express assignee shall have the right to designate and select a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors as specifically provided in Article V, Section 2, of the Master Declaration.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly 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, 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 Area and Limited Common Area 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 the 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, a Supplementary Declaration, or the Master 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, an independent contractor, 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) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each lot; send written notice of each such assessment to every member subject thereto; and, as provided in Article V, Section 13, of the Master Declaration, 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 that 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, if any;

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

(g) cause the Common Area, Limited Common Area or any other areas of the property for which the Association is responsible as identified in the Master Declaration or a Supplementary Declaration to be maintained.

## 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 this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise 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, and unless otherwise 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:

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

(b) Vice-President: 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.

(c) Secretary: 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 the 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.

(d) Treasurer: 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, keep proper books of account, 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 same to each of the members.

## ARTICLE IX

### COMMITTEES

The Association shall appoint 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 AND 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 Supplementary Declaration, Master Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, and 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 a reasonable cost.

## ARTICLE XI

### ASSESSMENTS

As more fully provided in the Master Declaration and appropriate Supplementary 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 with thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the

date of delinquency at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum, and the Association may bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same or may 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 waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or Limited Common Area or abandonment of his lot.

## ARTICLE XII

### CORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: Sunset Ridge North Association, Inc.

## 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 Master Declaration and these By-Laws, the Master Declaration shall control.

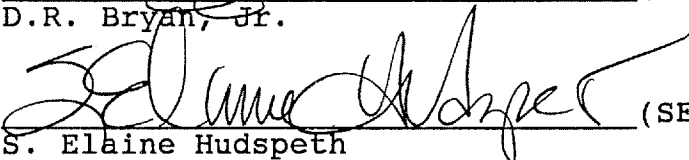
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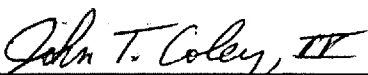
### MISCELLANEOUS

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 incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the initial directors of Sunset Ridge North Association, Inc., have hereunto set their hands, this 20th day of December, 1996.

  
\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
D.R. Bryan, Jr.

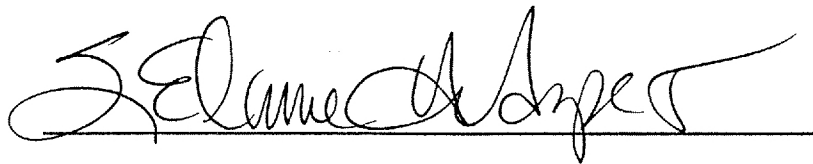
  
\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
S. Elaine Hudspeth

  
\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
John T. Coley, IV

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting secretary of Sunset Ridge North 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 20th day of December, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association, this 20th day of December, 1996.

  
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# **SUNSET RIDGE NORTH ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**April 14, 2004**

**May 13, 2004**

**August 10, 2004**

### **Minutes**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Marco Longo called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and announced that a quorum was not present to conduct business. The meeting was adjourned until May 13, 2004.

On May 13, 2004 Marco Longo called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and announced that a quorum was not present to conduct business. Members present discussed soliciting for proxies to make sure a quorum was present at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned until a date to be provided by notice.

On August 10, 2004 Charlie Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM and reported 221 members present in person or by proxy.

Charlie explained the business to be conducted: electing one member to the Board of Directors, voting on a change to the by-laws to reduce the quorum for an annual meeting to 20%, and voting on an assessment increase for the townhomes to \$100.00 per month effective January 1, 2005. Charlie explained the need for increasing the assessment and the need for the By-law change.

#### **NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Charlie explained that the nominating committee submitted Susan Britt to be placed on the Ballot for the Board and then opened the floor to nominations. With no nominations from the floor, Charlie instructed owners to cast their ballots.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

After tallying ballots, Charlie reported that Susan Britt was elected to the Board, that the By-law amendment was approved and that the increase in assessments for the townhome members was approved.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, a motion and second from the floor were taken and approved.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS OF  
SUNSET RIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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This the 10th day of August, 2004.

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This the 10th day of August, 2004.

\* note verified in minutes of Annual meeting.