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**BY-LAWS OF
MARINERS CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION. The name of the corporation is Mariners Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 4001 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29205 but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of South Carolina, County of Lexington, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Mariners Creek 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, Conditions and Restrictions, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought with 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.

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 Equity 1998 Investment Partnership, 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. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the Properties recorded in the Office of the ROD for Lexington County, South Carolina.

Section 8. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to membership as provided in the Declaration.

**ARTICLE III
MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be called by the Declarant, or its assigns, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held at the hour of 6:00 P.M. on a date which is between sixty (60) and one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the beginning of the next calendar year. 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. At the first annual meeting, the presence of Members or of proxies entitled to cast a 51% of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the president or by the Board of Directors, upon written request of the members who are entitled to vote one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of all of the votes of the Class A membership, or by the Declarant or its assigns prior to the termination of the Class B 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 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 be given no earlier than thirty days and not later than ten (10) days prior to such meeting, and 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. At the first such meeting called (other than the meeting called by the Declarant set forth in Article III, Section 1), the presence of Members or of proxies entitled to cast a majority of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

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 prior to the meeting. A proxy shall be revocable upon receipt of written notice by the Secretary from the Member and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the Member of his Lot.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION: TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. Upon the expiration of the period of Declarant's right to act as or designate a Director as set forth in the Declaration, the affairs of this Association shall be managed by a board ("Board") of five (5) directors who shall be members of the Association. The Board shall be elected at a special meeting called for such purpose.

Section 2. Term of Office. At the initial meeting as set forth in Article III, Section 1 above, the members shall elect three (3) directors for a term of one year, two (2) directors for a term of two and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect such number of directors as necessary to replace the office of those directors whose terms have expired. Each of those directors so elected shall serve for a term of two (2) 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. A director elected by the members may be removed only at a meeting called for the purpose of removing the director and the notice for such meeting must state that one of the purposes of the meeting is to remove the director. 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 Associations. 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 by obtaining the written approval of a majority of 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 Nomination 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, and 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 members only.

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 not less than 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, 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 three (3) 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, amend and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common area and facilities, and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties and fines 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, 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, 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) keep 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 as prescribed in the Declaration; and
 - 3. if, in the Board's discretion, to 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 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 Area to be maintained.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Offices. 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 person appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

Section 7. Multiple Office. 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 office 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: 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 may co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

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.

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.

Treasurer: The treasurer may receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and may disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; may sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account may cause an annual tax return and reconciliation of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and may 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 upon their request.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Architectural Control Committee as provided in the Declaration. 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 Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association. Copies may be purchased from the Association at a 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. Assessments shall be considered past due if not received by the Association on the due date. A late charge in an amount to be determined by the Board shall be added to any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date. If the assessment is not paid within sixty (60) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of sixteen (16%) percent per annum, and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner 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 waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The 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 XIII 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.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

THAT I am the duly elected and acting secretary of the Association 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, with approval of the ownership, thereof, held on the 7th day of April 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name for said Association this 11th day of May 2021.

Randall Garrett
Randall Garrett
Secretary
Mariner's Creek Homeowners Association Inc.

[Signature]
Witness

Michelle [Signature]
Witness

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)

PROBATE

PERSONALLY appeared before me the undersigned and made oath that (s)he saw the within-named SECRETARY sign, and as its act and deed deliver the within written By-Laws for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and that (s)he, with the other witnesses, witnessed the execution thereof.

Michelle [Signature]
Witness

SWORN to before me this
11th day of May, 2021.

[Signature]

Notary Public for
South Carolina

my Commission Expires: 1/5/22