

BY-LAWS

OF

SWANN PLANTATION TOWNHOUSE HOMEOWNERS'
ASSOCIATION, INC.

A Non-Profit Corporation under
the laws of the State of North Carolina

I. IDENTITY: These are the By Laws of Swann Plantation Townhouse Homeowner's Association, Inc. a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, the Articles of Incorporation of which were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on June 23 , 1987. Swann Plantation Townhouse Homeowner's Association, Inc., hereinafter called "Association", has been organized for the purpose of administering the operation and management of the common areas to Phase I, Swann Plantation Townhouse Subdivision, Building B, Site 2 and Building C, Site 3, as recorded on a map thereof in Map Book 23, at page 67 of the Pender County Registry, and adjacent properties established or to be established in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina upon the property situate, lying and being in Pender County, North Carolina, and described in the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants recorded in Book 695 at page 50 of the Pender County Registry and incorporated herein by reference.

A. The provisions of these By-Laws are applicable to Swann Plantation Townhouse Subdivision Homeowner's Association, Inc. and the terms and provisions hereof are expressly subject to the terms, provisions, conditions and authorization contained in the Articles of Incorporation and which may be contained in the formal Declaration of Restrictive Covenants which will be recorded in the Public Records of Pender County, North Carolina.

B. All present or future owners, tenants, future tenants, or their employees, or any other person that might use the property or any of the facilities thereof in any manner, are subject to the regulations set forth in these By-Laws and in said Articles of Incorporation and the Declarations of Restrictions.

C. The office of the Association shall be at 2310 New Orleans Place, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403.

D. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.

II. MEMBERSHIP, VOTING, QUORUM, PROXIES:

A. The qualification of members, the manner of their admission to membership and termination of such membership, and voting by members, shall be as set forth in Article VI and Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the

provisions of which said Article VI and VII of the Articles of Incorporation are incorporated herein by reference.

B. A quorum at members' meetings shall consist of persons entitled to cast a majority of the votes of the entire membership. The joinder of a member in the action of a meeting by signing and concurring in the minutes thereof shall constitute the presence of such person for the purpose of determining a quorum.

C. The vote of the owners of a lot or lots owned by more than one person or by a corporation or other entity shall be cast by the one person named in a certificate signed by all of the owners of the lot or lots and filed with the Secretary of the Association, and such certificate shall be valid until revoked by subsequent certificate. If such a certificate is not on file, the vote of such owners shall not be considered in determining the requirement for a quorum, nor for any other purpose.

D. Votes may be cast in person or by proxy. Proxies shall be valid only for the particular meeting designated thereon and must be filed with the Secretary at or before the appointed time of the meeting.

E. Approval or disapproval of a lot owner upon any matter, whether or not the subject of an Association meeting, shall be by the same person who would cast the vote of such owner if at an Association meeting.

F. Except where otherwise required under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, these By-Laws, the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, or whether the same may otherwise be required by law, the affirmative vote of the persons entitled to cast a majority of the votes at any duly called members' meeting at which a quorum is present shall be binding upon the members.

III. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP:

A. The first annual meeting shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation of the Association. Until such time, the Association shall be managed and controlled by the initial Board of Directors as provided for in Article IV hereinbelow. The annual members' meeting shall thereafter be held at such hour and place designated by the Board of Directors, on the first Tuesday in December of each year for the purpose of electing Directors and of transacting any other business authorized to be transacted by the members, provided, however, that if the day is a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held at the same hour of the next succeeding Tuesday.

B. Special members' meetings shall be held whenever called by the President or Vice President or by a majority of the Board of Directors and must be called by such officers upon receipt of a written request from members of the Association owning a majority of the lots.

C. Notice of all members' meetings, regular or special, shall be given by the President, Vice President or Secretary of the Association, or other officer of the Association in absence of said officers, to each member, unless waived in writing, such notice to be written or printed and to state the time and place and object for which the meeting is called. Such notice

shall be given to each member not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date set for such meeting, which notice shall be mailed or presented personally to each member within said time. If presented personally, receipt of such notice shall be signed by the member, indicating the date on which such notice was received by him. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be properly given when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his post office address as it appears on the records of Association (register of owners) as of the date of mailing such notice, the postage thereon prepaid. Proof of such mailing shall be given by the affidavit of the person giving the notice. Any member may, by signed written waiver of notice, waive such notice and, when filed in the records of the Association whether before or after the holding of the meeting, such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of notice to the member. If any members' meeting cannot be organized because a quorum has not attended, or because the greater percentage of the membership required to constitute a quorum for particular purpose has not attended (wherever the latter percentage of attendance may be required as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, these By-Laws or the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants) the members who are present, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum, or the required percentage of attendance, if greater than a quorum, is present.

The order of business at annual members' meetings and, as far as practical, at any other members' meetings, shall be:

- i) Calling of the roll and certifying of promises;
- ii) Proof of notice of meeting or waiver of notice;
- iii) Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes;
- iv) Reports of officers;
- v) Reports of committees;
- vi) Unfinished business;
- vii) New business; and
- vii) Adjournment.

IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A. The first Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of three (3) persons whose terms shall expire on the date of the first annual meeting of the members of the Association stated hereinabove. Each succeeding Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) persons, who need not be members of the Association.

B. Election of Directors shall be conducted in the following manner:

(i) Beginning with the first annual meeting of the membership of the Association, stated hereinabove, all members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a plurality of other votes cast at the annual meeting of the members of the Association.

(ii) Vacancies in the Board of Directors may be filled until the date of the next annual meeting by the remaining Directors, or by special meeting of the members.

(iii) At the first annual meeting of the members of the Association, the term of office of the Director receiving the highest plurality of votes shall be established at three (3) years,

and the term of office of the Director receiving the second highest number of votes shall be established at two (2) years with the term of the other Director being established at one (1) year. Thereafter, as many Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting as there are regular terms of office of Directors expiring at such time, and the term of office of the Directors so elected at the annual meeting of the members each year shall be for three (3) years expiring at the third annual meeting following their election, and thereafter until their successors are duly elected and qualified, or until removed in the manner elsewhere provided or as may be provided by law.

(iv) In the election of Directors, there shall be appurtenant to each lot a total vote equal to the number of Directors to be elected multiplied by the one vote for each lot.

(v) In the event that Declarant, in accordance with the rights herein established, selects any person or persons to serve on any Board of Directors of the Association, Declarant shall have the absolute right at any time, in its sole discretion, to replace such person or persons with another person or persons to serve on said Board of Directors. Replacement of any person or persons designated by Declarant to serve on any Board of Directors of the Association shall be made by written instrument delivered to any officer of the Association, which instrument shall specify the name or names of the person or persons to be replaced and the name or names of the person or persons designated as successor or successors to the persons so removed from said Board of Directors. The removal of any Director and designation of his successor shall be effective immediately upon delivery of such written instrument by Declarant to any officer of the Association.

C. The organizational meeting of each newly elected Board of Directors shall be held within ten (10) days of their election, at such time and at such place as shall be fixed by the Directors at the meeting at which they were elected, and no further notice of the organizational meeting shall be necessary provided a quorum shall be present.

D. 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. Notice of regular meetings shall be given to each Director, personally or by mail, telephone or telegram, at least three (3) days prior to the day named for such meeting, unless notice is waived.

E. Special meetings of the Directors may be called by the President, and must be called by the Secretary at the written request of one-third (1/3) of the votes of the Board. Not less than three (3) days notice of a meeting shall be given to each Director, personally or by mail, telephone or telegram, which notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

F. Any Director may waive notice of a meeting before or after the meeting, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of notice.

G. A quorum at a Directors' meeting shall consist of the Directors entitled to cast a majority of the votes of the entire Board. The acts of the Board approved by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall

constitute the acts of the Board of Directors, except as specifically otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or these By-Laws or the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants. If any Directors' meeting cannot be organized because a quorum has not attended, or because the greater percentage of the Directors required to constitute a quorum for particular purposes has not attended, wherever the latter percentage of attendance may be required as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, these By-Laws or Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, the Directors who are present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum, or the required percentage of attendance if greater than a quorum, is present. At any adjourned meeting, any business that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called may be transacted without further notice. The joinder of a Director in the action of a meeting by signing and concurring in the minutes thereof shall constitute the presence of such Director for the purpose of determining a quorum.

H. The presiding officer of Directors' meetings shall be the Chairman of the Board, if such an officer has been elected by the Board, and if none, then the President of the Association shall preside. In the absence of the presiding officer, the Directors present shall designate one of their number to preside.

I. All of other powers of and duties of the Association shall be exercised by the Board of Directors, including those existing under the common law and statutes, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, these By-Laws and the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants. Such powers and duties shall be exercised in accordance with said Articles of Incorporation, these By-Laws and the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, and shall include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

(i) To make, levy and collect assessments against members and members' lots to defray the costs of the Association, as provided for in Article IV of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, which Article is herein incorporated by reference, and to use the proceeds of said assessments in the exercise of the powers and duties granted unto the Association. Provided, however, the annual assessment may not be increased more than twenty percent (20%) above the maximum assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership.

(ii) To maintain, repair, replace, operate and manage the common areas and facilities wherever the same is required to be done and accomplished by the Association for the benefit of its members; and, further, to approve any expenditures made or to be made for said purposes.

(iii) To reconstruct any part of the common property after casualty and to make further improvement to the common property, real and personal, and to enter into any and all contracts, necessary or desirable to accomplish said purposes.

(iv) To make, amend and enforce regulations governing the use of the common property and lots so long as such regulations or amendments thereto do not conflict with the restrictions and limitations which may be placed upon the use of

such property under the terms of the Articles of Incorporation and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.

(v) To acquire, operate, lease, manage, and otherwise trade and deal with the property, real and personal, including lots as may be necessary or convenient in the operation and management of the Association.

(vi) To acquire now or at any time hereafter, and to enter into leases and agreements whereby the Association acquires leaseholds, easements and other possessory or use interests in lands or facilities.

(vii) To contract for the management of the Association and to designate to such contractor all of the powers and duties of the Association, except those which may be required by the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants to have approval of the Board of Directors or membership of the Association.

(viii) To enforce by legal means or proceedings the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association, the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and the regulations hereinafter promulgated governing use of the common property of the Association.

(ix) To pay all taxes and assessments which are now or may become liens against any part of the lot or lots, the common areas and the appurtenances thereto and to assess the same against the members and their respective lots subject to such liens, when such taxes and assessments are not billed to the owners of the separate lots.

(x) To purchase insurance for the protection of the members and the Association against casualty and liability.

(xi) To pay all costs of power, water, sewer and other utility services rendered to the common areas or easements and not billed to the owners of the separate lots.

(xii) To designate and remove personnel necessary for the maintenance, repair, replacement and operation of the facilities of the Association, including the common property.

J. The initial Board of Directors of the Association shall be comprised of the three (3) persons designated to act and serve as Directors in the Articles of Incorporation, which said persons shall serve until their successors are selected or elected provided for hereinabove. Should any member of the initial Board of Directors be unable to serve for any reason, J.C. Reynolds, Jr., shall have the right to select and designate a party to act and serve as a Director until the election of the first Board of Directors by the membership of the Association.

K. Any one or more of the members of the Board of Directors may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time by a vote of the members owning a majority of the lots, at any special meeting called for such purpose, or at the annual meeting.

V. OFFICERS:

A. The executive officers of the Association shall be a President, who shall be a Director, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors and who may be peremptorily removed by a

vote of the Directors at any meeting. Any person may hold two or more offices, except that the President shall not also be Vice President, or Secretary. The Board of Directors shall, from time to time, elect such other officers and designate their powers and duties as the Board shall find to be required to manage the affairs of the Association.

B. The President shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Association. He shall have all of the powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of the president of any association, including, but not limited to, the power to appoint committees from among the members from time to time, as he may, in his discretion, determine appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association.

C. The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, exercise the powers and perform the duties of President. He shall also generally assist the President and exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Directors.

D. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the Directors and the members. He shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices to the members and Directors, and such other notices required by law. He shall have custody of the seal of the Association and affix the same to instruments requiring a seal when duly signed. He shall keep the records of the Association, except those of the Treasurer, and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of secretary of an association and as may be required by the Directors or the President.

E. The Treasurer shall have custody of all of the property of the Association, including funds, securities and evidences of indebtedness. He shall keep, or supervise the keeping of, the assessment rolls and accounts of the members, he shall keep the books of the Association in accordance with good accounting practices; and he shall perform all other duties incident to the office of Treasurer.

F. All officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and any officer may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

VI. FISCAL MANAGEMENT: The provisions for fiscal management of the Association are hereafter set forth, subject to any applicable provisions in the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and Articles of Incorporation:

A. An assessment roll shall be maintained in a set of accounting books in which there shall be an account for each lot. Such account shall designate the name and address of the unit owner or owners, the amount of each assessment against the owners, the dates and amounts in which assessments come due, the amounts paid upon the account and the balance due upon assessments.

B. The Board of Directors shall adopt a budget for each calendar year which shall contain estimates of the cost of performing the functions of the Association, including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) Common expense budget, which may include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing: The estimated amounts necessary for maintenance and operation of and capital improvements to the common property including, but not limited to, landscaping, street and walkways, office expense, utility services, casualty insurance, flood insurance, if any, liability insurance, administration and reserves (operating and capital improvement replacement), management fees and costs of maintaining leaseholds; maintenance of memberships and other possessory or use interests in lands or facilities whether or not contiguous to the lands of the Association, to provide enjoyment, recreation or other use or benefit to the lot owners; and

(ii) Proposed assessments against each member and his unit. Copies of the proposed budget and proposed assessments shall be transmitted to each member prior to January 1 of the year for which the budget is made. If the budget is subsequently amended before the assessments are made, a copy of the amended budget shall be furnished each member concerned. Delivery of a copy of any budget or amended budget to each member shall not affect the liability of any member for any such assessments, nor shall delivery of a copy of such budget or amended budget be considered as a condition precedent to the effectiveness of said budget and assessments levied pursuant thereto, and nothing herein contained shall be construed as restricting the right of the Board of Directors, at any time in their sole discretion, to levy any additional assessments in the event that the budget originally adopted shall appear to be insufficient to pay costs and expenses of operation and management, or in the event of emergencies.

C. The depository of the Association shall be such bank or banks as shall be designated from time to time by the Directors and in which the monies of the Association shall be only by checks signed by such persons as are authorized by the Directors.

D. A year end statement of the balance sheet and income statements of the Association shall be made annually by an accountant or by such officers authorized by the Board, and a copy of the statements shall be furnished to each member upon such member's request.

VII. PARLIAMENTARY RULES: Robert Rules of Order (latest edition) shall govern the conduct of Association proceedings when not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws or with the Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

VIII. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS: Amendments to these By-Laws shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

A. Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed by the Board of Directors of the Association and approved by sixty percent (60%) of the Lot Owners who are members of the Association, whether meeting as members or by instrument in writing signed by them.

B. Upon any amendment or amendments to these By-Laws being proposed by said Board of Directors or members, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be transmitted to the President of

the Association, or other officer of the Association in the absence of the President, who shall thereupon call a special joint meeting of the members of the Board of Directors of the Association and the membership for a date not sooner than twenty (20) days or later than sixty (60) days from receipt by such officer of the proposed amendment or amendments and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give to each member written or printed notice of such meeting of the members if required as herein set forth.

C. In order for such amendment or amendments to become effective, the same must be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Board of Directors and by an affirmative vote of the members owning not less than a majority (fifty-one percent) of the lots subject to membership in the Association, all phases. Thereupon, such amendment or amendments shall become binding upon all lot owners.

D. Upon the approval and proper recording of any amendment or amendments, the same shall become binding upon all lot owners.

E. At any meeting held to consider any amendment or amendments to the By-Laws, the written vote of any member of the Association shall be recognized if such member is not in attendance at such meeting or represented thereat by proxy, provided such written vote is delivered to the Secretary of the Association at or prior to such meeting.

F. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article 8, no amendment to these By-Laws which shall abridge, amend, or alter the rights of the Lot owners set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.

The foregoing were adopted as the By-Laws of SWANN PLANTATION TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, at the first meeting of the Board of Directors on June 30, 1987 and ordered to be affixed to the Articles of Incorporation.

This the 30th day of June, 1987.

J.C. Reynolds,
Chairman