

VILLAGES OF HOMESTEAD



Homeowners Association Bylaws

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION. The name of the corporation is Villages of Homestead Homeowners' Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the corporation shall be located at the resident or business address in Dade County, Florida, of the President of the Association but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Florida, County of Dade, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Villages of Homestead 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 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. When a Common Area is contiguous to a Lake, the boundary of the Common Area shall be deemed to extend to the mean high water mark of the Lake.

Section 4. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded plat of the Properties with the exception of the Common Area. The boundary line of any Lot bordering on a Lake shall extend to the deep cut line of the Lake.

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 that 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. "Developer" shall mean and refer to Grossman Holdings Limited, Bleeman Holdings Limited, The Meridian Building Group Limited and Markborough Properties Limited, their successors, and assigns if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from the Developer 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 Official Records Book 10169, Page 1539 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida.

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

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Membership of the Association is as set forth in Article V of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.

Section 2. The rights of membership are subject to the payment of annual and special assessments levied by the Association, the obligation of which assessment is imposed against each Owner of, and becomes a lien upon the Properties against which such assessments are made as provided in Article IV of the Declaration.

ARTICLE IV

Meeting of Members

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation of the Association at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, 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 2:00 o'clock, 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 that is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meeting. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President, 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 or who have a right to vote one-fourth (1/4) of the entire 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, in person or by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least fifteen (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. Each member shall register his address with the Secretary, and notices of meetings shall be mailed to him at such address. 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; provided, however, that if any business of any meeting shall involve any action governed by the Articles of Incorporation, notice of such meeting shall be given or sent as therein provided.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast or of proxies entitled to cast one-third (1/3) 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 Bylaws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any 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. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of his Lot.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors: Selection: Term of Office

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

Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting the members shall elect directors for a term of one (1) year, and thereafter the members shall elect directors for terms of one (1) year.

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 except that the directors elected by the Class B members may be removed and replaced only by the Class B members. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be elected 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 VI

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 (2) 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 nonmembers.

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.

The election shall be decided by a majority vote, provided that prior to the time that the Class B membership terminates as specified in the Articles of Incorporation, the Class B member shall be entitled to elect the majority of the Directors.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings of Directors

Section 1. First Meeting. The first meeting of the duly elected Board of Directors, for the purpose of organization, shall be held immediately after the annual meeting of members, provided that the majority of the members of the Board elected be present. Any action taken at such meeting shall be by a majority of the whole Board. If the majority of the members of the Board elected shall not be present at that time, or if the directors shall fail to elect officers, the meeting of the Board to elect officers shall then be held within thirty (30) days after the annual meeting of members upon three (3) days, notice in writing to each member of the Board elected, stating the time, place, and object of such meeting.

Section 2. 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 3. 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 by mail, telephone or telegraph to each director, and may be held any place or places within Dade County, Florida, and at any time. Special meetings of the Board may also be held at any place and time without notice by unanimous waiver of notice by all Directors.

Section 4. 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 VIII

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 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 rights of 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 sixty (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) 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) enforce 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 areas to be maintained.

ARTICLE IX

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, 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 and until his successors are duly elected and shall qualify unless he shall sooner resign, 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 by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors at any duly called regular or special meeting of 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 at any regular or special meeting. 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 (1) 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 Association and 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.
- (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 where notices of such meetings are required by law or in these By-laws; 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; 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 a 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 X

Committees

There shall be 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 XI

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 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 XII

Assessments

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each member is obligated to pay to the Association annual and special assessments that are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the assessment is made. Any assessments that 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 10% 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 and costs and attorneys' fees for appellate review shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessment provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

ARTICLE XIII

Corporate Seal

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words:

"VILLAGES OF HOMESTEAD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC." and the words "CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT".

ARTICLE XIV

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, provided that the notice to the members of the meeting disclose the information that the amendment of the Bylaws was to be considered; provided, however, the provisions that are governed by the Articles of Incorporation of this Association may not be amended except as provided in the Articles of Incorporation or applicable law; and provided further that any matters stated herein to be or which are in fact governed by the Declaration of Restrictions and Protective Covenants referred to herein may not be amended except as provided in such covenants; and provided further that the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration shall have the right to veto amendments while there is a Class B member.

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

ARTICLE XV

Miscellaneous

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, being all the directors of the Association, have hereunto set our hands this 11th day of January, 1979.

EMILIO A. CERRA

GEORGE E. MILLS, JR.

GUY BONO

JAMES E. KAERCHER

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

THAT I am the duly elected and acting secretary of the Villages of Homestead Homeowners' Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, and,

THAT the foregoing By-laws constitute the original By-laws of said Association, as duly adopted on the 11th day of January, 1979.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this 11th day of January, 1979.

GEORGE E. MILLS, JR.

Secretary