# EXHIBIT "E"

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS

OF

SAND CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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# Article I Name, Principal Office, and Definitions

- 1.1. Name. The name of the Association shall be Sand Creek Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Association").
- 1.2. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Association in the State of Indiana shall be located in Porter County. The Association may have such other offices, either within or outside the State of Indiana as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require.
- 1.3. <u>Definitions</u>. The words used in these By-Laws shall be given their normal commonly understood definitions. Capitalized terms shall have the same meaning as set forth in that Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Sand Creek (said Declaration, as amended, renewed, or extended from time to time, is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Declaration"), unless the context shall otherwise require.

# Article II <u>Association: Membership, Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies</u>

- 2.1. <u>Membership</u>. The Association shall have two classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B," as more fully set forth in the Declaration, the terms of which pertaining to membership are specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- 2.2. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Members as may be designated by the Board of Directors either within the Properties or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.
- 2.3. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The first meeting of the Association, whether a regular or special meeting, shall be held within one year from the date of incorporation of the Association. Meetings shall be of the Members. Subsequent regular annual meetings shall be set by the Board so as to occur during the third quarter of the Association's fiscal year on a date and at a time the Board of Directors sets.
- 2.4. Special Meetings. The President may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the Association if so directed by resolution of a majority of a quorum of the Board of Directors or upon a petition signed by Members representing at least twenty-five (25%) percent of the total Class "A" votes of the Association.
- 2.5. <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of the Members shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than 10 nor more than 50 days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting.

In the case of a special meeting or when required by statute or these By-Laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Member at his address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid.

- 2.6. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the Members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Member may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a Member or the Member's proxy shall be deemed waiver by such Member of notice of the time, date, and place thereof, unless such Member or proxy specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting also shall be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted unless an objection on the basis of lack of proper notice is raised before the business is put to a vote.
- 2.7. Adjournment of Meetings. If any meeting of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the Members or their proxies who are present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than 5 nor more than 30 days from the time the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted. If a time and place for reconvening the meeting is not fixed by those in attendance at the original meeting or if for any reason a new date is fixed for reconvening the meeting after adjournment, notice of the time and place for reconvening the meeting shall be given to Members in the manner prescribed for regular meetings.

The Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum, provided that at least twenty (20%) percent of the total votes of the Association remain in attendance, and provided further that any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the votes required to constitute a quorum.

- 2.8. <u>Voting</u>. The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration, and such voting rights provisions are specifically incorporated herein.
- 2.9. Proxies. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person (if a corporation, partnership or trust, through any officer, director, partner or trustee duly authorized to act on behalf of the Member) or by proxy, subject to the limitations of Indiana law. All proxies shall be in writing specifying the Unit(s) for which it is given, signed by the Member or its duly authorized attorney-in-fact, dated and filed with the Secretary of the Association prior to any meeting for which it is to be effective. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the proxy, a proxy shall be presumed to cover all votes which the Member giving such proxy is entitled to cast, and in the event of any conflict between two or more proxies purporting to cover the same voting rights, the later dated proxy shall prevail, or if dated as of the same date, both shall be deemed invalid. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance of any Unit for which it was given, or upon receipt of notice by the Secretary of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a Member who is a natural person, or of written revocation, or 11 months from the date of the proxy, unless a shorter period is specified in the proxy.
- 2.10. <u>Majority</u>. As used in these By-Laws, the term "majority" shall mean those votes, owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total number.

- 2.11. Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws or in the Declaration, the presence, in person or by proxy, of Members representing one-third (1/3) of the total votes in the Association shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association; provided, if a quorum is not present at any meeting when initially called, then the meeting may be adjourned and reconvened within 30 days after the date originally called and the quorum requirement upon such reconvening shall be reduced to one-fourth (1/4) of the total votes in the Association. Any provision in the Declaration concerning quorums is specifically incorporated herein.
- 2.12. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting, as well as a record of all transactions occurring at the meeting.
- 2.13. Action Without A Meeting. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Members, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Members, may be taken without a meeting if written consent setting forth the action so taken is signed by all of the Members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, and any such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Members.

# Article III Board of Directors: Number, Powers, Meetings

## A. Composition and Selection.

- 3.1. Governing Body: Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, each of whom shall have one vote. Except with respect to directors appointed by the Class "B" Member, the directors shall be Members or spouses of such Members; provided, however, no person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time (except in the case of Class "B" Member appointees). In the case of a Member which is not a natural person, the person designated in writing to the secretary of the Association as the representative of such Member shall be eligible to serve as a director.
- 3.2. <u>Directors During Class "B" Control Period</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 3.6 below, the directors shall be selected by the Class "B" Member acting in its sole discretion and shall serve at the pleasure of the Class "B" Member until the first to occur of the following:
- (a) when seventy-five (75%) percent of the total number of Units proposed by the Master Plan for the property described on Exhibit "A" and "B" of the Declaration have certificates of occupancy issued thereon and have been conveyed to Persons other than Builders;
  - (b) December 31, 2013; or
  - (c) when, in its discretion, the Class "B" Member so determines.
- 3.3. Right To Disapprove Actions. So long as the Class "B" membership exists, the Class "B" Member shall have a right to disapprove any action, policy or program of the Association, the Board and any committee which, in the judgment of the Class "B" Member, would tend to impair rights of the Declarant or Builders under the Declaration or these By-Laws, or interfere with development, construction of any portion of the Properties, or diminish the level of services being provided by the Association.

No such action, policy or program shall become effective or be implemented until and unless:

- (a) The Class "B" Member shall have been given written notice of all meetings and proposed actions approved at meetings of the Association, the Board or any committee thereof by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery at the address it has registered with the Secretary of the Association, as it may change from time to time, which notice complies as to the Board of Directors meetings with Sections 3.8, 3.9, and 3.10 of these By-Laws and which notice shall, except in the case of the regular meetings held pursuant to the By-Laws, set forth in reasonable particularity the agenda to be followed at said meeting; and
- (b) The Class "B" Member shall be given the opportunity at any such meeting to join in or to have its representatives or agents join in discussion from the floor of any prospective action, policy, or program which would be subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein. The Class "B" Member, its representatives or agents shall make its concerns, thoughts, and suggestions known to the Board and/or the members of the subject committee. The Class "B" Member shall have and is hereby granted a right to disapprove any such action, policy, or program authorized by the Association, the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, if Board, committee, or Association approval is necessary for such action. This right may be exercised by the Class "B" Member, its successors, assigns, representatives, or agents at any time within 10 days following the meeting held pursuant to the terms and provisions hereof. This right to disapprove may be used to block proposed actions but shall not extend to the requiring of any action or counteraction on behalf of any committee, or the Board or the Association. The Class "B" Member shall not use its right to disapprove in order to reduce the level of services which the Association is obligated to provide or to prevent capital repairs or any expenditure required to comply with applicable laws and regulations.
- 3.4. <u>Number of Directors</u>. The number of directors in the Association shall be not less than three nor more than seven, as provided in Section 3.6 below. The initial Board shall consist of three members as identified in the Articles of Incorporation.
- Member, nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and three or more Members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors not less than 30 days prior to each annual meeting of the Members to serve a term of one year or until their successors are appointed, and such appointment shall be announced at each such 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 in no event less than the number of positions to be filled. In making its nominations, the Nominating Committee shall use reasonable efforts to nominate candidates representing the diversity which exists within the pool of potential candidates. Nominations for each slate shall also be permitted from the floor. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the Members and to solicit votes.

- 3.6. <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein:
- (a) Within 90 days after the time that Class "A" Members other than Builders own twenty-five (25%) percent of the Units proposed by the Master Plan for the property described in Exhibits "A" and "B" of the Declaration, or whenever the Class "B" Member earlier determines, the Association shall call a special meeting at which the Class "A" Members shall be entitled to elect one of the three directors, who shall be an at-large director. The remaining two directors shall be appointees of the Class "B" Member. The director elected by the Class "A" Members shall not be subject to removal by the Class "B" Member and shall be elected for a term of two years or until the happening of the event described in subsection (b) below, whichever is shorter. If such director's term expires prior to the happening of the event described in subsection (b) below, a successor shall be elected for a like term.
- (b) Within 90 days after the time that Class "A" Members other than Builders own fifty (50%) percent of the Units proposed by the Master Plan for the property described in Exhibits "A" and "B" of the Declaration, or whenever the Class "B" Member earlier determines, the Board shall be increased to five directors. The Association shall call a special meeting at which the Class "A" Members shall be entitled to elect two of the five directors, who shall serve as at-large directors. The remaining three directors shall be appointees of the Class "B" Member. The directors elected by the Class "A" Members shall not be subject to removal by the Class "B" Member and shall be elected for a term of two years or until the happening of the event described in subsection (c) below, whichever is shorter. If such directors' terms expire prior to the happening of the event described in subsection (c) below, successors shall be elected for a like term.
- (c) Within 90 days after termination of the Class "B" Control Period, the Board shall be increased to seven directors. The Association shall call a special meeting at which the Class "A" Members shall be entitled to elect five of the seven directors, who shall serve as at-large directors. The remaining two directors shall be appointees of the Class "B" Member. The directors elected by the Class "A" Members shall not be subject to removal by the Class "B" Member and shall serve until the first annual meeting following the termination of the Class "B" Control Period. If such annual meeting occurs within 90 days after termination of the Class "B" Control Period, this subsection shall not apply and directors shall be elected in accordance with subsection (d) below.
- (d) At the first annual meeting of the membership after the termination of the Class "B" Control Period, the directors shall be selected as follows: Seven directors shall be elected by the Class "A" and Class "B" Members. Four directors shall be elected for a term of two years and three directors shall be elected for a term of one year, as such directors determine among themselves. At the expiration of the initial term of office of each member of the Board of Directors and at each annual meeting thereafter, a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of two years.

Each Member may cast the entire vote assigned to his or her Unit for each position to be filled. There shall be no cumulative voting. The candidate(s) receiving the most votes shall be elected. The directors elected by the Class "A" Members shall hold office until their respective successors have been elected by the Association. Directors may be elected to serve any number of consecutive terms.

3.7. <u>Removal of Directors and Vacancies</u>. Any director elected by the Class "A" Members may be removed, with or without cause, by the majority vote of the Class "A" Members. Any director whose removal is sought shall be given notice prior to any meeting called for that purpose. Upon removal of a director, a successor shall then and there be elected by the Class "A" Members to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of such director.

Any director elected by the Class "A" Members who has three consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings or who is delinquent in the payment of any assessment or other charge due the Association for more than 30 days may be removed by a majority of the directors present at a regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present, and a successor may be appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

In the event of the death, disability, or resignation of a director, a vacancy may be declared by the Board, and it may appoint a successor; provided, upon written petition of the Class "B" Member or Class "A" Members entitled to cast at least ten (10%) percent of the total Class "A" votes in the Association, the Board shall call a special meeting for the purpose of electing a successor to fill any vacancies on the Board.

#### B. Meetings.

- 3.8. <u>Organizational Meetings</u>. The first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the membership shall be held within 10 days thereafter at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board.
- 3.9. Regular Meetings. 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, but at least two such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year. Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be communicated to directors not less than four days prior to the meeting; provided, however, notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who has signed a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding of the meeting.
- 3.10. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by written notice signed by the President of the Association or by any two directors. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery; (b) written notice by first class mail, postage prepaid; (c) by telephone communication, either directly to the director or to a person at the director's office or home who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the director; or (d) by telegram, charges prepaid. All such notices shall be given at the director's telephone number or sent to the director's address as shown on the records of the Association. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited into a United States mailbox at least four days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, or telegraph shall be delivered, telephoned, or given to the telegraph company at least 72 hours before the time set for the meeting.
- 3.11. Waiver of Notice. The transactions of any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting also shall be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.
- 3.12. Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board of Directors. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a

majority of the required quorum for that meeting. If any meeting of the Board cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the directors who are present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five nor more than 30 days from the date the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.

- 3.13. <u>Compensation</u>. No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such unless approved by a majority of the Class "A" Members at a regular or special meeting of the Association; provided any director may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association upon approval of a majority of the other directors.
- 3.14. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of meetings of the Board of Directors, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors and all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings.
- 3.15. Open Meetings. Subject to the provisions of Section 16 of this Article, all meetings of the Board shall be open to all Members, but Members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless permission to speak is requested on his or her behalf by a director. In such case, the President may limit the time any Member may speak. Notwithstanding the above, the President may adjourn any meeting of the Board of Directors and reconvene in executive session, excluding Members, to discuss matters of a sensitive nature, such as pending or threatened litigation, personnel matters, etc.
- 3.16. Action Without a Formal Meeting. Any action to be taken at a meeting of the directors or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

#### C. Powers and Duties.

3.17. <u>Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do or cause to be done all acts and things as are not by the Declaration, Articles, or these By-Laws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the Members.

The Board of Directors may delegate to one of its members the authority to act on behalf of the Board of Directors on all matters relating to the duties of the managing agent or manager, if any, which might arise between meetings of the Board of Directors.

In addition to the duties imposed by these By-Laws or by any resolution of the Association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board of Directors shall have the power to establish policies relating to, and shall be responsible for performing or causing to be performed, the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:

(a) preparation and adoption, in accordance with Article X of the Declaration, of annual budgets in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner to the Common Expenses and Neighborhood Expenses;

- (b) making assessments to defray the Common Expenses and Neighborhood Expenses, establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments, and establishing the period of the installment payments of the annual assessment; provided, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the annual assessment for each Unit's proportionate share of the Common Expenses shall be payable at the beginning of each fiscal year;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all of the Area of Common Responsibility;
- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and the maintenance, operation, repair, and replacement of its property and the Area of Common Responsibility and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and materials to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;
- (e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to operate the Association; provided, any reserve fund may be deposited, in the directors' best business judgment, in depositories other than banks;
  - (f) making and amending rules and regulations;
- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to or alterations of the Common Area in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration and these By-Laws after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;
- (i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws, and the rules and regulations adopted by it and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association;
- (j) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- (k) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its Members and not chargeable directly to specific Owners;
- (l) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred;
- (m) making available to any prospective purchaser of a Unit, any Owner of a Unit, any first Mortgagee, and the holders, insurers, and guarantors of a first Mortgage on any Unit, current copies of the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, rules governing the Unit and all other books, records, and financial statements of the Association; and
- (n) permitting utility suppliers to use portions of the Common Area reasonably necessary to the ongoing development or operation of the Properties.

- 3.18. <u>Management</u>. The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board of Directors to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. The Board of Directors may delegate to the managing agent or manager, subject to the Board's supervision, all of the powers granted to the Board of Directors by these By-Laws, other than the powers set forth in subparagraphs (a), (b), (f), (g), and (i) of Section 17 of this Article. The Declarant, or an affiliate of the Declarant, may be employed as managing agent or manager.
- 3.19. <u>Accounts and Reports</u>. The following management standards of performance will be followed unless the Board by resolution specifically determines otherwise:
- (a) accrual accounting, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, shall be employed;
- (b) accounting and controls should conform to generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) cash accounts of the Association shall not be commingled with any other accounts;
- (d) no remuneration shall be accepted by the managing agent from vendors, independent contractors, or others providing goods or services to the Association, whether in the form of commissions, finder's fees, service fees, prizes, gifts, or otherwise; anything of value received shall benefit the Association;
- (e) any financial or other interest which the managing agent may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association shall be disclosed promptly to the Board of Directors;
  - (f) financial reports shall be prepared for the Association at least quarterly containing:
- (i) an income statement reflecting all income and expense activity for the preceding period on an accrual basis;
- (ii) a statement reflecting all cash receipts and disbursements for the preceding period;
- (iii) a variance report reflecting the status of all accounts in an "actual" versus "approved" budget format;
  - (iv) a balance sheet as of the last day of the preceding period; and
- (v) a delinquency report listing all Owners who are delinquent in paying any assessments at the time of the report and describing the status of any action to collect such assessments which remain delinquent (Any assessment or installment thereof shall be considered to be delinquent on the fifteenth day following the due date unless otherwise specified by resolution of the Board of Directors); and
- (g) an annual report consisting of at least the following shall be made available to all Members within 120 days after the close of the fiscal year: (1) a balance sheet; (2) an operating (income) statement; and (3) a statement of changes in financial position for the fiscal year. The annual report referred to above shall be prepared on an audited or reviewed basis, as determined by the Board, by an

independent public accountant; provided, upon written request of any holder, guarantor or insurer of any first Mortgage on a Unit, the Association shall provide an audited financial statement.

- 3.20. <u>Borrowing</u>. The Association, acting through the Board of Directors, shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of maintenance, repair or restoration of the Area of Common Responsibility without the approval of the Members of the Association. The Board shall also have the power to borrow money for other purposes; provided, the Board shall obtain Member approval in the same manner provided in Section 10.6, of the Declaration for special assessments in the event that the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of modifying, improving, or adding amenities and the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed five (5%) percent of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Declaration, these By-Laws, or the Articles of Incorporation, during the Class "B" Control Period, no Mortgage lien shall be placed on any portion of the Common Area without the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the Class "A" Members other than the Declarant and the Declarant's nominees.
- 3.21. Rights of the Association. With respect to the Area of Common Responsibility, and in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and the Declaration, the Association shall have the right to contract with any person for the performance of various duties and functions. Without limiting the foregoing, this right shall entitle the Association to enter into common management, operational, or other agreements with trusts, condominiums, cooperatives, or Neighborhood and other owners or residents associations, both within and without the Properties. Such agreements shall require the consent of a majority of the total number of directors of the Association.

The Association shall not be bound, either directly or indirectly, by any contract, lease, or other agreement (including any management contract) executed during the Class "B" Control Period unless such contract, lease or other agreement contains a right of termination exercisable by either party without penalty at anytime, with or without cause, upon not more than 90 days notice to the other party.

- 3.22. <u>Enforcement</u>. The Board shall have the power to impose reasonable fines, which shall constitute a lien upon the property of the violating Owner, and to suspend an Owner's right to vote or any person's right to use the Common Area for violation of any duty imposed under the Declaration, these By-Laws, or any rules and regulations duly adopted hereunder; provided, however, nothing herein shall authorize the Association or the Board of Directors to limit ingress and egress to or from a Unit. In the event that any occupant, guest or invitee of a Unit violates the Declaration, By-Laws, or a rule or regulation and a fine is imposed, the fine shall first be assessed against the occupant; provided, however, if the fine is not paid by the occupant within the time period set by the Board, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Association. The failure of the Board to enforce any provision of the Declaration, By-Laws, or any rule or regulation shall not be deemed a waiver of the right of the Board to do so thereafter.
- (a) <u>Notice</u>. Prior to imposition of any sanction hereunder, the Board or its delegate shall serve the alleged violator with written notice describing (i) the nature of the alleged violation, (ii) the proposed sanction to be imposed, (iii) a period of not less than 10 days within which the alleged violator may present a written request to the Covenants Committee, if any, or Board of Directors for a hearing; and (iv) a statement that the proposed sanction shall be imposed as contained in the notice unless a challenge is begun within 10 days of the notice. If a timely challenge is not made, the sanction stated in the notice shall be imposed.
- (b) <u>Hearing</u>. If a hearing is requested within the allotted 10 day period, the hearing shall be held in executive session affording the alleged violator a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of proper notice shall be placed in the minutes of the meeting. Such proof shall be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice, together with a statement of the date and manner of delivery, is entered by the officer, director, or agent who delivered such notice. The notice requirement shall be deemed satisfied if the alleged violator appears at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing and the sanction, if any, imposed. The Board of Directors or the Covenants Committee may, but shall not be obligated to, suspend any proposed sanction if the violation is remedied within the 10 day period. Such suspension shall not constitute a waiver of the right to sanction future violations of the same or other provisions and rules by any Person.

- (c) Appeal. Following a hearing before the Covenants Committee, the violator shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors. To perfect this right, a written notice of appeal must be received by the manager, President, or Secretary of the Association within 30 days after the hearing date.
- (d) <u>Additional Enforcement Rights.</u> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the Association, acting through the Board of Directors, may elect to enforce any provision of the Declaration, these By-Laws, or the rules and regulations of the Association by self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking rules and regulations) or by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both without the necessity of compliance with the procedure set forth above. In any such action, to the maximum extent permissible, the Owner or occupant responsible for the violation of which abatement is sought shall pay all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred.

## Article IV Officers

- 4.1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected from among the members of the Board. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority and perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.
- 4.2. <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members, as set forth in Article III.
- 4.3. <u>Removal and Vacancies</u>. Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association will be served thereby. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.
- 4.4. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The officers of the Association shall each have such powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices, as well as such powers and duties as may from time to time specifically be conferred or imposed by the Board of Directors. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the preparation of the budget as provided for in the Declaration and may delegate all or part of the preparation and notification duties to a finance committee, management agent, or both.

- 4.5. <u>Resignation</u>. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the 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.
- 4.6. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks, Etc. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least two officers or by such other person or persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.
- 4.7. <u>Compensation</u>. Compensation of officers shall be subject to the same limitations as compensation of directors under Section 3.13 hereof.

### Article V Committees

- 5.1. <u>General</u>. Committees are hereby authorized to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Each committee shall operate in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.
- 5.2. <u>Covenants Committee</u>. In addition to any other committees which may be established by the Board pursuant to Section 1 of this Article, the Board of Directors may appoint a Covenants Committee consisting of at least five and no more than seven members. Acting in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws, and resolutions the Board may adopt, the Covenants Committee, if established, shall be the hearing tribunal of the Association and shall conduct all hearings held pursuant to Section 3.22 of these By-Laws.
- 5.3. <u>Neighborhood Committees</u>. In addition to any other committees appointed as provided above, each Neighborhood which has no formal organizational structure or association may elect a Neighborhood Committee to determine the nature and extent of services, if any, to be provided to the Neighborhood by the Association in addition to those provided to all Members of the Association in accordance with the Declaration. A Neighborhood Committee may advise the Board on any other issue, but shall not have the authority to bind the Board of Directors. Such Neighborhood Committees, if elected, shall consist of three to five Members, as determined by the vote of at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the Owners of Units within the Neighborhood.

Neighborhood Committee members shall be elected for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. Any director elected to the Board of Directors from a Neighborhood shall be an <a href="mailto:ex-officio">ex-officio</a> member of the Committee. The committee members shall select one Member from such Neighborhood to be the chairperson of the Neighborhood Committee and preside at its meetings and such Member shall be responsible for transmitting any and all communications to the Board of Directors.

In the conduct of its duties and responsibilities, each Neighborhood Committee shall abide by the notice and quorum requirements applicable to the Board of Directors under Sections 3.9, 3.10, 3.11 and 3.12, and the procedural requirements set forth in Sections 3.14, 3.15, and 3.16.

### Article VI Miscellaneous

- 6.1. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be set by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of a resolution, the fiscal year shall be the calendar year.
- 6.2. <u>Parliamentary Rules</u>. Except as may be modified by Board resolution, <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> (current edition) shall govern the conduct of Association proceedings when not in conflict with Indiana law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-Laws.
- 6.3. <u>Conflicts</u>. If there are conflicts between the provisions of Indiana law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, and these By-Laws, the provisions of Indiana law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws (in that order) shall prevail.

## 6.4. Books and Records.

- (a) <u>Inspection by Members and Mortgagees</u>. The Declaration, By-Laws, and Articles of Incorporation, any amendments to the foregoing, the rules and regulations of the Association, the membership register, books of account, and the minutes of meetings of the Members, the Board, and committees shall be made available for inspection and copying by any holder, insurer or guarantor of a first Mortgage on a Unit, Member of the Association, or by the duly appointed representative of any of the foregoing at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her interest in the Unit at the office of the Association or at such other place within the Properties as the Board shall prescribe.
  - (b) Rules for Inspection. The Board shall establish reasonable rules with respect to:
    - (i) notice to be given to the custodian of the records;
    - (ii) hours and days of the week when such an inspection may be made; and
    - (iii) payment of the cost of reproducing copies of documents requested.
- (c) <u>Inspection by Directors</u>. Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a director includes the right to make extracts and a copy of relevant documents for a reasonable purpose at the expense of the Association.
- 6.5. <u>Notices</u>. Unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under these By-Laws shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or if sent by United States mail, first class postage prepaid:
- (a) if to a Member, at the address which the Member has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary or, if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Unit of such Member; or
- (b) if to the Association, the Board of Directors, or the managing agent, at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, if any, or at such other address as shall be designated by notice in writing to the Members pursuant to this Section.

#### 6.6. Amendment.

- (a) By Declarant. The Declarant may unilaterally amend these By-Laws at any time and from time to time if such amendment is (a) necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statutes, rule or regulation, or judicial determination; (b) necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on the Units; (c) required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase mortgage loans on the Units; or (d) necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to guarantee or insure mortgage loans on the Units; provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Unit unless the Owner shall consent thereto in writing. So long as it still owns property described in Exhibits "A" or "B" of the Declaration for development as part of the Properties, the Declarant may unilaterally amend these By-Laws for any other purpose, provided the amendment has no material adverse effect upon any right of any Owner.
- (b) By Owners. Except as provided above and otherwise specifically provided herein, these By-Laws may be amended only by the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Members representing at least sixty-seven (67%) percent of the Class "A" votes in the Association and the consent of the Declarant, so long as the Declarant has a right to annex additional property to the Declaration. In addition, the approval requirements set forth in Article XIV of the Declaration shall be met, if applicable. Notwithstanding the above, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause. Any amendment to be effective must be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Porter County, Indiana.

If an Owner consents to any amendment to the Declaration or these By-Laws, it will be conclusively presumed that such Owner has the authority so to consent and no contrary provision in any Mortgage or contract between the Owner and a third party will affect the validity of such amendment.

No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of Declarant without the written consent of Declarant or the assignee of such right or privilege.

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#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

That I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of Sand Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., a Indiana corporation;

That the foregoing By-Laws constitute the amended By-Laws of said Association, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof held on the  $2^{qE}$  day of November, 2000.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this \_295 day of \_NOVEMBER\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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