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OF

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ARTICLE I. GENERAL

1.1. <u>Applicability</u>. These Bylaws provide for the self-government of Arbor Chase Community Association, Inc., in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State and the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Easements for Arbor Chase (hereafter referred to as the "Declaration"), recorded in the Forsyth County, Georgia land records.

1.2. <u>Name</u>. The name of the corporation is Arbor Chase Community Association, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the "Association").

1.3. <u>Definitions</u>. The terms used herein shall have their generally accepted meanings or the meanings specified in Article I of the Declaration.

1.4. <u>Membership</u>. Every Owner shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. This is not intended to include Persons who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and the giving of a security interest shall not terminate the Owner's membership. No Owner, whether one or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Lot owned. In the event of multiple Owners of a Lot, votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided in the Declaration and in these Bylaws. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote and to hold office, may be exercised by a member or the member's spouse, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast or more than one (1) office held for each Lot owned.

1.5. <u>Voting</u>. Members shall be entitled to one (1) equal vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) Person holds an ownership interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Owners determine among themselves. In the absence of such advice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended if more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it. A member's right to vote shall automatically be suspended during any period in which a member is more than thirty (30) days delinquent on any assessment or charge, and the member shall be ineligible to vote on any matter until the member's account balance has been paid in full.

1.6. <u>Entity Members</u>. In the event an Owner is a corporation, partnership, trust, or other legal entity not being a natural person or persons, then any natural person

who is an officer, director, or other designated agent of such corporation, partner of such partnership, beneficiary, or other designated agent of such trust, or manager of such other legal entity shall be eligible to represent such entity in the affairs of the Association. Such person's relationship with the Association shall terminate automatically upon the termination of such person's relationship with the entity which is the Owner of the Lot. The membership rights of an Owner which is a corporation, partnership, or other legal entity shall be exercised by the individual designated from time to time by the Owner in a written instrument provided to the Secretary of the Association.

1.7. <u>Purpose</u>. The Association shall have the responsibility of administering Arbor Chase Community, establishing the means and methods of collecting the assessments in accordance with the Declaration, and performing all of the other acts that may be required to be performed by the Association pursuant to the Declaration and Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. Except as to those matters which the Declaration or the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code specifically require to be performed by the vote of the Association membership, the administration of the foregoing responsibilities shall be performed by the Board of Directors.

1.8. <u>Electronic Communications</u>.

(a) <u>Records and Signatures</u>. Whenever the Declaration or these Bylaws require that a document, record or instrument be written or in writing, the requirement is deemed satisfied by an electronic record pursuant to the Georgia Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. Whenever the Declaration or these Bylaws require a signature on a document, record or instrument, an electronic signature, in accordance with the Georgia Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, satisfies that requirement.

(b) <u>Verification and Liability for Falsification</u>. The Board of Directors may require reasonable verification of any electronic signature, document, record, or instrument. Absent or pending verification, the Board of Directors may refuse to accept any electronic signature or electronic record that, in the Board's sole discretion, is not authentic. Neither the Board of Directors nor the Association shall be liable to any Owner or any other Person for accepting or acting in reliance upon an electronic signature or electronic record that the Board of Directors reasonably believes to be authentic, or rejecting any such item which the Board of Directors reasonably believes not to be authentic. Any Owner or Person who negligently, recklessly or intentionally submits any falsified electronic record or unauthorized electronic signature shall fully indemnify the Association for actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred and expenses incurred as a result of such acts.

ARTICLE II. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

2.1. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The annual meeting of the members shall be held each year with the date, hour, and place to be set by the Board.

2.2. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the members may be called for any purpose at any time by the President or by request of any two (2) or more directors, or upon written petition of at least twenty-five (25%) percent of the total eligible vote of the Association membership. Any such written petition by the members must be submitted to the Association's Secretary. The Secretary shall then verify that the required number of members have joined in the petition and shall submit the petition to the Association's President. The President shall then promptly call a special meeting for the purpose stated in the petition, and the Secretary shall send notice of the meeting in accordance with these Bylaws. Members petitioning for a special meeting may request the date, time and location of the meeting, but such request shall not be binding upon the Association.

2.3. <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. The Secretary shall mail or deliver to each member of the Association a notice of each Association meeting at least twenty-one (21) days prior to each annual meeting and at least ten (10) days prior to each special meeting. All notices shall state the date, time, and location of the annual or special meeting. If any member wishes notice to be given to an address other than the Owner's Lot address, the member shall designate such other address by written notice to the Secretary. The mailing or delivering of a meeting notice as provided in this Section shall constitute proper service of notice.

2.4. <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 Association meeting, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a member, whether in person or represented by proxy, shall be deemed waiver by such member of notice of the date, time and location thereof unless such member specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting shall also be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted at such meeting unless objection to lack of notice is raised before the business, of which proper notice was not given, is put to a vote.

2.5. <u>Quorum</u>. The presence, in person or by proxy, of members entitled to cast fifteen percent (15%) of the total eligible vote of the Association shall constitute a quorum. Once a quorum is established for a meeting, it shall conclusively be presumed to exist until the meeting is closed and shall not need to be reestablished. Members whose voting rights have been suspended pursuant to the Declaration or these Bylaws shall not be counted as eligible votes toward the quorum requirement.

2.6. <u>Adjournment</u>. Any meeting of the Association members may be adjourned from time to time for periods not exceeding ten (10) days by vote of the members holding the majority of the votes represented at such meeting, regardless of whether a quorum is present. Any business which could have been transacted properly at the original session of the meeting with a quorum present may be transacted at a reconvened session with a quorum present, and no additional notice of such reconvened session shall be required.

Proxy. Any Association member entitled to vote may do so by written 2.7. proxy duly executed by the member setting forth the meeting at which the proxy is valid. The term "proxy" shall mean the written document in which the member authorizes any other person to attend a membership meeting on behalf of the member and vote the member's vote at the meeting. The written proxy document shall not be required to be in any particular form; but to be valid, the proxy must be signed, dated, and filed with the Secretary prior to the opening of the meeting for which it is to be used. The member giving the proxy shall be the "proxy giver" and the person holding the proxy and authorized to attend on behalf of the proxy giver and vote for the proxy giver shall be the "proxy holder." Proxies may be delivered by either the proxy giver or the proxy holder by personal delivery, U.S. Mail, facsimile transmission, email, or other electronic means to any Board member or the property manager, if any. Proxies may be revoked only by written notice of the proxy giver delivered to the Secretary, except that the presence in person by the proxy giver at a meeting for which the proxy is given shall automatically invalidate the proxy for that meeting. A proxy holder may not appoint a substitute proxy holder unless expressly authorized to do so in the proxy. Proxies shall be counted towards establishment of a quorum.

2.8. <u>Action Taken Without a Meeting</u>. In the Board's discretion, any action that may be taken by the Association members at any annual, regular, or special meeting may be taken without a meeting if the Board delivers a written consent form or written ballot to every member entitled to vote on the matter.

(a) <u>Ballot</u>. A written ballot shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. Approval by written ballot shall be valid only when (1) the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action, and (2) the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot.

All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall: (1) indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; (2) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; and (3) specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Board in order to be counted. A written ballot may not be revoked. The Association shall maintain such ballot in its file for at least three (3) years.

(b) <u>Written Consent</u>. Approval by written consent shall be valid only when the number of written consents received equals or exceeds the requisite majority of the voting power for such action. Executed written consents shall be included in the minutes or filed with the Association's records. If an action of the members is approved by written consent hereunder, the Board shall issue written notice of such approval to all members who did not sign written consents. Membership approval shall be effective ten (10) days after written notice is issued; provided, however, if the consent is to an amendment to the Declaration or Bylaws which must be recorded, the effective date shall be no earlier than the date of recording of such amendment.

2.9. <u>Order of Business</u>. At all meetings of the Association, <u>Roberts Rules of</u> <u>Order</u> (latest edition) shall govern when not in conflict with the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation, unless the members present at a particular meeting vote to suspend Robert's Rules at that meeting.

ARTICLE III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1. <u>Composition</u>.

The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of three (3) persons; provided, however, during the period of time that Declarant has the right to appoint and remove the directors and officers of the Association pursuant to Section 3.2 of this Article, the Board of Directors shall be composed of one (1) to three (3) persons as determined by the Declarant. Except for directors appointed by the Declarant hereunder, the directors shall be Owners of Lots or the spouse of an Owner; provided, however no Owner and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time, and no co-owners may serve on the Board at the same time.

3.2. Election and Term.

The Declarant shall have the right to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association until the earlier of the following to occur: (a) the date on which one hundred percent (100%) of the Lots shown on the final recorded plat or plats for the Community have been issued a certificate of occupancy and have been conveyed to any Person not constituting Declarant or a Builder for residential use; or (b) the voluntary surrender by Declarant, in writing, of the authority to appoint and remove the Association's directors and officers. In the event the Declarant voluntarily surrenders the authority to appoint and remove the Association's directors and officers, the Declarant shall thereafter retain the right to veto any action of the Board of Directors until the date on which one hundred percent (100%) of the Lots shown on the final recorded plat or plats for the Community have been issued a certificate of occupancy and have been conveyed to any Person not constituting Declarant or a Builder for residential use.

Upon the termination of the Declarant's right to appoint and remove directors, all Association members eligible to vote shall be entitled to cast their entire vote for each directorship to be filled. Those natural persons receiving the most votes shall be elected to the number of positions on the Board to be filled. The directorships for which elections are held shall be filled by that number of candidates receiving the most votes. There shall be no cumulative voting. Voting for election of Board members shall be by secret written ballot (unless dispensed by unanimous consent at the meeting at which such voting is conducted). All directors shall be elected for one (1) year terms and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The newly elected Board shall meet within ten (10) days following the meeting at which the election occurred for the purpose of appointing officers and any other business that comes before the Board.

3.3. <u>Nomination</u>. Nomination for election to the Board shall be made from the floor at the meeting. Nominations also may be made by a nominating committee, if appointed by the Board. The Board may also establish additional procedures for the nomination of directors.

3.4. <u>Removal of Directors</u>. At any valid regular or special Association meeting, any one or more directors, except those directors appointed by the Declarant, may be removed with or without cause by a majority of the total eligible vote of the Association members and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy created. In addition, any director who has had three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from regularly scheduled Board meetings or is more than sixty (60) days past due in the payment of any assessment or charge may be removed by the vote of a majority of the other directors. Any director whose removal has been proposed shall be given at least ten (10) days notice of the calling of the meeting to consider his or her removal and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting.

3.5. <u>Vacancies</u>. Vacancies on the Board caused by any reason, except the removal of a director by vote of the membership as provided in Section 3.4 of this Article, shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining directors, even though less than a quorum, at any Board meeting. The successor selected shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the director being replaced.

3.6. <u>Compensation</u>. Directors shall not be compensated for services. However, directors may be reimbursed for the expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as directors upon Board approval of such expenses. Directors also may be given nominal gifts or tokens of appreciation by the Association for recognition of services performed not to exceed a value of \$100.00 per calendar year. For purposes hereof, reasonable food and beverages purchased for Board meetings shall not be considered compensation.

3.7. <u>Director Conflicts of Interest</u>. Nothing herein shall prohibit a director from entering into a contract and being compensated for services or supplies furnished to the Association in a capacity other than as director, provided the director's interest is disclosed to the Board and the contract is approved by a majority of the directors who are at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, excluding the director with whom the contract is made. The interested director shall not count for purposes of establishing a quorum of the Board. The interested director shall be entitled to be present at the meeting at which the proposed contract is discussed, but the director must leave the room during the discussion on such matter.

3.8. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. Regular Board meetings may be held at such time and place as determined by the Board, but at least once every three (3) months.

3.9. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special Board meetings may be called by the President on three (3) days notice to each director given by mail, in person, by telephone, by facsimile transmission, or by email, which notice shall state the time, date, location, and purpose of the meeting. Special Board meetings shall be called by the President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer in like manner and on like notice upon the written request of at least two (2) directors.

3.10. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Any director at any time, in writing, may waive notice of any Board meeting, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a director at any Board meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice by him or her of the time and place of such meeting. If all directors are present at any Board meeting, no notice shall be required and any business may be transacted at such meeting.

3.11. <u>Quorum and Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all Board meetings, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Board and a record of all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings. The presence of directors entitled to cast a majority of the votes of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. One or more directors who participate in a meeting by means of telephone or electronic communication shall be deemed present and in attendance for all purposes at such meeting, provided all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other.

3.12. <u>Open Meetings</u>. All Board meetings shall be open to all Association members, but members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly authorized by the Board. Notwithstanding the above, the Board may adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, delinquent assessments, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.

3.13. <u>Action Without a Meeting</u>. Any Board action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting may be taken without a meeting if a majority of the directors consent in writing to such action. The written consents must describe the action taken. The written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the Board. The written consent may be by email or other electronic means; a copy of the consents shall be printed and filed with the minutes of the Board.

3.14. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The Board shall manage the affairs of the Association and shall have all the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Community and may do all such acts and things as are not by the Act, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the members. In addition to the duties imposed by these Bylaws, the Board shall have the power to and shall be responsible for the following, in the way of explanation, but not limitation: (a) preparation and adoption of an annual budget, in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner to the common expenses;

(b) making assessments to defray the common expenses, establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments;

(c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all of the Common Property;

(d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and the maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Property, and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;

(e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a financial depository or institution which it shall approve, or otherwise investing the proceeds in accordance with any limitations set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 14-3-302, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;

(f) making and amending rules and regulations for the Lots and the Common Property and imposing sanctions for violation thereof, including reasonable monetary fines;

(g) opening of bank or other financial 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 Property after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, in accordance with the other provisions of the Declaration and these Bylaws;

(i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Bylaws, 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 costs of all services rendered to the Association or its members and not directly chargeable 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; and

(m) contracting with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions. The Board shall have the power to enter into management agreements. Any and all functions of the Association shall be fully transferable by the Board, in whole or in part, to any other entity.

3.15. <u>Management Agent</u>. The Association may, but shall not be required to, hire a professional management agent or agents, at a compensation established by the Board, to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize.

3.16. <u>Borrowing</u>. The Board shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of maintenance, repair, restoration or improvement to the Common Property or for any other purpose; provided, however, if the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of outstanding debt at any one time, such borrowing must first be approved by members of the Association holding a majority of the total Association vote; provided further, however, the Board shall be authorized to borrow money from the Declarant as provided in Article VI, Section 6.10 of the Declaration without the approval of the members of the Association.

3.17. Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors. The Association shall indemnify every officer and director against any and all expenses, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred by any officer or director in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which such officer or director may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director. The officers and directors shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct, or bad faith. The officers and directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association, and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or director, or former officer or director, may be entitled. The Association shall maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such coverage is reasonably available.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

4.1. <u>Designation</u>. The principal officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President, Vice President and Secretary must be directors. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Board, but need not be a director. The Board may appoint one or more Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Secretaries, and such other subordinate officers as in its judgment may be necessary. Any assistant or subordinate officers shall not be required to be directors. Except for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer and all offices appointed by Declarant, which may be held by the same person, no person may hold more than one (1) office.

4.2. <u>Appointment of Officers</u>. The Declarant shall have the right to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association until the earlier of the following to occur: (a) the date on which one hundred percent (100%) of the Lots shown on the final recorded plat or plats for the Community have been issued a certificate of occupancy and have been conveyed to any Person not constituting Declarant or a Builder for residential use; or (b) the voluntary surrender by Declarant, in writing, of the authority to appoint and remove the Association's directors and officers. Upon the termination of the Declarant's right to appoint and remove officers, the Association officers shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the members and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board and until a successor is elected.

4.3. <u>Removal of Officers</u>. During the period that the Declarant has the right to appoint and remove the officers of the Association, any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, and a successor may be appointed by the Declarant. After the termination of the Declarant's right to appoint and remove officers of the Association as provided herein, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members at any Board meeting at which a quorum is established, any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, and a successor may be elected.

4.4. <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

4.5. <u>President</u>. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all Association and Board meetings.

4.6. <u>Vice President</u>. The Vice President shall act in the President's absence and shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities provided for the President when so acting.

4.7. <u>Secretary</u>. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Association and Board meetings and shall have charge of the Association's books and records.

4.8. <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the Association's funds and securities and shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records and books of account showing all receipts and disbursements, for preparing all required financial statements and tax returns, and for the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name of the Association or the managing agent in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Board.

4.9. <u>Other Officers</u>. Other offices may be created by the Board, and the Board members which hold such offices shall have such titles and duties as are defined by the Board.

4.10. <u>Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Etc</u>. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, promissory notes, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least two (2) officers or by such other person or persons as may be designated by Board resolution.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

5.1. <u>General</u>. Subject to Section 5.2 of this Article, these Bylaws may be amended by an instrument or instruments signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of Owners. Notice of a meeting, if any, at which a proposed amendment will be considered shall state the fact of consideration and the subject matter of the proposed amendment. No amendment shall be effective until certified by the President and Secretary of the Association and filed in Forsyth County, Georgia land records.

5.2. <u>Approval by Declarant and Fowler Mill</u>. Until the date on which one hundred percent (100%) of the Lots shown on the final recorded plat or plats for the Community have been issued a certificate of occupancy and have been conveyed to any Person not constituting Declarant or a Builder for residential use, any amendment to these Bylaws must be approved in writing by the Declarant and Fowler Mill prior to becoming effective; and during such time, Declarant, with the written consent of Fowler Mill, shall have the unilateral right to amendment these Bylaws from time to time without the approval of the Association members.

5.3. <u>Georgia Property Owners' Association Act</u>. The majority of the Board of Directors, without the approval of the Association members, may record an amendment to submit the Declaration and these Bylaws to the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-220, et seq.; provided, however, such amendment must be approved by the Declarant, if the Declarant than owns any Lot subject to the Declaration.

5.4. <u>Limitation Period</u>. Any action to challenge the validity of these Bylaws or an amendment adopted under this Article must be brought within one (1) year of the recording of same in the Forsyth County, Georgia land records. No action to challenge these Bylaws or any such amendment may be brought after such time.

ARTICLE VI. MISCELLANEOUS

6.1. <u>Committees</u>. The Architectural Control Committee shall be a standing committee of the Association as provided in the Declaration. The Board may establish a nominating committee and any other committee as the Board deems desirable with the powers and duties that the Board shall authorize. Except as otherwise provided herein and in the Declaration, members of any committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. Any committee member may be removed with or without cause at any time and with or without a successor being named.

6.2. <u>Notices</u>.

(a) <u>Method of Giving Notice</u>. All notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications shall be in writing and shall be given:

- (1) Personal delivery to the addressee;
- (2) Via United States mail, first class, postage prepaid,
- (3) Via electronic mail;
- (4) Via facsimile; or
- (5) Via any other legal means.

(b) <u>Addressee</u>. Notice sent by one of the methods described herein shall be deemed to have been duly given:

(1) If to an Owner, at the address, electronic mail address or facsimile number which the Owner has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, or if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Owner's Lot;

(2) If to an Occupant, to the electronic mail address or facsimile number which the Occupant has designated in writing, or if no such address has been designated, at the address of the Lot occupied; or

(3) If to the Association, the Board or the managing agent, if any, at the postal address, facsimile, or electronic mail address of the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, if any, or at such other address as shall be designated in writing and filed with the Secretary.

6.3. <u>Severability</u>. The invalidity of any part of these Bylaws shall not impair or affect in any manner the validity, enforceability, or effect of the balance of these Bylaws or the Declaration.

6.4. <u>Captions</u>. The captions herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope of these Bylaws or the intent of any provision thereof.

6.5. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association may be set by Board resolution or, in the absence thereof, shall be the calendar year.

6.6. <u>Financial Review</u>. A financial review of the accounts of the Association shall be performed annually in the manner provided by the Board. However, after having received the Board's financial review at the annual meeting, the members may, by a majority of the Association members present at such meeting, in person or proxy, require that the Association accounts be audited as a common expense by an independent accountant.

6.7. <u>Conflicts</u>. The duties and powers of the Association shall be those set forth in the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, the Declaration, these Bylaws, and the Articles of Incorporation, together with those reasonably implied to affect the purposes of the Association. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between such, then the provisions of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code (as may be applicable), the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, in that order, shall prevail, and each Owner of a Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, covenants to vote in favor of such amendments as will remove such conflicts or inconsistencies.

6.8. Books and Records. To the extent provided for, and limited in, Section 14-3-1602 of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, as such Code Section may be amended from time to time, all Association members and any institutional holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled to inspect Association records at a reasonable time and location specified by the Association, upon written request at least five (5) business days before the date on which the member wishes to inspect and copy. The Association may impose a reasonable charge, covering the cost of labor and material, for copies of any documents provided to the member. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Board may limit or preclude member inspection of confidential or privileged documents, including attorney/client privileged communications, executive session meeting minutes, and financial records or accounts of other members. Minutes for any Board or Association meetings do not become effective as an official Association record until approved by the Board or Association membership, as applicable, at a subsequent All Board members may inspect and copy any book or record of the meeting. Association.

6.9. <u>Preparer</u>. These Bylaws were prepared by Brendan R. Hunter, Lueder, Larkin & Hunter, LLC, 5900 Windward Parkway, Suite 390, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005.

This 25 day of JUNE _____, 20<u>14</u>

ARBOR CHASE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Signature of President Print Name: <u>RICK KEWNEY</u>

Sworn to and subscribed before me



Signature of Secretary Print Name: Trug STRAM

Sworn to and subscribed before me this $\frac{25}{25}$ day of $\frac{400}{20/4}$. Witness: HIN CODD 6 0 Notary Public