

# BYLAWS OF THE SECOND GATE POST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation is THE SECOND GATE POST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as the “Association.” The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 3701 Pender Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the Commonwealth of Virginia as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

Section 1. “Association” shall mean and refer to THE SECOND GATE POST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. “Declaration” shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the Property recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Section 3. “Property” shall mean and refer to that certain real property described as Lots 1 through 59, both inclusive, and Parcels B and C, GATE POST ESTATES, SECTION THREE, and such additions thereto which from time to time may be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 4. “Common Area” shall mean any real property (including the improvements thereto) which may hereafter be acquired by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the members of the Association.

Section 5. “Lot” shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision plat of the Property upon which a dwelling unit could be constructed in accordance with applicable zoning ordinances, with the exception of the Common Area and streets dedicated to public use.

Section 6. “Member” shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds a membership in the Association.

Section 7. “Owner” shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more

persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 8. “Declarant” shall mean and refer to Richmond. American Homes of Virginia, Inc., its successors and assigns, if such successors or assigns should acquire from the Declarant (including by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure) two (2) or more undeveloped Lots for the purpose of development, and any person or entity that may dedicate, subdivide and submit to the Declaration all or a portion of the real property described in Deed Book 6579 at Page 16, and Deed Book 6238 at Page 1734 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Section 9. “Mortgagee” shall mean and refer to any person or entity secured by a first mortgage or first deed of trust on any Lot or the Common Area who has notified the Association of this fact.

Section 10. “Dwelling Unit” shall mean and refer to any portion of the Property intended for any type of independent ownership for use and occupancy as a residence by a single household and shall, unless otherwise specified, include within its meaning (in way of illustration but not limitation) patio or zero lot line homes, townhouses and single-family detached homes.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the Association, including contract sellers, shall be a member of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment by the Association. Ownership of such Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership. A Mortgagee in possession of a Lot shall be entitled to exercise the Owners s rights in the Association with regard thereto.

### ARTICLE IV VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

CLASS A: Class A members shall be all those members as defined in Article III with the exception of the Declarant. Class A members shall be entitled to one vote for

each lot in which they hold the interest required for membership by Article III. When more than one person holds such interest in any lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any lot.

CLASS B: The Class B member(s) shall be any Declarant as defined herein. A Class B member shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot in which it holds the interest required for, membership by Article III; provided that Class B membership shall cease and a Class A membership with one (1) vote for each Lot in which it holds an interest shall issue on the happening either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

1. When the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership; or

2. January 1, 1992.

Section 2. Upon annexation by the Declarant of additional properties and in the event that Class B membership shall have ceased as herein above provided, Class B membership shall be revived with respect to those Lots so annexed, provided that the Class B membership in these annexed lots shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

(1) When the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership in the annexed property equals the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership in such property, or

(2) January 1, 1992.

## ARTICLE V

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION; TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors who need not be members of the Association. Unless the Articles are amended, the minimum number of Directors shall be three (3). The initial number of Directors shall be three (3), which may be increased to as many as nine (9) by amendment of these By-Laws.

Section 2. Election. At the first annual meeting, the members shall elect one (1) Director for a term of one (1) year; one (1) Director for a term of two (2) years; and one (1) Director for a term of three (3) years; and as the terms of such Directors expire, new Directors shall be elected for terms of three (3) years.

Section 3. Removal. Any Directors may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation, or removal of a Director, his successors shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 4. Compensation. No Director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Association in his capacity as a Director. However, any Director may be reimbursed for his actual reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his duties as a Director.

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 proposed shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Directors.

Section 6. Indemnification. Each Director of the Association, in consideration of his services as such, shall be indemnified by the Association to the extent permitted by law against expenses and liabilities reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, to which he may be a party by reason of his past or present role in the Association unless such action was a result of gross neglect or willful misconduct.

## ARTICLE VI MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least once per calendar year at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President of the Association or by any two (2) Directors after not less than three (3) days' notice to each Director.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

## ARTICLE VII 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 sixty (60) to ninety (90) days prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve until the close of 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 not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among members or non-members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

## ARTICLE VIII POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power:

- (a) to 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) to suspend the voting rights and right to the 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) to exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association, not reserved to the membership, by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation or the Declaration;
- (d) to 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) to employ a manager, an independent contractor and 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:

(a) to 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) to supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association and to see that their duties are properly performed;

(c) as more fully provided herein and in the Declaration:

(i) to fix the amount of the annual assessments against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of the annual assessment period; and

(ii) to send written notices of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of the annual assessment period;

(d) to issue, or cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence that any assessment therein stated to have been paid has been paid;

(e) to procure and maintain adequate liability insurance which shall contain a severability of interest clause or endorsement and which shall preclude the insurer from denying the claim of any Owner because of negligent acts of the Association or other Owners' and to procure adequate hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;

(f) to cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded as it may deem appropriate; and

(g) to cause the Common Area to be maintained in accordance with the standards adopted by the Board.

ARTICLE IX  
COMMITTEES

The Association shall appoint an Architectural Review Board as provided in the Declaration and a Nominating Committee as provided in these By-Laws. In addition, the Board of Directors may appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purposes. It shall be the duty of each committee to receive complaints from members on any matter involving Association functions, duties and activities within its field of responsibility. It shall dispose of such complaints as it deems appropriate or refer them to such other committee, director or officer of the Association as is further concerned with the matter presented.

## ARTICLE X 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, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held within ten (10) to fourteen (14) months but at least once in each calendar year, at such day and time as shall be set by the Board of Directors. If the day for the annual meeting of the members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the president or 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 either class of members.

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 by delivering or 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. 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.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, twenty-five percent (25%) of all 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 By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have the 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 XI OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a president and vice president, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a secretary, and a treasurer and such other officers as the Board may elect from time to time.

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 for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Special Appointments. The Board may elect other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have authority, and perform such duties as the Board may from time to time determine.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by 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 in the manner prescribed for regular election. The officer elected 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 of any of the other office except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

Section 8. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

(a) President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of



Directors, shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out, and shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments;

(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 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 to all papers requiring said seal, serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the members, keep appropriate current records showing the members of the Association, together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board;

(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 XII BOOKS AND RECORDS

The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times during reasonable business hours be subject to inspection by any member. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

## ARTICLE XIII CORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: THE SECOND GATE POST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Virginia non-stock corporation.

## ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS


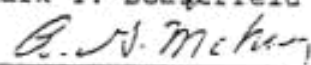
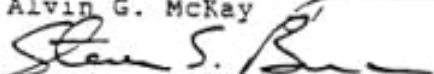
These By-Laws may be amended at a regular or special meeting of the members by a vote of the majority of a quorum of members present in person or by proxy, except that if the Lots have been approved for FHA or VA financing, the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration shall have the right to veto amendments so long as a Class B membership exists.

ARTICLE XV  
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation; provided that said dates fixing the fiscal year may be adjusted at the discretion of the Board.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, being all of the Directors of THE SECOND GATE POST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, have hereunto set our hands this 21st day of January, 1987.

  
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