

## WILLIAMSGATE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION.

The name of the Corporation is WILLIAMSGATE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 1021 University Drive East, Suite 102, College Station, Texas, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Texas, County of Brazos, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS.

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to WILLIAMSGATE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 3. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

Section 4. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Properties with the exception of the Common Area.

Section 5. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to WILLIAMSGATE, ROBBIE ROBINSON, LTD., its successors and assigns if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

Section 7. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the Properties recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Brazos County, Texas.

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

### ARTICLE III - MEETING OF MEMBERS.

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The annual meeting shall be held in January of each year, the date, time and place to be specified as required by Article III Section 3 of the By-laws. NOTE: Whereas at least fifteen (15) days notice is required for meetings of the Association, for increases in the monthly assessment above 10% and special assessments for capital improvements the

Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions requires not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days notice for such meetings.

**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 the membership.

**Section 3. Notice of Meetings.** Written notice of each meeting of the members shall be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least 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 or represented by proxy, entitled to cast one-tenth (1/10) of the votes, 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 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 IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION: TERM OF OFFICE.

**Section 1. Number.** The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of five (5) directors, who need not be members of the Association.

**Section 2. Term of Office.** At the first annual meeting the members shall elect one (1) director for a term of one (1) year, two (2) directors for a term of two (2) years and two (2) directors for a term of three (3) years; and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect directors for a term of three (3) years equal to the number of directors whose terms expire.

**Section 3. Removal.** Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor 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. However, any director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

**Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting.** The directors shall have the right to take any action related to routine and administrative matters using electronic or telephonic communication. Any action so approved shall be reported at the next regular meeting and be included in the minutes, and will have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

## ARTICLE V - 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 or more members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among members or non-members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret and signed written ballot, except for uncontested races. 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 VI - MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS.

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.

Section 2. 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.

Section 4. Open Meetings. All regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors are open to all members of the Association. Executive session meetings can only include actions involving personnel, pending or threatened litigation, contract negotiations, enforcement actions, confidential communications with the Association's attorney and confidential matters. Executive sessions must be summarized orally in regular meeting, and placed in the minutes in general terms, including any expenditures approved.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings of the Directors. Notice of all meetings to include date, hour, place and will be mailed 10 days in advance, postage paid, first class U.S. Mail, to the address of record, and/or posted by sign 72 hours before the meeting at the entrance of the subdivision or emailed to all property owners with a registered email address no later than 72 hours before the meeting.

## ARTICLE VII - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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

- (a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities, and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) suspend the right to use 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 60 days for infraction of published rules and regulations;
- (c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;
- (d) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors;
- (e) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties;
- (f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate.

Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

- (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the members at the annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by one-fourth (1/4) of the members who are entitled to vote;
- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
- (c) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;
- (d) issue, or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, within five (5) business days upon demand by any member, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;
- (e) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;
- (f) cause the Common Area to be maintained.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

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

Section 2 . Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the members.

Section 3. Term. The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

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

**Section 5. Resignation and Removal.** Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time giving written notice to the Board, the president or the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

**Section 6. Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

**Section 7. Multiple Offices.** The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

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

**PRESIDENT**

(a) The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

(b) The vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board.

**SECRETARY**

(c) The secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; 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.

**TREASURER**

(d) 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; may cause an audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be represented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the members.

**ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES.**

The Association shall appoint an Architectural Control Committee, as provided in the Declaration, and a Nominating Committee, as provided in these By-Laws. In addition, the Board of Directors shall appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

## ARTICLE X - 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, the By-Laws of the Association and Standards Identified by the Board shall be filed at the Brazos County Courthouse and also be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

## ARTICLE XI - ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Annual Assessments and Special Assessments. As more fully provided in the Declaration, each member is obligated to pay to the Association annual and special assessments which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the assessment is made.

**Section 2. Alternative Payment Plans.** The Board will consider agreements for partial payments for delinquent annual or special assessments over a period of not less than three (3) months and not more than eighteen (18) months. Failure to honor previous alternative payment plans agreed within a two-year period will void any obligation by the Board to enter into further plans.

**Section 3. Legal Action.** The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property, and interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

**ARTICLE XII - CORPORATE SEAL.**

The Association is not required to obtain or use a Corporate Seal.

### ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS.

**Section 1.** These By-Laws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of members present in person or by proxy.

**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.

#### ARTICLE XIV - MISCELLANEOUS.

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

## ARTICLE XV - INDEMNIFICATION

### Section 1. When Indemnification is Required, Permitted and Prohibited.

(a) The Corporation shall indemnify a director, officer, committee member, employee, or agent of the Corporation who was, is, or may be named defendant or respondent in any proceeding as a result of his or her actions or omission within the scope of his or her official capacity in the Corporation. For the purposes of this article, an agent includes one who is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, venturer, proprietor, trustee, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise. However, the Corporation shall indemnify a person only if he or she acted in good faith and reasonably believed that the conduct was in the Corporation's best interests. In a case of criminal proceeding, the person may be indemnified only if he or she had no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was *unlawful*. The Corporation shall not indemnify a person who is found liable to the Corporation or is found liable to another on the basis of improperly receiving a personal benefit. A person is conclusively considered to have been found liable in relation to any claim, issue, or matter if the person has been adjudged liable by a court of competent jurisdiction and all appeals have been exhausted.

(b) The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or on a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent does not necessarily preclude indemnification by the Corporation.

(c) The Corporation shall pay or reimburse expenses incurred by a director, officer, committee member, employee, or agent of the Corporation in connection with the person's appearance as a witness or other participation in a proceeding involving or affecting the Corporation when the person is not a named defendant or respondent in the proceeding.

(d) In addition to the situations otherwise described in this paragraph, the Corporation may indemnify a director, officer, committee member, employee, or agent of the Corporation to the extent permitted by law. However, the Corporation shall not indemnify any person in any situation in which indemnification is prohibited by the terms of paragraph 15 above.

(e) Before the final disposition of a proceeding, the Corporation may pay indemnification expenses permitted by the bylaws and authorized by the Corporation. However, the Corporation shall not pay indemnification expenses to a person before the final disposition of a proceeding if: the person is a named defendant or respondent in a proceeding brought by the Corporation; or the person is alleged to have improperly received a personal benefit or committed other willful or intentional misconduct.

(f) If the Corporation may indemnify a person under the bylaws, the person may be indemnified against judgments, penalties, including excise and similar taxes, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses (including attorney's fees) actually incurred in connection with the proceeding. However, if the proceeding was brought by or on behalf of the Corporation, the indemnification is limited to reasonable expenses actually incurred by the person in connection with the proceeding.

(g) To provide funds for such indemnification, the Board of Directors may obtain liability insurance for all the parties for whom indemnification is required on such terms, for such amounts of coverage, and at such rates as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion deems appropriate.

### Section 2. Procedures Relating to Indemnification Payments.

(a) Before the Corporation may pay any indemnification expenses (including attorney's fees), the Corporation shall specifically determine that indemnification is permissible, authorize

indemnification, and determine that expenses to be reimbursed are reasonable, except as provided in paragraph 15(c) below. The Corporation may make these determinations and decisions by any one of the following procedures:

(1) Majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who, at the time of the vote, are not named defendants or respondents in the proceeding.

(2) Determination by special legal counsel selected by the Board of Directors by vote as provided in paragraph 15(a)(1) or 15(a)(2), or if such a quorum cannot be obtained and such a committee cannot be established, by a majority vote of all directors.

(b) The Corporation shall authorize indemnification and determine that expenses to be reimbursed are reasonable in the same manner that it determines whether indemnification is permissible. If the determination that indemnification is permissible is made by special legal counsel, authorization of indemnification and determination of reasonableness of expenses shall be made in the manner specified by paragraph 15(a)(iii), above, governing the selection of special legal counsel. A provision contained in the articles of incorporation, the bylaws, or a resolution of members or the Board of Directors that requires the indemnification permitted by paragraph 15, above, constitutes sufficient authorization of indemnification even though the provision may not have been adopted or authorized in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible.

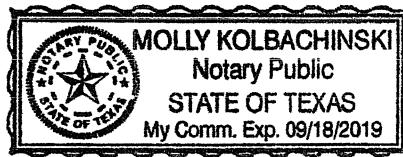
(c) The Corporation shall pay indemnification expenses before final disposition of a proceeding only after the corporation determines that the facts then known would not preclude indemnification and the corporation receives written affirmation and undertaking from the person to be indemnified. The determination that the facts then known to those making the determination would not preclude indemnification and authorization payment shall be made in the same manner as a determination that indemnification is permissible under paragraph 15(a) above. The person's written affirmation shall state that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification under the bylaws. The written undertaking shall provide for repayment of the amount paid or reimbursed by the Corporation if it is ultimately determined that the person has not met the requirements for indemnification. The undertaking shall be an unlimited general obligation of the person, but it need not be secured and it may be accepted without reference to financial ability to make repayment.

By: Reba G. Robinson

Print Name: Robbie Robinson

**Print Title: President**

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This instrument was acknowledged and signed before me on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of January, 2017 by Robbie Robinson, the President of Williamsgate  
Homeowners Association.

Molly Kellachus

**Notary Public – State of Texas**

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BRAZOS  
I hereby certify that this instrument was  
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Loren Malosson: Frances County Clerk  
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