

taken pursuant to this Section 10 may be effected by the Developer alone without the consent of any other person; provided, however, if any such amendment shall change the configuration or size of any Unit in any material fashion, materially alter or modify the appurtenances to the Unit, or change the proportion or percentage by which the Unit Owner shares the Common Expenses and owns the Common Surplus, the execution of the amendment to the Declaration effecting such change must be joined in by the record Owners of the Unit, all record owners of liens on the affected Unit, and at least a majority of the total voting interests in the Association. Without limiting the generality of Section 6.5 hereof, the provisions of this Section may not be added to, amended or deleted unless by, or with the prior written consent of, the Developer.

Section 11: Operation of the Condominium by the Association; Powers and Duties

11.1 Powers and Duties. The Association shall be the entity responsible for the operation of the Condominium. The powers and duties of the Association shall include those set forth in the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation as amended from time to time. In addition, the Association shall have all the powers and duties set forth in the Act, as well as all powers and duties granted to or imposed upon it by this Declaration, including, without limitation:

(a) The irrevocable right to have access to any portion of each Unit and its Limited Common Elements from time to time during reasonable hours as may be necessary for the maintenance, repair or replacement of such portions thereof as required by this Declaration or the Act, for performing extermination services, or at any time and by force, if necessary, for making emergency repairs therein necessary to prevent damage to the Common Elements or to any other Unit or Units.

(b) The power to make and collect Assessments and other related expenses authorized under the Act against Unit Owners, to lease, maintain, repair and replace the Common Elements, and to grant, modify or cancel easements pertaining to the Common Elements.

(c) The duty to maintain accounting records, according to good accounting practices, which shall be open to inspection by Unit Owners or their authorized representatives at reasonable times upon prior request.

(d) The power to enter into a Management Agreement (thereby employing a Management Firm, which may be an affiliate of the Developer) to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing such functions as the submission of proposals, collection of Assessments, preparation of records, enforcement of rules and regulations, and perform the maintenance, repair and replacement required of the Association with such funds as shall be made available by the Association for such purposes. The Association shall also have the power to join with other condominium associations and entities in contracting for the maintenance and repair of the Condominium Property(ies) and other type properties, and may contract for or may join with other condominium associations in contracting for the management of the Condominium Property(ies) and other type properties, as may be more specifically provided for by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association.

(e) The power to borrow money, execute promissory notes and other evidences of indebtedness and to give as security therefor mortgages and security interests in property owned by the Association, if any. Such actions must be approved by a majority of the entire Board of Directors and the Owners of all the Units or by such greater percentage of the Board or Unit Owners as may be specified in the By-Laws with respect to certain borrowing, and no such action shall be permitted while the Developer owns any Unit without the prior written consent of the Developer.

(f) The power to adopt and amend rules and regulations concerning the details of the operation and use of the Condominium Property.

(g) The power to acquire, lease, mortgage, and convey real and personal property and to grant, modify and cancel easements regarding such property, provided that such action may be done only upon the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. The requirements of Section 8 pertaining to the Unit Owners' approval of costs in excess of the threshold amount stated therein (including the proviso as to the debt incurred) shall also apply to this acquisition and dealing with

Association-owned property; provided, however, that the acquisition of a Unit as a result of a foreclosure of the lien for Assessments shall be exempt from these requirements.

(h) The power to acquire or enter into agreements acquiring leaseholds, memberships or other possessory or use interests in lands or facilities for recreational purposes as long as such arrangements are also approved by the Owners of a majority of the Units.

(i) The power to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the use of the guest suites.

(j) The power to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the use of the Resident Manager's living quarters in the Building.

(k) All of the powers which a corporation not-for-profit in the State of Florida may exercise pursuant to this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and the Act, in all cases except as expressly limited or restricted in the Act or the documents of the Condominium.

11.2 Conflict. In the event of conflict among the powers and duties of the Association or the terms and provisions of this Declaration or the exhibits attached hereto, this Declaration shall take precedence over the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and applicable rules and regulations; the Articles of Incorporation shall take precedence over the By-Laws and applicable rules and regulations; and the By-Laws shall take precedence over applicable rules and regulations, all as amended from time to time. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration or its exhibits to the contrary, the Association shall at all times be the entity having ultimate authority over the Condominium, consistent with the Act.

11.3 Limitation of Liability of Association. Notwithstanding the duty of the Association to maintain and repair parts of the Condominium Property, the Association shall not be liable to Unit Owners for injury or damage, other than for the cost of maintenance and repair, caused by any latent condition of the Condominium Property. Further, the Association shall not be liable for any such injury or damage caused by defects in design or workmanship or any other reason connected with any additions, alterations or improvements done by or on behalf of any Unit Owners, regardless of whether or not same shall have been approved by the Association pursuant to the provisions hereof.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED HEREIN OR IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BY-LAWS, ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT GOVERNING OR BINDING THE ASSOCIATION (COLLECTIVELY, THE "ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS"), THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR, OR IN ANY MANNER BE A GUARANTOR OR INSURER OF, THE HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT OR USER OF ANY PORTION OF THE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, GUESTS, INVITEES, AGENTS, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS OR FOR ANY PROPERTY OF ANY SUCH PERSONS. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING:

(a) **IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENT OF THE ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS THAT THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS THEREOF WHICH ARE ENFORCEABLE BY THE ASSOCIATION AND WHICH GOVERN OR REGULATE THE USES OF THE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, AND ARE TO BE INTERPRETED AND ENFORCED, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING AND MAINTAINING THE ENJOYMENT OF THE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY AND THE VALUE THEREOF;**

(b) **THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT EMPOWERED, AND HAS NOT BEEN CREATED, TO ACT AS AN ENTITY WHICH ENFORCES OR ENSURES THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, STATE OF FLORIDA, CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, LEE COUNTY AND/OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION OR THE PREVENTION OF TORTIOUS ACTIVITIES; AND**

(c) **ANY PROVISIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS SETTING FORTH THE USES OF ASSESSMENTS WHICH RELATE TO HEALTH, SAFETY AND/OR WELFARE SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND APPLIED ONLY AS LIMITATIONS ON THE USES OF ASSESSMENT FUNDS AND NOT AS CREATING A DUTY OF THE ASSOCIATION TO PROTECT OR FURTHER THE**

HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF ANY PERSON(S), EVEN IF ASSESSMENT FUNDS ARE CHOSEN TO BE USED FOR ANY SUCH REASON.

EACH UNIT OWNER (BY VIRTUE OF HIS ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO HIS UNIT) AND EACH OTHER PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR MAKING ANY USE OF, ANY PORTION OF THE CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY (BY VIRTUE OF ACCEPTING SUCH INTEREST OR LIEN OR MAKING SUCH USES) SHALL BE BOUND BY THIS PROVISION AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AUTOMATICALLY WAIVED ANY AND ALL RIGHTS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST THE ASSOCIATION ARISING FROM OR CONNECTED WITH ANY MATTER FOR WHICH THE LIABILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED IN THIS PROVISION.

AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ASSOCIATION" SHALL INCLUDE WITHIN ITS MEANING ALL OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING MANAGEMENT FIRMS), SUBCONTRACTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL ALSO INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE DEVELOPER AND ITS AFFILIATES, WHICH SHALL BE FULLY PROTECTED HEREBY.

11.4 Restraint Upon Assignment of Shares in Assets. The share of a Unit Owner in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to his Unit.

11.5 Approval or Disapproval of Matters. Whenever the decision of a Unit Owner is required upon any matter, whether or not the subject of an Association meeting, that decision shall be expressed by the same person who would cast the vote for that Unit if at an Association meeting, unless the joinder of all record Owners of the Unit is specifically required by this Declaration or by law.

11.6 Acts of the Association. Unless the approval or action of Unit Owners, and/or a certain specific percentage of the Board of Directors is specifically required in this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws, applicable rules and regulations or applicable law, all approvals or actions required or permitted to be given or taken by the Association shall be given or taken by the Board of Directors, without the consent of Unit Owners, and the Board may so approve and act through the proper officers of the Association without a specific resolution. When an approval or action of the Association is permitted to be given or taken hereunder or thereunder, such action or approval may be conditioned in any manner the Association deems appropriate or the Association may refuse to take or give such action or approval without the necessity of establishing the reasonableness of such conditions or refusal.

11.7 Amendment of By-Laws. No modification of or amendment to the By-Laws of said Association shall be valid unless set forth in or annexed to a duly recorded amendment to this Declaration. The By-Laws may be amended in the manner provided for therein, but no amendment of said By-Laws shall be adopted which would affect or impair the validity or priority of any mortgage covering any Condominium Parcel(s), or which would change the provisions of the By-Laws with respect to institutional mortgages without the written approval of all Institutional First Mortgagees of record. No amendment shall change the rights and privileges of the Developer and, if applicable, any Management Firm without their respective written consent. Any amendment to the By-Laws, as provided herein, shall be executed by the parties as required in this Section 11 and in Section 6 above, and said amendment shall be recorded in the public records of the County.

11.8 Binding Effect of Condominium Documents. Every Owner of a Condominium Parcel, whether he has acquired his ownership by gift, conveyance or transfer by operation of law, or otherwise, shall be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association, the provisions of this Declaration and any Management Agreement that is entered into subsequent to the recording of this Declaration. Membership in the Association shall automatically terminate upon the termination of ownership of a Condominium Parcel in this Condominium, and the subsequent Owner(s) taking title shall automatically become entitled to membership.

11.9 Eligibility of Directors. No person shall be entitled to serve on the Board of Directors if they have not met the eligibility requirements contained in the Act or as are provided in the By-Laws.