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# AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF BLACK ROCK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS

This AMENDED DECLARATION was duly adopted by the Black Rock Village Condominium Association Inc., on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

The Black Rock Village Condominium was established pursuant to Declaration recorded in Volume 108, Page 87 of the Thomaston Land Records.

There has been an Amendment to the Declaration as follows:

Amendment recorded 08/30/1989 in Volume 108, Page 301 Amendment recorded 09/14/1989 in Volume 108, Page 495 Amendment recorded 01/02/1990 in Volume 109, Page 616 Amendment recorded 08/30/1990 in Volume 113, Page 075 Amendment recorded 01/31/1991 in Volume 116, Page 342 Amendment recorded 02/22/1991 in Volume 117, Page 124 Amendment recorded 07/10/1991 in Volume 121, Page 205 Amendment recorded 02/07/1992 in Volume 128, Page 113 Amendment recorded 06/19/1992 in Volume 134, Page 042 Amendment recorded 08/03/1992 in Volume 135, Page 254 Amendment recorded 02/03/2000 in Volume 189, Page 473 Amendment recorded 01/26/2004 in Volume 228, Page 501

The Declaration and all amendments of Record are incorporated by reference into this Amended Declaration.

Black Rock Village Condominium shall be governed by the provisions of this Amended and Restated Declaration, Amended ByLaws and as said Documents may be further amended at future dates.

#### ARTICLE 1 Definitions

In the Documents, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

<u>Section 1.1 – Act</u>. The Common Interest Ownership Act, Chapter 828, of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

<u>Section 1.2 – Allocated Interests</u>. The undivided interest in the Common Elements, the Common Expense liability and the Votes in the Association, allocated to the Units in the Common Interest Community. The Allocated Interests are not changed by this Amended Declaration and Schedule A-2 is attached and a part of this Amended Declaration.

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- <u>Section 1.3 Assessment</u>. The sums attributable to a unit and due to the Association pursuant to C.G.S. Section 47-257 of the Act, as amended.
- <u>Section 1.4 Association</u>. Black Rock Village Condominium Association Inc., a nonstock corporation organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut. It is the Association of Unit Owners pursuant to the Act, as amended.
- <u>Section 1.5 ByLaws</u>. "ByLaws" means the Documents, however denominated, that contain the procedures for conduct of the affairs of the Association regardless of the form in which the Association is organized, including any amendments to the Documents.
- <u>Section 1.6 Common Elements</u>. All portions of the Common Interest Community other than the Units.
- <u>Section 1.7 Common Expenses</u>. Common Expenses shall mean and include (without limitation) the following:
  - (a) Expenses of administration, maintenance, repair or replacement of Common Elements;
  - (b) Expenses declared to be Common Expenses by the Documents or by the Act, as amended;
  - (c) Expenses declared to be Common Expenses by the Association; and
  - (d) Reasonable reserves, whether held in trust or by the Association, for repair, replacement or addition to the Common Elements or any other real or personal property acquired or held by the Association.
  - Section 1.8 Common Interest Community. Black Rock Village Condominiums.
- Section 1.9 Damaged or Destroyed. A portion of the Common Interest Community is Damaged or Destroyed (suffers Damage or Destruction) if it suffers physical damage of a type and caused by an occurrence of a type covered by the casualty insurance required by Section 47-255 of the Act, as amended, or by this Declaration, or for which insurance carried by the Association is in effect.
  - Section 1.10 Declaration. The Amended and Restated Declaration.
  - Section 1.11 Director. A member of the Executive Board.
- <u>Section 1.12 Documents</u>. The Declaration, Survey and Plans recorded and filed pursuant to the provisions of the Act, as amended, the ByLaws and the Rules as

they may be amended from time to time. Any exhibit, schedule or certificate accompanying a Document is part of that Document.

- Section 1.13 Eligible Insurer. An insurer or guarantor of a first Security Interest in a Unit which has notified the Association in writing of its name and address and that it has insured or guaranteed a first Security Interest in a Unit. Such notice shall be deemed to include a request that the Eligible Insurer be given the notices and other rights described in Article 18.
- <u>Section 1.14 Eligible Mortgagee</u>. The holder of a first Security Interest in a Unit which has notified the Association, in writing, of its name and address, and that it holds a first Security Interest in a Unit. Such notice shall be deemed to include a request that the Eligible Mortgagee be given the notices and other rights described in Article 18.
- <u>Section 1.15 Executive Board</u>. The body, regardless of name, designated in the Declaration and By-Laws to act on behalf of the Association. "Executive Board" is sometimes called "Board of Directors" or "Board".
- <u>Section 1.16 Floor Plans</u>. The floor plans filed with the initial Declaration, as amended.
- <u>Section 1.17 Improvements</u>. Any construction or facilities existing or to be constructed on the land included in the Common Interest Community, including but not limited to buildings, paving, utility wires, pipes and light poles.
- <u>Section 1.18 Limited Common Elements</u>. A portion of the Common Elements allocated by this Declaration or by the operation of the Act, as amended, for the exclusive use of one or more but fewer than all of the Units. The Limited Common Elements in this Common Interest Community are described in Article 5 of this Declaration.
- <u>Section 1.19 Majority of Unit Owners</u>. The owners of more than 50% of the Votes in the Association. Any specified percentage, portion or fraction of Unit Owners, unless otherwise stated in the Documents, means such percentage, portion or fraction in the aggregate of the Votes.
- <u>Section 1.20 Manager</u>. A person, firm or corporation employed or engaged to perform management services for the Common Interest Community and the Association.
- <u>Section 1.21 Notice and Comment</u>. The right of a Unit Owner to receive notice of an action proposed to be taken by the Association, and the right to comment thereon. These provisions are set forth in Section 24.1 of this Declaration.

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- <u>Section 1.22 Notice and Hearing</u>. The right of a Unit Owner to receive notice of an action proposed to be taken by the Association and their right to be heard thereon. These provisions are set forth in Section 24.2 of this Declaration.
- <u>Section 1.23 Person</u>. An individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, joint venture, government, governmental subdivision or agency or other legal or commercial entity.
- <u>Section 1.24 Plans</u>. The plans filed with the initial Declaration, as amended, in the Thomaston Land Records, incorporated herein by reference.
- <u>Section 1.25 Property</u>. The land, all improvements, and all easements, rights and appurtenances belonging thereto, which have been submitted to the provisions of the Act, as amended, by the initial Declaration and prior amendments.
- <u>Section 1.26 Record</u>. "Record", used as a noun, means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- <u>Section 1.27 Rule</u>. "Rule" means a policy, guideline, restriction, procedure or regulation of the Association, however denominated, which is adopted by the Association, which is not set forth in the Declaration or ByLaws and which governs the conduct of persons or the use or appearance of property.
- Section 1.28 Security Interest. An interest in real property or personal property, created by contract or conveyance, which secures payment for performance of an obligation. The term includes a lien created by a mortgage, deed of trust, trust deed, security deed, contract for deed, land sales contract, lease intended as security, assignment of lease or rents intended as security, pledge of an ownership interest in the Association, and any other consensual lien or title retention contract intended as security for an obligation.
- <u>Section 1.29 Survey</u>. The survey filed with the initial Declaration as Schedules and as filed with Amendments to the Declaration. The survey filed on the Thomaston Land Records is incorporated by reference herein.
- <u>Section 1.30 Trustee</u>. The person which may be designated by the Board of Directors as the Trustee for the receipt, administration, and disbursement of funds derived from insured losses, condemnation awards, special assessments for uninsured losses, and other like sources as defined in the ByLaws. If no Trustee has been designated, the Board of Directors acting by majority vote, as executed by the President and attested by the Secretary shall serve as the Trustee.
- <u>Section 1.31 Unit</u>. A physical portion of the Common Interest Community designated for separate ownership or occupancy, the boundaries of which are described in Section 4.3 of this Declaration. Units are designated on the Plans, the

Survey, or in Schedule A-2 as a "Residential Unit". A Unit is designed primarily for use as a private residence. The use of Units is limited and regulated by the provisions of Article 10 and other provisions of this Declaration.

<u>Section 1.32 – Unit Owner</u>. The person or persons owning a Unit in fee simple absolute and an undivided interest in fee simple of Common Areas in the percentage specified and established in this Declaration.

<u>Section 1.33 – Unit, Residential with Garage</u>. One of the sixty (60) separate Units with attached garage.

Section 1.34 - Votes. The votes allocated to each Unit.

### ARTICLE 2 Name and Type of Common Interest, Community and Association

<u>Section 2.1 – Common Interest Community</u>. The name of the Common Interest Community is Black Rock Village Condominiums. The Common Interest Community is a Condominium.

<u>Section 2.2 – Association</u>. The name of the Association is Black Rock Village Condominium Association Inc. It is a nonstock corporation organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut.

### ARTICLE 3 Description of Land

The Common Interest Community and all additional land is situated in the Town of Thomaston, Connecticut. A legal description of the Common Interest Community is attached to this Declaration as Schedule A-1.

### ARTICLE 4 Number of Units; Boundaries

Section 4.1 - Number of Units. The Common Interest Community contains sixty (60) Residential Units.

<u>Section 4.2 – Identification of Units</u>. All Units are identified by number and are shown on the survey or plans or both on file in the Thomaston Land Records and identified in Schedule A-2 attached hereto.

<u>Section 4.3 – Boundaries</u>. The boundaries of each Unit are the planes or surfaces located as shown on the Survey and Plans and are more particularly described in the balance of this Subsection. The outside-facing surfaces of elements or materials included within the Unit and the inside-facing surfaces of elements or materials excluded from the Unit define the boundaries of the Unit. An outside-facing

surface is one which faces away from the interior of the Unit and towards a Common Element, another Unit or the outside of the Common Interest Community. An inside-facing surface is one which faces away from a Common Element, another Unit or the outside of the Common Interest Community and towards the interior of the Unit. Where elements or materials are not contiguous, planes extended from the applicable surfaces of such elements or materials are the boundaries of the Unit.

#### (a) Upper Boundary

- (i) The ceilings are the upper boundary of each Unit.
- (ii) The outside-facing surfaces of the following elements and materials define the Unit boundary, and the following elements and materials are included within the Unit:
  - (A) Lath;
  - (B) Furring;
  - (C) Wallboard;
  - (D) Plasterboard;
  - (E) Plaster, joint compound, and joint tape;
  - (F) Paneling;
  - (G) Tiles;
  - (H) Wallpaper;
  - (I) Finish trim, paint, and any other materials constituting any part of the finished surfaces of the ceilings;
  - (J) Ceiling hatchway doors, and their jambs, frames, hardware, and trim;
  - (K) Ventilation grilles and trim; and
  - (L) Ceiling lights outlets, switches and fixtures, including enclosures and trim.
- (iii) The inside-facing surfaces of the following elements and materials define the Unit boundary, and the following elements and materials are excluded from the Unit:
  - (A) Covered Structural elements, including studs, rafters, beams, and hardware; and
  - (B) Visible Structural elements, beneath their finishes.

#### (b) Lower Boundary

- (i) The floors are the lower boundary of each Unit.
- (ii) The outside-facing surfaces of the following elements and materials define the Unit boundary, and the following elements and materials are included within the Unit:

- (A) Tiles;
- (B) Floorboards;
- (C) Resilient finished floor covering, including, linoleum, asbestos, vinyl, and rolled plastic flooring material;
- (D) Finished flooring, finish trim, and any other materials constituting any part of the finished surfaces of the floor;
- (E) Finish trim, paint, and any other materials constituting any part of the finished surfaces of the floors;
- (F) Ventilation grilles and trim;
- (G) Switches, lights, outlets and fixtures, including enclosures and trim:
- (H) Wall-to-wall installed carpet;
- (I) Plumbing fixtures, including faucets, sinks, bathtubs, shower enclosures, and toilets; and
- (J) Cabinets and enclosures.
- (iii) The inside-facing surfaces of the following elements and materials define the Unit boundary, and the following elements and materials are excluded from the Unit:
  - (A) Covered Structural elements, including rafters, joists, beams, and hardware;
  - (B) Visible Structural elements, beneath their finishes;
  - (C) Sub-flooring; and
  - (D) Poured concrete and Gypcrete floors.

#### (c) Vertical Boundary

- (i) The walls are the vertical boundaries of each Unit.
- (ii) The outside-facing surfaces of the following elements and materials define the Unit boundary, and the following elements and materials are included within the Unit:
  - (A) Lath;
  - (B) Furring;
  - (C) Wallboard;
  - (D) Plasterboard;
  - (E) Plaster, joint compound, and joint tape;
  - (F) Paneling:
  - (G) Tiles;
  - (H) Wallpaper;
  - (I) Finish trim, paint, and any other materials constituting any part of the finished surfaces of the walls, with the exception that interior, and non-bearing partition walls are a part of the Unit;
  - (J) Ventilation grilles and trim;

- (K) Wall lights, outlets, switches and fixtures, including enclosures and trim;
- (L) Plumbing fixtures, including faucets, sinks, bathtubs, shower enclosures, and toilets; and
- (M) Cabinets and enclosures.
- (iii) The inside-facing surfaces of the following elements and materials define the Unit boundary, and the following elements and materials are excluded from the Unit:
  - (A) The unfinished surfaces of windows, sills, frames, trim, and hardware;
  - (B) The unfinished surfaces of exterior doors, jambs, sills, frames, trim, and hardware;
  - (C) Visible Structural elements, beneath their finishes; and
  - (D) Covered Structural elements, including studs, rafters, beams, poured concrete or masonry, and hardware;
- (d) Additional Inclusions. Each Unit will include the following, the surfaces of which constitute the boundaries of the Unit, whether or not such spaces are contiquous:
  - (i) The spaces and Improvements lying within the boundaries described in Paragraphs 4.3(a),(b)&(c) above; including the attics and crawl spaces;
  - (ii) The spaces and the Improvements within such spaces containing electrical switches and outlets, circuit breakers, wiring, pipes, valves, ducts, conduits, smoke, fire, burglar and other alarm systems, sprinklers, meters, meter boxes and telecommunication systems serving such Unit exclusively, but located outside of the boundaries described in Paragraphs 4.3(a)(b)&(c) above.
  - (iii) Decorative elements affixed to and penetrating the walls, ceilings or floors; and
  - (iv) Any space heating, water heating, or air conditioning machinery or equipment, serving such Unit exclusively, together with any pipes, wires, ducts, serving such machinery or equipment.
- (e) <u>Additional Exclusions.</u> Except when specifically included by other provisions of Section 4.3, the following are excluded from each Unit and are part of the Common Elements:

- (i) The spaces and Improvements lying outside of the boundaries described in Paragraphs 4.3(a)(b)&(c) above; and
- (ii) All chutes, pipes, flues, ducts, wires, conduits, and other facilities running through or within any interior wall or partition of the Unit for the purpose of furnishing utility and similar services to one or more other Units or to Common Elements.
- Easements for Structures Serving Other Units or Common Elements and (f) Access. Units are subject to easements for Common Elements that are located inside the surfaces defining the ceiling, floor, and wall boundaries. such as common pipes, ducts, chases, and utility lines. The boundaries of these easements are the interior, unfinished surface of ceilings and enclosures of such elements, or the surfaces of such elements if not so enclosed, and the plane of the studs and framing, or if there is none, the surface of the wallboard away from the Unit of demising partition walls separating living area of such Unit from the enclosure for those elements. or the surface of the element if not enclosed. The Unit Owner and the Association have an easement for access for repair and maintenance over and through the adjoining Common Elements and Units, and an easement for pipes, ducts, utility ways and chases, access stairs, and fences passing through the other Units or Common Elements and serving the dominant Unit or Common Elements exclusively. Such physical structures, including party walls serving two Units or both a Unit and a Common Element, will be shared through a mutual nonexclusive easement of enjoyment for all purposes for which the Improvements and their replacements were intended. Reasonable access for repairs and Improvements to physical Improvements in Common Elements serving a Unit adjoining a Common Element or another Unit may be made by the Unit Owner of the dominant Unit or Limited Common Elements at reasonable times upon notice to any affected Unit Owner. Access for emergency repairs may be made through the Association at any time.
- (g) Monuments as Boundaries. Physical Improvements described as defining the boundaries will be monuments of title as described in Section 47-233 of the Act, regardless of the location of the boundary as shown on the Survey or Plans.
- (h) <u>Guide to Interpretation.</u> In applying or interpreting the Unit boundary definitions set out in this Section 4.3, the following principles should be used where the boundary definitions do not provide a clear answer:
  - (i) Elements and materials that are visible from the outside of a Unit are part of the Common Elements.

- (ii) Elements and materials that support the building in which a Unit is located or that keep that building weather-tight are part of the Common Elements.
- (iii) Elements and materials that are visible from the interior of the Unit and that may be subject to change or redecoration without fundamental change to the Structure of the building in which a Unit is located are part of the Unit.
- (iv) The hardware and supports necessary to operate any element, to permit it to move or function or to keep it in place are of the same character (Unit, Common Element, or Limited Common Element) as the element they serve.
- (i) <u>Inconsistency with Plans.</u> If the Plans are inconsistent with this definition, then this definition will control.
- (j) <u>Inconsistency with Survey and Plans:</u> If this definition is inconsistent with the Survey and Plans, then this definition shall control.
- (k) If construction, reconstruction repair, shifting, settlement, or other movement of any portion of the Improvements results either in the common areas encroaching on any Unit, or in a Unit encroaching in the common areas or another Unit, a valid easement shall be created for both the encroachment and its maintenance. The easement will extend for whatever period the encroachment exists.
- (I) Non-Contiguous Portions: Units may include special portions, pieces or equipment such as air conditioning compressors, meter boxes, utility connection structures and storage portions situated in buildings or structures that are detached or semidetached from the buildings containing the principal occupied portion of the Units. Such special equipment and storage portions are a part of the Unit notwithstanding their noncontiguity with the residential portions.

### ARTICLE 5 Limited Common Elements

<u>Section 5.1 – Limited Common Elements</u>. The following portions of the Common Elements are Limited Common Elements assigned to the Units as stated:

(a) If any chute, flue, duct, wire, conduit, bearing wall, bearing column or any other fixture lies partially within and partially outside the designated boundaries of a Unit, any portion thereof serving only that Unit is a Limited Common Element allocated solely to that Unit, and any portion thereof

- serving more than one Unit or any portion of the Common Elements is a part of the Common Elements.
- (b) Any shutters, awnings, window boxes, doorsteps, stoops, porches, decks, balconies, patios and all other fixtures designed to serve a single Unit, but located outside the Unit's boundaries, are Limited Common Elements allocated exclusively to that Unit.
- (c) Stoops and steps at the entrances to each building, which provide access to less than all Units, the use of which is limited to the Units to which they provide access.
- (d) Heating, ventilating and air conditioning components and all electrical switches, television, telephone electrical receptacles and light switches serving one unit exclusively are Limited Common Elements of the Unit which they serve.
- (e) Storm windows, exterior windows, storm doors, exterior doors and slider doors, if any, shall be Limited Common Elements of the Unit which they serve.
- (f) Attic space above each Unit, the use of which is limited to the Unit beneath it.
- (g) Mail boxes and exterior lighting affixed to the building shall be Limited Common Elements allocated to the Unit served. Each Unit Owner shall be responsible for his or her mail box key.
- (h) Stairways, the use of which is limited to certain Units as shown on the Plans.
- (i) Driveways and walks in front of Garages and/or Units, the use of which is limited to the Units to which they are assigned as shown on the Survey and Plans.
- (j) Garages and Carports, the use of which is limited to the Units to which they are assigned.
- (k) Designated parking spaces, the use of which is limited to the Units to which they are assigned as shown on the Survey and Plans or both.
- (I) Chimneys, the use of which are limited to the Unit in which their fireplace is located. In the event of a multiple flue Chimney, each flue shall be a Limited Common Element of its Unit containing its fireplace, while the Chimney will be a Limited Common Element for both Units.

As to each of the foregoing, a right of use is reserved as an appurtenance to the particular Unit or Units as described above. The fee ownership of the Limited Common Elements, however, is vested in all of the Unit Owners.

Section 5.2 – Easements to Limited Common Element. Each Unit Owner shall have a right to and an exclusive easement for the use of the Limited Common Element allocated to the Unit owned by such party. The Fee ownership of the Limited Common Elements, however, shall be vested in all of the Unit Owners.

<u>Section 5.3 – Compliance with Maintenance Standards</u>. Each Unit Owner shall be responsible to comply with all written maintenance standards of the Association in order to prevent damage to units, Limited Common Elements, or Common Elements. Written maintenance standards may be established and amended from time to time by the Executive Board.

### ARTICLE 6 Maintenance, Repair and Replacement

Section 6.1 – Common Elements. The Association shall maintain, repair and replace all of the Common Elements except the portions of the Limited Common Elements which are required by this Declaration to be maintained, repaired or replaced by the Unit Owners.

<u>Section 6.2 – Units</u>. Each Unit Owner shall maintain, repair and replace, at his or her own expense, all portions of his or her Unit, except the portion to be maintained, repaired or replaced by the Association. By Rule, the Association may adopt additional standards concerning maintenance repair and replacement of Units for the purpose of avoiding adverse effects on the condition, use, or enjoyment of other Units or the Common Elements.

<u>Section 6.3 – Limited Common Elements</u>. The Condominium Association shall be solely responsible, except as otherwise provided herein, for all costs and expenses associated with the care, maintenance and upkeep of Limited Common Elements allocated to the Unit owned by such Owner.

- (a) Each Unit Owner's responsibilities shall include all costs for the inspection, maintenance, repair and/or replacement, as the case may be, of:
  - (i) Exterior doors, storm doors, screen doors and slider doors, if any;
  - (ii) Exterior windows, storm windows and screen windows on any unit;
  - (iii) Garage door(s) and related mechanical system(s):
  - (iv) Heating, ventilating and air conditioning components and washer machine (clothes and dishes) hook-ups (hoses);
  - (v) All electrical switches, television, telephone electrical receptacles and light switches serving one unit exclusively.
  - (vi) Mail box key; and
  - (vii) Attic spaces, porches, patios, decks and balconies.

- (b) The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and/or replacement of:
  - (i) Front stoops.
- (c) In the event that a Limited Common Element is not maintained in conformance with the standards of the Common Interest Community, the Association, after notice and hearing, may repair, restore or maintain such Limited Common Element to the standards of the Common Interest Community. All expenses incurred by the Association shall be at the expense of the Unit Owner to which such Limited Common Element is allocated and shall be chargeable against the Unit as a Common Expense in accordance with this section.
- (d) If any such Limited Common Element is assigned to more than one Unit, the Common Expenses attributable to the Limited Common Element shall be assessed equally among the Units to which it is assigned.
- (e) The maintenance of grounds in the Common Elements as well as the clearing of snow and ice be performed by the Association and shall be a Common Expense which shall be allocated to the Units in accordance with each Unit's percentage of the Common Expense Liability. Notwithstanding, each Unit Owner shall be responsible for clearing snow and ice from his or her front and rear steps and walkways. The care of plantings, flowers and shrubs in the Common Elements shall be performed by the Association and shall be a Common Expense which shall be allocated to the Units in accordance with each Unit's percentage of the Common Expense Liability.
- (f) Each Unit Owner shall be responsible for removing all snow, leaves and debris from all porches, patios, rear steps, rear stoops, terraces, decks and balconies, if any, which are part of his or her Unit or a Limited Common Element allocated to his or her Unit.
- (g) The Association shall be responsible to clean dryer vents. The cost of same shall be assessed to the Unit Owners.

Section 6.4 – Access. Any person authorized by the Executive Board shall have the right of access to all portions of the Property for the purpose of correcting any condition threatening a Unit or the Common Elements, for the purpose of performing installations, alterations or repairs and for the purpose of reading, repairing or replacing utility meters and related pipes, valves, wires and equipment, provided that requests for entry to a Unit or Limited Common Element are made in advance and that any such entry is at a time reasonably convenient to the affected Unit Owner consistent with the availability of contractors and others employed or engaged by the Association. Such right of access may be exercised during winter months without Unit Owner notice if there is reason to believe a unit is not occupied in order to make certain heat is being

maintained in the unit. In case of an emergency, no such request or notice is required and such right of entry shall be immediate, whether or not the Unit Owner is present at the time. If a Unit Owner fails to permit routine access to a Unit as reasonably requested by the Association, the Association may seek a court order to allow access to the unit without the Unit Owner's consent. In such case, any cost and attorney's fee of obtaining such court order shall be assessed to the Unit Owner's account. If a Unit is damaged as a result of access obtained under this Section, the Association will be responsible for the prompt repair of the Unit, except as provided in Subsection 19.2(f) and Subsection 19.2(i) of the Amended Declaration.

Section 6.5 – Repairs Resulting From Willful Misconduct, Gross Negligence and/or Failure to Comply with a Written Maintenance Standard. The cost to repair damage to any Unit or Common Element caused by willful misconduct, gross negligence or the failure to comply with a written Maintenance Standard promulgated by the Association by any Unit Owner, tenant, guest or invitee of a Unit Owner or tenant shall be assessed in accordance with Article 19.2(i) of this Amended Declaration.

#### Section 6.6 - Failure to Maintain, Repair and Replace.

- (a) If a Unit Owner unreasonably fails to Maintain, Repair or Replace his or her Unit or any other portion of the Common Interest Community for which the Unit Owner is responsible after the Unit Owner knew or should have known that such Maintenance, Repair or Replacement was needed, and such failure causes damage to another Unit or to the Common Elements, the Unit Owner shall reimburse the owner of the damaged Unit, and/or the Association, as the case may be, for the cost of repairing the damage in excess of any insurance proceeds received by the Association under its insurance policy, whether the portion results from the application of a deductible or otherwise.
- (b) If the Association unreasonably fails to Maintain, Repair or Replace the Common Elements or any other portion of the Common Interest Community for which it is responsible after the Association knew or should have known that such Maintenance, Repair or Replacement was needed, and such failure causes damage to a Unit,
  - (i) If the damage is covered by the Association's insurance policy, the Association shall repair it in accordance with Article 22 of this Declaration; or
  - (ii) If the damage is not covered by the Association's insurance policy, the Association shall reimburse the Owner of the damaged Unit for the cost of repairing the damage.
- (c) If a Unit Owner fails to Maintain, Repair or Replace his or her Unit or any other portion of the Common Interest Community for which the Unit Owner is responsible and such failure creates a condition that threatens another Unit or

the Common Elements, the Association may take such actions as are necessary to correct such condition without prior notice or with only such prior notice as can reasonably be given consistent with the threat. If the Association does take such action, the Unit Owner shall reimburse the Association for the cost of correcting the condition.

(d) The Board or its designated Agent, shall have the sole discretion and authorization to enter any Unit during the months of November through April of each year for the purpose of determining whether the heat is on in the Unit and/or whether the Unit has been winterized. The Board of Directors shall have the sole discretion and authorization to turn heat on and/or winterize any Unit it determines is not heated and/or winterized. All costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be assessed back to the Unit Owner.

#### Section 6.7 - Inspection, Repair and Replacement of High Risk Components.

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article 6, the Executive Board may, from time to time, after Notice and Comment, determine that certain portions of the Units required to be maintained by the Unit Owners, or certain objects, fixtures or components within the Units, pose a particular risk of damage to other Units and to the Common Elements if they are not properly inspected, maintained, repaired or replaced. By way of example, but not of limitation, these portions, objects, fixtures or components might include smoke detectors, washer hoses, chimneys and water heaters. In this Section 6.7, those items determined by the Executive Board to pose such a particular risk are referred to as "High Risk Components."
- (b) At the same time that it designates a "High Risk Component" or at a later time, the Executive Board, after Notice and Comment, may require one or more of the following with regard to the High Risk Component:
  - (i) That it be inspected at specified intervals by the Association or an inspector or inspectors designated by the Association, or an inspector or inspectors having particular licenses, training or professional certification.
  - (ii) That it be replaced or repaired at specified intervals, or with reference to manufacturers' warranties, whether or not the individual component is deteriorated or defective.
  - (iii) That it be replaced or repaired with items or components meeting particular standards or specifications established by the Executive Board.

- (iv) That when it is repaired or replaced, the installation include additional components or installations specified by the Executive Board.
- (v) That it be repaired or replaced by contractors having particular licenses, training or professional certification or by contractors approved by the Association.
- (vi) If the replacement or repair is completed by a Unit Owner, that it be inspected by a person designated by the Association, or an inspector or inspectors having particular licenses, training or professional certification.
- (c) The imposition of requirements by the Executive Board under Subsection 6.7(b) shall not relieve a Unit Owner of his or her obligations under Section 6.2 of this Article, including, but not limited to, the obligation to perform and pay for repairs, maintenance, and replacement.
- (d) If any Unit Owner fails to repair, maintain or replace a High Risk Component, or have the High Risk Component inspected, in accordance with the requirements established by the Executive Board under this Section 6.7, the Association may, in addition to any other rights and powers granted to it under the Documents and the Act:
  - (i) Enter the Unit in accordance with Section 6.4, and inspect, repair, maintain or replace the High Risk Component, and charge the cost to the Unit Owner as a common expense attributable to the Unit under Section 19.2;
  - (ii) Fine the Unit Owner or the occupant of the Unit or both; and
  - (iii) Bring an action against the Unit Owner for specific performance of the Unit Owner's duties under this Section 6.7.

Section 6.8 – Conduct of Maintenance, Repair and Replacement by the Association. The Association, acting at the direction of the Executive Board, and not the Unit Owner of any affected Unit, shall have the exclusive authority to select, contract with, direct, retain and replace all contractors and vendors for all activities to Maintain, Repair and Replace portions of the Property for which funds of the Association are used or to be used.

### ARTICLE 7 Subsequently Allocated Limited Common Elements

Common Elements may be subsequently allocated as Limited Common Elements only in accordance with this Declaration.

### ARTICLE 8 Development Rights and Special Declarant Rights

There are no remaining Development Rights or Special Declarant Rights.

### ARTICLE 9 Membership and Allocated Interests

Section 9.1 – Allocation of Interests. Schedule A-2, describing Unit numbers and their Allocated Interests, is attached as an Exhibit to the initial Declaration, prior Amendments and this Amended Declaration. These interests have been allocated in accordance with the formulas set out in this Article 9. This Amended Declaration contains no change to the Allocation of Interests. The Allocation of Interests are shown on Schedule A-2 of this Amended Declaration.

<u>Section 9.2 – Formulas for the Allocation of Interests</u>. The interests allocated to each Unit have been calculated using the following formulas:

- (a) Votes. Each Unit in the Common Interest Community shall have one (1) vote.
- (b) <u>Common Expense Liability</u>. The percentage liability for Common Expenses allocated to each Unit is based on the relative floor area of each Unit as compared to the floor area of all of the Units in the Common Interest Community as set forth in Schedule A-2. Nothing contained in the Subsection shall prohibit certain common expenses from being apportioned to particular units under Article 19 of this Declaration.
- (c) <u>Undivided Interest in the Common Elements</u>. The percentage of the undivided interest in the Common Elements allocated to each Unit is based on the relative floor area of each Unit as compared to the floor area of all of the Units in the Common Interest Community as set forth in Schedule A-2.

<u>Section 9.3 – Membership</u>. Every Unit owner shall be a member of the Association.

### ARTICLE 10 Restrictions on Use, Alienation, Occupancy and Leasing

<u>Section 10.1 – Use and Occupancy Restrictions</u>. The following use restrictions apply to all Units and Common Elements:

(a) Each Unit is restricted to residential use as a single-family residence except, to the extent permitted by law, for home professional pursuits not requiring regular visits from the public or unreasonable levels of mail, shipping, trash or storage requirements. No sign indicating commercial uses may be displayed outside a Unit. A single-family residence is defined as a single housekeeping Unit, operating on a nonprofit, noncommercial basis, between its occupants, cooking and eating with a common kitchen and dining area, with no more overnight occupants than two per bedroom as designated on the plans on file with the building official of Thomaston. The use of all condominium facilities is restricted to residents of the condominium. This means that only Unit Owners that reside at the condominium and/or tenants that reside at the condominium may use the condominium facilities.

- (b) No noxious or offensive activities may be carried on in any Unit nor may anything be done therein either willfully or negligently which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the other Unit Owners or occupants. Each Unit Owner will be obligated to maintain his own Unit and keep it in good order and repair.
- (c) No immoral, improper or offensive or unlawful use shall be made of the Property or any part thereof, and all valid laws, zoning ordinances and regulations of all Governmental bodies having jurisdiction thereof shall be observed. Provisions of the laws, orders, rules, regulations or requirements of any Governmental agency having jurisdiction thereof relating to any portion of the Property shall be complied with, by and at the sole expense of the Unit Owners or the Association, whichever shall have the obligation to maintain or repair such portion of the Property.

Units are restricted to one (1) dog or one (1) cat but not both. Dogs shall be no larger than 20 inches tall when measured from the ground to the top of the shoulders. Dogs must be carried or on a leash when outside of a unit. the leash must be no longer than ten (10) feet in length, must be held by its handler, and under the control of the handler. Dogs may not be tied to anything.

(d) All dogs shall be registered with the Thomaston Town Clerk's office and proof of same shall be provide to the Association each June.

Any dog in violation of this pet restriction as of the date of recording must be registered with management within 60 days. Failure to register the dog shall result in the dog losing its grandfathered status. Said registration shall include the name, address and contact information for the owner and if applicable the tenant. Furthermore, the registration shall include the name of the dog, its breed, and proof of licensing with the Thomaston Town Clerk's office.

Dog waist must be removed from the grounds immediately.

(e) Garage areas shall not be used as living space. Garages are limited to use as outlined in Section 10.8 below.

(f) The use of Common Elements, Units and Limited Common Elements are subject to the Declaration, ByLaws and the Rules of the Association.

#### Section 10.2 - Restrictions on Alienation.

- (a) A Unit may not be conveyed pursuant to a time-sharing plan as defined under Chapter 734b of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- (b) Renting and Leasing. Subject to Article 10.6 below, a Unit may be leased; however, no Unit or part thereof, unless the same is owned by the Association, shall be rented or used for transient or hotel purposes, which is defined as: (i) rental for any period less than thirty (30) days; (ii) rental under which occupants are provided customary hotel services such as room service for food and beverages, maid service, the furnishing of laundry and linen, busboy service, and similar services; or (iii) rental to roomers or boarders, that is, rental to one or more persons of a portion of a Unit only. No lease may be of less than an entire Unit. All lease agreements shall be in writing, shall provide that the tenant shall be subject in all respects to the provisions hereof, and to the rules and regulations promulgated from time to time by the Board, and shall provide that the failure by the lessee to comply with the terms of the Condominium Organizational Documents and lawful rules and regulations shall be a default under the lease.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 10.2(b) above, all leases and rental agreements shall be in writing and subject to the requirements of the Documents and the Association and may not be for a term of less than one (1) year. A copy of each lease must be delivered to the Association.
- (d) The Board of Directors shall not have the authority to approve or reject any tenant.
- (e) AirBnB's and similar housing arrangements are strictly prohibited.

<u>Section 10.3 – Rules and Regulations</u>. Rules and Regulations concerning the use of the Units and the Common Areas may be made and amended from time to time by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the ByLaws.

<u>Section 10.4 – Abatement and Enjoinment of Violations by Unit Owners</u>. The violation of any Rule or Regulation adopted by the Board of Directors, or the breach of any obligation contained in the ByLaws, or the breach of any obligation contained in the Declaration, shall give the Board of Directors the right, in addition to any other rights set forth by the ByLaws to:

(a) Enter the Unit in which, or as to which, such violations or breach exists and to summarily abate and remove, at the expense of the defaulting Unit Owner,

- any structure, thing, or condition that exists therein contrary to the intent and meaning of the provisions thereof, and the Board of Directors shall not thereby be guilty in any manner of trespass; or
- (b) Enjoin, abate or remedy the continuance of any such breach by appropriate equitable proceedings including mandatory injunction, there being no appropriate legal remedy, at the cost of the Unit Owner, with reasonable attorney's fees and related costs of any such proceedings.
- (c) By resolution, following Notice and Hearing, the Board of Directors may levy a fine in an amount to be established by the Board of Directors for each day that a violation of the Documents or Rules has previously occurred and/or persists after such Notice and Hearing, but such amount shall not exceed the amount necessary to ensure compliance with the rule or order of the Board of Directors. Collection of charges for damages or fines may be enforced against the Unit Owner(s) in the same manner as common charges.

Section 10.5 – Notice of Unit Purchase and Copy of Executed Conveyance

Deed. Every new Owner shall return to Black Rock Village Condominium Association
Inc. c/o the property manager a copy of the fully executed conveyance deed and a
completed "New Unit Owner Information Form" within ten (10) days of the date of the
conveyance deed. The failure to provide the copy of the conveyance deed and the fully
completed "New Unit Owner Information Form" shall constitute a violation of the Black
Rock Village Condominium Association Inc. Rules and may subject the Unit Owner to a
fine for each day after the ten (10) day time period until the new Unit Owner fully
complies with the requirements of this section.

<u>Section 10.6 – Restriction on Leasing of Units</u>. The Association may establish rules to restrict the leasing of residential units to the extent those rules are reasonably designed to meet first mortgage underwriting requirements of institutional lenders who regularly purchase or insure first mortgages on units in Common Interest Communities; provided no such restrictions shall be enforceable unless notice thereof is recorded on the Thomaston Land Records. Such notice shall be indexed in the Grantor index of such land records in the name of the Association.

<u>Section 10.7 – Association Right to take Direct Action against Tenants</u>. The Association shall have the right to take direct action against tenants in accordance with the provisions of the ByLaws.

<u>Section 10.8 – Parking and Storage in Garages and Carports</u>. Garages and Carports are restricted to use as parking spaces for motor vehicles used by the occupants of the Unit, specifically excluding trucks, commercial vehicles and campers, and for the storage of personal goods and household items. However:

- (a) No vehicle may be kept in a garage if it has a capacity in excess of one ton, possesses more than four wheels, or cannot fit in the garage with the garage door closed;
- (b) If personal goods and household items are stored in a garage, enough space must be left to permit at least one four wheeled automobile (car) to be parked in the garage, with the garage door closed; and
- (c) Owners or occupants of Units who keep two or more automobiles (cars) in the Common Interest Community must park the vehicles first in their garage and driveway before parking an additional vehicle in the Common Elements or visitor spaces.
- (d) No garage area may be converted to living space.

Section 10.9 – Use Affecting Insurance. Nothing may be done or kept in any Unit that will increase the rate of insurance on any Improvements, or the contents of other Units, beyond the rates generally applicable to similar residential common interest communities, without prior written consent of the Executive Board. No Unit Owner may permit anything to be done or kept in his or her Unit which will result in the cancellation of insurance on any of the Improvements or the contents of other Units.

Section 10.10 – Compliance with Laws. Unit Owners and occupants of Units shall comply with all valid laws, ordinances, and regulations, including, but not limited to, zoning and land use regulations, of all governmental bodies having jurisdiction over the Common Interest Community and the Units, and Unit Owners and occupants of Units shall hold the Association and other Unit Owners harmless from all fines, penalties, costs, and prosecutions arising out of any noncompliance or other violation.

<u>Section 10.11 – Rules Affecting the Use and Occupancy of Units</u>. Except as required or permitted by other provisions of the Declaration, the Association may adopt Rules that affect the use or occupancy of Units only for one or more of the following purposes.

- (a) Prevention of any use of a Unit which violates the Declaration, ByLaws and/or Maintenance Standards; or
- (b) Regulation of any occupancy of a Unit which violates the Declaration or adversely affects the use and enjoyment of other Units or the Common Elements by other Unit Owners.

<u>Section 10.12 – Antennas</u>. The Association may adopt Rules regulating and restricting the installation of antennas, including satellite dishes, in the Common Interest Community. However, any such Rule, as it applies to the Units and Limited Common Elements, may not exceed the limitations set by the Federal Communications Act.

### ARTICLE 11 Easements, Licenses

<u>Section 11.1 – Encumbrances</u>. All easements or licenses to which the Common Interest Community is subject are listed as an Exhibit to the initial Declaration. In addition, the Common Interest Community may be subject to other easements or licenses granted by the Declarant.

Section 11.2 – Easement to Common Elements. Each Unit Owner shall have a non-exclusive right to use and a non-exclusive easement in and to the Common Elements for access to the Unit owned by such party and for all other purposes not prohibited by the Declaration, ByLaws or Rules of the Association.

### ARTICLE 12 Allocation and Reallocation of Limited Common Elements

Section 12.1 – Allocation of Limited Common Elements Not Previously Allocated. A Common Element not previously allocated as a Limited Common Element may be so allocated only by amendment to this Declaration.

Section 12.2 – Reallocation of Depicted Limited Common Elements. No Limited Common Element depicted on the Survey or Plans may be reallocated by an amendment to this Declaration pursuant to Article 12 except as part of a reallocation of boundaries of Units pursuant to Article 14 of this Declaration. Any such reallocation shall be by an amendment to the Declaration executed by the Unit Owners between or among whose Units the reallocation was made. Such amendment shall require approval of all holders of security interests in the affected Units which approval shall be endorsed thereon. The persons executing the amendment shall provide a copy thereof to the Association, which shall record same if the amendment complies with the provisions of this Declaration and the Act, as amended. The amendment shall contain words of conveyance and shall be recorded in the names of the parties and the Common Interest Community. The parties executing the amendment shall be responsible for the preparation of the amendment and shall reimburse the Association for its reasonable attorney's fees in connection with the review of the amendment and for recording costs.

## ARTICLE 13 Additions, Alterations and Improvements

Section 13.1 – Additions, Alterations and Improvements by Unit Owners.

(a) No Unit Owner shall make any structural addition, structural alteration, or structural improvement in or to any portion of the Common Interest Community, nor shall any Unit Owner construct any improvements, or stain, paint or change the color or appearance of the exterior of any Unit, nor shall any Unit Owner construct improvements or change the color or appearance of Limited Common Elements, without the prior written consent thereto of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall answer any written request by a Unit Owner for approval of any such proposed activity within sixty (60) days after such request is received by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall review requests in accordance with the provisions of the Association's rules.

- (b) Subject to Subsection 13.1(a), a Unit Owner:
  - May make any other improvements or alterations to the interior of his Unit that do not impair the structural integrity or mechanical systems or lessen the support of any portion of the Common Interest Community;
  - (ii) May not change the appearance of the Common Elements, or the exterior appearance of a Unit or any other portion of the Common Interest Community without permission of the Association;
  - (iii) After acquiring an adjoining Unit or an adjoining part of an adjoining Unit, may remove or alter any intervening partition or create apertures therein, even if the partition in whole or in part is a Common Element, if those acts do not impair the structural integrity or mechanical systems or lessen the support of any portion of the Common Interest Community. Removal of partitions or creation of apertures under this Subsection is not an alteration of boundaries.
  - (iv) May not make any additions, alterations or improvements to any Unit or Common Element, except pursuant to prior written approval by the Board of Directors, which causes any increase in the premiums of any insurance policies carried by the Association or by the Owners of any Units other than those affected by such change.

Section 13.2 – Exterior Improvements and Landscaping Within Limited Common Elements. A Unit Owner may make exterior improvements within or as a part of Limited Common Elements provided they are undertaken with the prior written approval of the Board of Directors and following submission of complete plans prepared by a party experienced in performing the work and/or improvements to be made by the Unit Owner to the Board of Directors. No approval will be awarded without Notice and Comment given to the Unit Owners.

The applicant shall pay for the cost of preparation of the application, the cost of professional review, if deemed required by the reviewing entity and all costs of permits and fees connected with any right given under Article 13.

Section 13.3 – Additions, Alterations and Improvements by the Board of Directors. Subject to the limitations of Sections 19.4 of this Declaration, the Board of Directors may make any additions, alterations or improvements to the Common Elements which, in its judgment, it deems necessary.

## ARTICLE 14 Relocation of Boundaries between Adjoining Units

Section 14.1 – Application and Amendments. Subject to approval of any structural changes pursuant to Article 13, the boundaries between adjoining Units may be relocated by an amendment to this Declaration on application to the Association by the Unit Owners of the affected Units. If the Unit Owners of the adjoining Units have specified a reallocation between their Units of their Allocated Interests, the application shall state the proposed reallocations. Unless, within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the application, the Board of Directors determines that the reallocations are unreasonable, the Association shall consent to the reallocation and prepare an amendment that identifies the Units involved, states the reallocations and indicates the Association's consent. The amendment shall be executed by those Unit Owners, contain words of conveyance between them, and the approval of all holders of Security Interests in the affected Units shall be endorsed thereon, and, on recordation, be indexed in the name of the grantor and the grantee, and in the grantee's index in the name of the Association.

<u>Section 14.2 – Recording Amendments</u>. The Association shall prepare and record surveys and plans necessary to show the altered boundaries between adjoining Units, and their dimensions and identifying numbers.

The applicants shall pay for the costs of preparation of the amendment including surveys and plans, and its recording and the reasonable consultant fees of the Association if the Board of Directors deems it necessary to employ a consultant.

### ARTICLE 15 Amendments to Declaration

<u>Section 15.1 – General</u>. This Declaration may be amended only by vote or agreement of Unit Owners of Units to which at least sixty seven percent (67%) of the votes in the Association are allocated. This Declaration may also be amended in accordance with one (1) or more of the appropriate provisions of Section 47-236 of the Act, as amended.

<u>Section 15.2 – Limitation of Challenges</u>. No action to challenge the validity of an amendment adopted by the Association pursuant to this Article 15 may be brought more than one year after the amendment is recorded.

<u>Section 15.3 – Recordation of Amendments</u>. Every amendment to this Declaration shall be recorded in the town in which the Common Interest Community is located and is effective only on recordation. Any amendment except an amendment pursuant to Article 14 of this Declaration shall be indexed in the grantee's index in the name of the Common Interest Community and the Association and in the grantor's index in the name of the Common Interest Community.

<u>Section 15.4 – When Unanimous Consent is Required</u>. Except to the extent expressly permitted or required by other provisions of the Act, as amended, and this Declaration, no amendment may create or increase Special Declarant Rights, or increase the number of Units, change the boundaries of any Unit, the Allocated Interests of a Unit, in the absence of unanimous consent of the Unit Owners.

<u>Section 15.5 – Execution of Amendments</u>. Amendments to this Declaration required by the Act, as amended, to be recorded by the Association shall be prepared, executed, recorded and certified on behalf of the Association by any officer of the Association designated for that purpose or, in the absence of designation, by the President of the Association.

<u>Section 15.6 – Consent of Holders of Security Rights</u>. Amendments are subject to the consent requirements of Article 18.

#### ARTICLE 16 Amendments to ByLaws

Section 16.1 – Amendments by Executive Board. Except as otherwise provided in Section 16.2, the Executive Board may amend the Bylaws by a vote of two-thirds of all of the members of the Executive Board at any meeting of the Executive Board duly called for such purpose. Before the Executive Board can adopt, amend or repeal any Bylaw, notice shall be given to all Unit Owners of the intention of the Executive Board to adopt, amend or repeal any Bylaw, which notice shall include the text of the proposed Bylaw and/or amendment and/or the text of the Bylaw to be repealed, as applicable, and the date on which the Executive Board will act on the proposed Bylaw, amendment or repeal after considering comments from Unit Owners.

Section 16.2– Amendments by Unit Owners. Only the Unit Owners (and not the Executive Board) shall have the power, by vote of Unit Owners of Units to which more than fifty percent (50%) of the Votes in the Association are allocated, to adopt, amend, or repeal any Bylaw that relates to or affects any of the following:

- (a) The qualifications, powers and duties or terms of office of members of the Executive Board;
- (b) The number of members of the Executive Board;
- (c) The manner of election of Executive Board members:
- (d) The timing or content of notices of meetings of Unit Owners, opportunities for Unit Owner comment at any meeting of the Executive Board or the Association, methods or procedures for voting or actions by Unit Owners without meeting or any provision of Article IV of these Bylaws; or

(e) The manner or required vote to adopt, amend, or repeal any Bylaw, including, without limitation, any provision of this Section 16.2.

<u>Section 16.3 – Execution of Amendments</u>. Amendments to the Bylaws that have been duly adopted shall be prepared, executed, recorded, and certified on behalf of the Association by any officer of the Association designated for that purpose or, in the absence of designation, by the president of the Association.

#### ARTICLE 17 Termination

Termination of the Common Interest Community may be accomplished only in accordance with Section 47-237 of the Act, as amended from time to time.

### ARTICLE 18 Mortgagee Protection

<u>Section 18.1 – Introduction</u>. This Article establishes certain standards and covenants which are for the benefit of the holders of certain Security Interests and others, as identified in Section 18.2. This Article is supplemental to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of the Documents, but in the case of conflict, this Article shall control.

Section 18.2 - Definitions. As used in this Article, the following terms are defined:

- (a) Percentage of Eligible Mortgagees. Whenever in this Article the approval or consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Mortgagees is required, it shall mean the approval or consent by Eligible Mortgagees holding Security Interests in Units which in the aggregate have allocated to them such specified percentage of votes when compared to the total votes allocated to all Units then subject to mortgages held by Eligible Mortgagees.
- (b) Mortgagee Consent if no Response. If the Association sends notice of the proposed amendment or Association action to a Mortgagee by certified mail, return receipt requested, and the Mortgagee fails to respond within sixty (60) days, the Mortgagee is deemed to have given its consent. The Association may rely on the last recorded security interest of record in the land records in delivering or mailing notice to the holder of that interest.

<u>Section 18.3 – Notice of Actions</u>. The Association shall give prompt written notice to each Eligible Mortgagee and Eligible Insurer of:

(a) Any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Common Interest Community or any Unit on which there is a First Security Interest held, insured, or guaranteed by such Eligible Mortgagee or Eligible Insurer, as applicable.

- (b) Any delinquency in the payment of Common Expense assessments owed by an owner whose Unit is subject to a First Security Interest held, insured, or guaranteed, by such Eligible Mortgagee or Eligible Insurer, which remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days.
- (c) Any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association.
- (d) Any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Mortgagees as specified in Section 18.4.
- (e) Any judgment rendered against the Association.

#### Section 18.4 - Prior Consent Required:

- (a) <u>Document Changes</u>. Notwithstanding any lower requirements permitted by this Declaration or the Act, as amended, no amendment of any material provision of the Documents by the Association or Unit Owners described in this Subsection 18.4(a) may be adopted without the vote of at least 67% of the Unit Owners (or any greater Unit Owner vote required in this Declaration or the Act, as amended) and until approved in writing by at least 51% of the Eligible Mortgagees. "Material" includes, but is not limited to, any provision affecting:
  - (i) Assessments, assessment liens or subordination of assessment liens;
  - (ii) Voting rights;
  - (iii) Reserves for maintenance, repair and replacement of Common Elements;
  - (iv) Responsibility for maintenance and repairs;
  - (v) Reallocation of interest in the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements (except that when Limited Common Elements are reallocated by agreement between Unit Owners, only those Unit Owners and only the Eligible Mortgagees with a Security Interest on such Units must approve such action);
  - (vi) Rights to use Common Elements and Limited Common Elements:
  - (vii) Boundaries of Units (except that when boundaries of only adjoining Units are involved, or a Unit is being subdivided, then only those

- Unit Owners and the Eligible Mortgagees with Security Interests on such Unit or Units must approve such action);
- (viii) Convertibility of Units into Common Elements or Common Elements into Units;
- (ix) Expansion or contraction of the Common Interest Community, or the addition, annexation or withdrawal of property to or from the Common Interest Community;
- (x) Insurance or fidelity bonds;
- (xi) Leasing of Units;
- (xii) Imposition of restrictions on a Unit Owner's right to sell or transfer his or her Unit:
- (xiii) Establishment of self-management when professional management had been required previously by an Eligible Mortgagee of a Unit;
- (xiv) Restoration or repair of the project after a hazard damage or partial condemnation in a manner other than that specified in the Documents;
- (xv) Termination of the Common Interest Community after occurrence of substantial destruction or condemnation; and
- (xvi) The benefits of mortgage holders, insurers or guarantors.
- (b) <u>Actions</u>. Notwithstanding any lower requirements permitted by this Declaration or the Act, as amended, the Association may not take any of the following actions without the approval of at least 51% of the Eligible Mortgagees:
  - (i) Convey or encumber the Common Elements or any portion thereof (as to which an 80% Eligible Mortgagee approval is required). (The granting of easements for public utilities or for other public purposes consistent with the intended use of the Common Elements by the Common Interest Community shall not be deemed a conveyance or encumbrance within the meaning of this clause);
  - (ii) Establish self-management when professional management had been required previously by any Eligible Mortgagee;

- (iii) Restore or repair the Property (after a hazard damage or partial condemnation) in a manner other than that specified in the Documents;
- (iv) Terminate the Common Interest Community (as to which a 67% Eligible Mortgagee approval is required);
- (v) Alter any partition or create any aperture between adjoining Units (when Unit boundaries are not otherwise being affected), in which case only the owners of Units affected and Eligible Mortgagees of those Units need approve the action;
- (vi) Merge this Common Interest Community with any other Common Interest Community;
- (vii) Create any additional improvements on any portion of the Common Elements which is subject to any Development Rights;
- (viii) Grant any easements, leases, licenses and concessions through or over the Common Elements (excluding, however, any utility easements servicing or to serve the Common Interest Community and excluding any leases, licenses or concessions for no more than one year);
- (ix) Assign the future income of the Association, including its right to receive Common Expense assessments; and
- (x) Not repair or replace the Property.
- (xi) Creation of Development Rights.
- (c) The Association may not change the period for collection of regularly budgeted Common Expense Assessments to other than monthly without the consent of all Eligible Mortgagees.

<u>Section 18.5 – Development Rights and Special Declarant Rights.</u>
There are no remaining Development Rights or Special Declarant Rights.

<u>Section 18.6 – Inspection of Books</u>. The Association shall permit any Eligible Mortgagee or Eligible Insurer to inspect the Association's books and records during normal business hours.

<u>Section 18.7 – Financial Statements</u>. The Association shall provide each Eligible Mortgagee and each Eligible Insurer with a copy of its annual financial statement within 90 days following the end of each fiscal year of the Association. Such financial statement shall be audited by an independent certified accountant if an Eligible

Mortgagee requests it, in which case the Eligible Mortgagee shall bear the cost of the audit.

<u>Section 18.8 – Enforcement</u>. The provisions of this Article are for the benefit of Eligible Mortgagees and Eligible Insurers, and may be enforced in law or in equity.

<u>Section 18.9 – Attendance at Meetings</u>. Any representative of an Eligible Mortgagee or Eligible Insurer may attend any meeting which a Unit Owner may attend.

Section 18.10 – Appointment of Trustee. In the event of damage or destruction under Articles 22 or 23 or Condemnation of all or a portion of the Common Interest Community, any Eligible Mortgagee may require that such proceeds be payable to a Trustee established pursuant to Section 23.5. Such Trustee may be required to be a corporate trustee licensed by the State of Connecticut. Proceeds shall thereafter be distributed pursuant to Article 23 or pursuant to a condemnation award. Unless otherwise required, the members of the Board of Directors acting by majority vote through the president may act as Trustee.

### ARTICLE 19 Assessment and Collection of Common Expenses

Section 19.1 – Apportionment of Common Expenses. Except as provided in Section 19.2, all Common Expenses shall be assessed against all Units in accordance with their percentage interest in the Association as shown in the initial Declaration, prior Amendments and Schedule A-2.

#### Section 19.2 - Common Expenses Attributable to Fewer than All Units.

- (a) If any Limited Common Element is assigned to more than one Unit, the Common Expenses attributable to the Limited Common Element shall be assessed equally among the Units to which it is assigned.
- (b) Any Common Expense for services provided by the Association to an individual Unit at the request of the Unit Owner shall be assessed against the Unit which benefits from such service.
- (c) Any insurance premium increase attributable to a particular Unit by virtue of activities in or construction of the Unit shall be assessed against that Unit.
- (d) Assessments to pay a judgment against the Association may be made only against the Units in the Common Interest Community at the time the judgment was rendered, in proportion to their Common Expense liabilities.
- (e) Fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest charged against a Unit Owner pursuant to the Documents and the Act, as amended, are enforceable as Common Expense assessments against the Unit or Units owned by such Unit

Owner. The order in which payments are applied to fees, charges, late fees, fines and interest shall be established in a collection policy adopted by the Executive Board.

- (f) Portions of the cost of repairing or replacing Units allocated to individual Units under the provisions of Subsection 23.2(b) shall be assessed against the Unit or Units to which they are allocated. If the Association, or anyone acting at the direction of the Association, incurs any expense for maintenance, repair or replacement of any portion of a Unit, made or performed for the purpose of correcting a condition threatening a Unit or the Common Elements pursuant to Section 6.4 of the Declaration, the Association may assess that expense against the Unit Owner and the Unit, following Notice and Hearing to the affected Unit Owner.
- (g) All reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Association, with or without litigation, in collecting any sums due from a Unit Owner or enforcing any provisions of the Documents against a Unit Owner or any occupant of his or her Unit are enforceable against his or her Unit as Common Expense assessments.
- (h) If any tax is imposed on the Association or upon any goods or services purchased by the Association by virtue of the use or occupancy of some, but less than all of the Units, including, but not limited to, the use of any Unit for the production of income, such tax shall be paid as a Common Expense and assessed exclusively against the Unit or Units whose use gives rise to the imposition of the tax. The assessment shall be allocated among the Units against which it is assessed in the same proportion as each Unit's share of liability for Common Expenses bears to the liability for Common Expenses of all Units against which the assessment is assessed.
- (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 23.2(b) of this Declaration, if any common expense is caused by the willful misconduct, failure to comply with a written maintenance standard promulgated by the Association or gross negligence of any Unit Owner or tenant or a guest or invitee of a Unit Owner or tenant, the Association may, after notice and hearing assess the portion of that common expense in excess of any insurance proceeds received by the Association under its insurance policy, whether that portion results from the application of a deductible or otherwise, exclusively against that Owner's Unit.
- (j) Any common expense associated with the maintenance, repair or replacement of a Limited Common Element, where the cost of same is the responsibility of the Unit Owner pursuant to this Amended Declaration, shall be assessed against the Unit or Units to which the Limited Common Element is assigned. If any such Limited Common Element is assigned to more than one (1) Unit, the common expenses attributable to the Limited Common Element shall be assessed equally among the Units to which it is assigned.

Any Common Expense associated with the maintenance, repair or replacement of a Limited Common Element may be assessed against the Unit or Units to which the Limited Common Element is assigned. If any such Limited Common Element is assigned to more than one (1) unit, the Common Expenses attributable to the Limited Common Element shall be assessed equally among the Units to which it is assigned.

- (k) Any common expense assessed in accordance with Section 6.6 of this Declaration.
- (I) Portions of the cost of restoring Units allocated to individual Units under the provisions of Subsection 23.2(b) shall be assessed against the Unit or Units to which they are allocated.

#### Section 19.3 - Lien.

- (a) The Association has a statutory lien on a unit for any assessment attributable to that unit or fines imposed against its Unit Owner. Reasonable attorney's fees and costs, other fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest charged pursuant to subdivisions (10), (11) and (12) of subsection (a) of section 47-244 of the Act, as amended, and any other sums due to the Association under the Declaration, the Act, as amended, or as a result of an administrative, arbitration, mediation or judicial decision, are enforceable in the same manner as unpaid assessments under this section. If an assessment is payable in installments, the full amount of the assessment is a lien from the time the first installment thereof becomes due.
- (b) A lien under this section is prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except (1) liens and encumbrances recorded before the recordation of the Declaration, (2) a first or second security interest on the Unit recorded before the date on which the assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent, and (3) liens for real property taxes and other governmental assessments or charges against the Unit. The lien is also prior to all security interests described in subdivision (2) of this subsection to the extent of (A) an amount equal to the common expense assessments based on the periodic budget adopted by the Association pursuant to subsection (a) of section 47-257, as amended, which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the nine (9) months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce either the association's lien or a security interest described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and (B) the Association's costs and attorney's fees in enforcing its lien. A lien for any assessment or fine specified in subsection (a) of this section shall have the priority provided for in this subsection in an amount not to exceed the amount specified in subparagraph (A) of this subsection. This subsection does not affect the priority of mechanic's or materialmen's liens or the priority of liens for other assessments made by the Association.

- (c) Unless the Declaration otherwise provides, if two or more associations have liens for assessments created at any time on the same property, those liens have equal priority.
- (d) Recording of the Declaration constitutes record notice and perfection of the lien. No further recordation of any claim of lien for assessment under this section is required.
- (e) A lien for unpaid assessments is extinguished unless proceedings to enforce the lien are instituted within three (3) years after the full amount of the assessments becomes due; provided, that if an Owner of a Unit subject to a lien under this section files a petition for relief under the United States Bankruptcy Code, the period of time for instituting proceedings to enforce the Association's lien shall be tolled until thirty (30) days after the automatic stay of proceedings under Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code is lifted.
- (f) This section does not prohibit actions against Unit Owners to recover sums for which subsection (a) of this section creates a lien or prohibit the Association from taking a deed in lieu of foreclosure.
- (g) A judgment or decree in any action brought under this section shall include costs and reasonable attorney's fees for the prevailing party.
- (h) The Association on request made in a record shall furnish to a Unit Owner a statement in recordable form setting forth the amount of unpaid assessments against the unit. The statement shall be furnished within ten (10) business days after receipt of the request and is binding on the Association, the Executive Board and every Unit Owner.
- (i) The Association's lien may be foreclosed in like manner as a mortgage on real property.
- (j) In any action by the Association to collect assessments or to foreclose a lien for unpaid assessments, the court may appoint a receiver of the Unit Owner of a unit that is rented pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 52-504 to collect all sums alleged to be due from that Unit Owner prior to or during the pendency of the action. The court may order the receiver to pay any sums held by the receiver to the Association during the pendency of the action to the extent of the Association's common expense assessments based on a periodic budget adopted by the Association pursuant to subsection (a) of section 47-257 of the Act, as amended.
- (k) If a holder of a first or second security interest on a unit forecloses that security interest, the purchaser at the foreclosure sale is not liable for any unpaid assessments against that unit which became due before the sale, other than the assessments which are prior to that security interest under

- subsection (b) of this section. Any unpaid assessments not satisfied from the proceeds of sale become common expenses collectible from all the Unit Owners, including the purchaser.
- (I) The Association may not commence an action to foreclose a lien on a unit under this section unless: (1) The Unit Owner, at the time the action is commenced, owes a sum equal to at least two (2) months of common expense assessments based on the periodic budget last adopted by the Association pursuant to subsection (a) of section 47-257 of the Act, as amended; (2) the Association has made a demand for payment in a record; and (3) the Executive Board has either voted to commence a foreclosure action specifically against that unit or has adopted a standard policy that provides for foreclosure against that unit.
- (m) Every aspect of a foreclosure, sale or other disposition under this section, including the method, advertising, time, date, place and terms, shall be commercially reasonable.

### <u>Section 19.4 – Budget Adoption and Ratification/ Ratification of Non-Budgeted</u> Common Expense Assessments.

- (a) The Executive Board, at least annually, shall adopt a proposed budget for the common interest community for consideration by the Unit Owners. Not later than thirty (30) days after adoption of a proposed budget, the Executive Board shall provide to all the Unit Owners a summary of the budget, including any reserves, and a statement of the basis on which any reserves are calculated and funded. Simultaneously, the Board shall set a date not less than ten (10) days or more than sixty (60) days after providing the summary for either a meeting of the Unit Owners or a vote by ballot without a meeting to consider approval of the budget. If, at that meeting or in the vote by ballot, a majority of all Unit Owners, or any larger number specified in the Declaration votes to reject the budget, the budget is rejected; otherwise the budget is approved. The absence of a quorum at such meeting or participating in the vote by ballot shall not affect rejection or approval of the budget. If a proposed budget is rejected, the budget last approved by the Unit Owners continues until Unit Owners approve a subsequent budget.
- (b) The Executive Board, at any time, may propose a special assessment. Not later than thirty (30) days after adoption of a proposed special assessment, the Executive Board shall provide to all Unit Owners a summary of the assessment. Unless the Declaration or ByLaws otherwise provide, if such special assessment, together with all other special and emergency assessments proposed by the Executive Board in the same calendar year, do not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the Association's last adopted periodic budget for that calendar year, the special assessment is effective without approval of the Unit Owners. Otherwise, the Board shall set a date not less

than ten (10) days or more than sixty (60) days after providing the summary for either a meeting of the Unit Owners or a vote by ballot without a meeting to consider approval of the special assessment. If, at such meeting or in the balloting, a majority of all Unit Owners votes to reject the assessment, the assessment shall be rejected; otherwise the assessment shall be approved. The absence of a quorum at such meeting or participating in the vote by ballot shall not affect the rejection or approval of the special assessment.

(c) If the Executive Board determines by a two-thirds vote that a special assessment is necessary to respond to an emergency: (1) The special assessment becomes effective immediately in accordance with the terms of the vote; (2) notice of the emergency assessment must be provided promptly to all Unit Owners; and (3) the Executive Board may spend the funds paid on account of the emergency assessment only for the purposes described in the vote.

<u>Section 19.5 – Certificate of Payment of Common Expense Assessments</u>. The Association on written request shall furnish to a Unit Owner a statement in recordable form setting forth the amount of unpaid assessments against the Unit. The statement shall be furnished within ten (10) business days after receipt of the request and is binding on the Association, the Board of Directors and every Unit Owner.

<u>Section 19.6 – Monthly Payment of Common Expenses</u>. All Common Expenses assessed under Sections 19.1, 19.2 and 19.4 shall be due and payable monthly unless the resolution adopting the assessment provides for some other schedule of payment.

<u>Section 19.7 – Acceleration of Common Expense Assessments</u>. In the event of default of a period of ten (10) days by any Unit Owner in the payment of any Common Expense assessment levied against his or her Unit, the Board of Directors shall have the right, after Notice and Hearing, to declare all unpaid assessments for the pertinent fiscal year to be immediately due and payable.

<u>Section 19.8 – No Waiver of Liability for Common Expenses</u>. No Unit Owner may exempt himself or herself from liability for payment of the Common Expenses by waiver of the use or enjoyment of the Common Elements or by abandonment of the Unit against which the assessments are made.

<u>Section 19.9 – Personal Liability of Unit Owners</u>. The Owner of a Unit at the time a Common Expense assessment or portion thereof is due and payable is personally liable for the assessment. Personal liability for the assessment shall not pass to a successor in title to the Unit unless he or she agrees to assume the obligation.

<u>Section 19.10 – Association Funds</u>. All Association funds shall be deposited only in federally insured banks.

Section 19.11— Association Surplus Funds. Any surplus funds of the Association remaining after payment of or provision for common expenses and any prepayment of reserves shall be deposited into the reserve account or incorporated into the next annual budget thereby reducing future common expense assessments.

# ARTICLE 20 Association Borrowing and Assignment of Future Income

<u>Section 20.1 – Approval of Assignment</u>. The Association may borrow money and assign its right to future income as security for the loan only after:

- (a) The loan transaction and the assignment have been approved by the Executive Board;
- (b) A majority of the Unit Owners vote in favor of or agree to the assignment; and
- (c) The Association has complied with the requirements of Section 20.2 of this Declaration.

<u>Section 20.2 – Notice of Proposed Borrowing</u>. At least fourteen (14) days before the closing of any loan to the Association, the Executive Board shall:

- (a) Disclose in a Record to all Unit Owners the amount and terms of the loan and the estimated effect of such loan on any Common Expense assessment; and
- (b) Afford the Unit Owners a reasonable opportunity to submit comments in a Record to the Executive Board with respect to such loan.

# ARTICLE 21 Persons and Units Subject to Documents

Section 21.1 – Compliance with Community Documents. All Unit Owners, tenants, holders of Security Interests, and occupants of Units shall comply with the Community Documents. The acceptance of a deed or mortgage or the exercise of any incident of ownership or the entering into of a lease or the entering into occupancy of a Unit constitutes agreement that the provisions of the Community Documents are accepted and ratified by such Unit Owner, tenant, holder of a Security Interest, or occupant, and all such provisions recorded on the land records of the town or towns in which the Common Interest Community is located shall bind any Persons having at any time any interest or estate in such Unit.

<u>Section 21.2 – Compliance with Laws</u>. All Unit Owners, tenants, holders of Security Interests, and occupants of Units shall comply with all laws, ordinances, and governmental regulations applicable to the Common Interest Community or the activities of Persons within the Common Interest Community.

### Section 21.3 - Adoption of Rules.

- (a) The Executive Board may adopt and amend Rules after Notice and Comment.
- (b) Rules concerning the Common Elements, including Limited Common Elements, may regulate any conduct, condition or activity, including use and occupancy.
- (c) Rules concerning the Units, may regulate any conduct, condition or activity that is not use and occupancy.
- (d) Rules concerning the Units may also regulate the use and occupancy of a Unit in order to:
  - (i) Exercise any power to make Rules expressly granted by this Declaration.
  - (ii) Prevent any use of a Unit that violates this Declaration

### Section 21.4 - Scope of Rulemaking

- (a) Unless otherwise permitted or limited by the Declaration or the Act, the Executive Board may adopt Rules that affect the use or occupancy of Units only to:
  - Regulate any occupancy of a Unit which violates the Declaration or adversely affects the use or enjoyment of other Units or the Common Elements by other Unit Owners; or
  - (ii) Restrict the leasing of Units to the extent those Rules are reasonably designed to meet first mortgage underwriting requirements who regularly purchase or insure first mortgages on units in common interest communities.
- (b) The Executive Board may adopt Rules affecting activities within Units that do not constitute use or occupancy.
- (c) The Executive Board may not adopt a Rule which contravenes an express provision of the Declaration or a right reasonably inferable from an express provision of the Declaration, but, subject to the provisions of Subsection 21.4(a), the Executive Board may adopt a Rule implementing, refining or applying an express provision of the Declaration so long as such Rule does not place an unreasonable limitation on a right granted by or reasonably inferable from an express provision of the Declaration.

- <u>Section 21.5 Notice of Amendments to Rules</u>. Following adoption, amendment or repeal of a Rule, the Association shall give all Unit Owners notice of its action and include with it a copy of any new or amended Rule.
- <u>Section 21.6 Recording of Rules</u>. Any Rule restricting the Leasing of Units shall be recorded on the Land Records. The Association shall request that the town clerk index any such Rule and any amendment to said Rules in the grantor's and in the grantee's index in the name of the Association.
- <u>Section 21.7 Limitation of Challenges</u>. No action to challenge the validity of a Rule or an amendment to a Rule adopted by the Executive Board pursuant to this Article may be brought more than one year after the Rule or amendment is recorded.
- Section 21.8 Abatement and Enjoinment of Violations by Unit Owners. The violation of any Rule or the breach of any provision of the Community Documents shall give the Association the right, after Notice and Hearing except in case of an emergency, in addition to any other rights set forth in this Declaration:
  - (a) To enter the Unit in which, or as to which, such violation or breach exists and to summarily abate and remove, at the expense of the defaulting Unit Owner, any structure, thing or condition (except for additions or alterations of a permanent nature that may exist therein) that creates a danger to the Common Elements or other Units contrary to the intent and meaning of the provisions of the Community Documents, and the Association shall not thereby be deemed liable for any manner of trespass;
  - (b) To bring appropriate legal proceedings, either at law or in equity, to enjoin, abate or remedy the continuance of any such breach; or
  - (c) To bring appropriate legal proceedings, either at law or in equity, for specific performance of the Community Documents and the Rules.

### Section 21.9 - Suspension of Privileges for Non-Payment or Breach

- (a) If a Unit Owner fails to pay any Common Expense Assessment, the Executive Board, after Notice and Hearing, may suspend any right or privilege of the Unit Owner and all occupants of the Unit, except as provided in Subsection (c) below, until such assessment is paid.
- (b) If a Unit Owner or occupant of the Unit breaches any provision of the Community Documents, the Executive Board, after Notice and Hearing, may suspend any right or privilege of the Unit Owner and all occupants of the Unit, except as provided in Subsection (c) below, for a period not to exceed the longer of thirty days or until the breach is cured.
- (c) The suspension of any right or privilege under this Section:

- (i) Shall not deny a Unit Owner or other occupant of a Unit access to the Unit or the Limited Common Elements appurtenant to the Unit;
- (ii) Shall not suspend a Unit Owner's right to vote or participate in meetings of the Association;
- (iii) Shall not prevent a Unit Owner from seeking election as a director or officer of the Association:
- (iv) Shall not permit the Association to withhold services provided to a Unit or a Unit Owner by the Association if the effect of withholding the service would be to endanger the health, safety or property of any Person;
- (v) Shall not take effect until the Executive Board notifies the Unit Owner of its decision to suspend the use of the Common Elements; and
- (vi) Shall not apply to the Declarant in the exercise of any Special Declarant Right.

# ARTICLE 22 Insurance

### Section 22.1 - Coverage.

- (a) The Association shall maintain, as set forth in Sections 22.1 through 22.4, to the extent reasonably available and subject to reasonable deductibles:
  - (i) Property insurance on the Common Elements, insuring against those risks of direct physical loss commonly insured against, which insurance, after application of any deductibles shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the replacement costs of the insured property at the time the insurance is purchased and at each renewal date, exclusive of land, excavations, foundations and other items normally excluded from property policies;
  - (ii) Flood insurance in the event the condominium is located in a flood hazard area, as defined and determined by the National Flood Insurance Act, as amended, USC 42 Section 4101, P. L. 93-234; and
  - (iii) Commercial general liability insurance, including medical payments insurance, in an amount determined by the Executive Board but not less than any amount specified in this Amended Declaration, covering all occurrences commonly insured against for bodily injury and property damage arising out of or in connection with the use, ownership or maintenance of the Common Elements and of all Units; and

- (b) In the case of a building that contains Units divided by horizontal boundaries described in the Declaration, or by vertical boundaries that comprise or are located within common walls between Units, the insurance maintained under subdivision (i) of subsection (a) of this section, to the extent reasonably available, shall include the Units, and all improvements and betterments installed by Unit Owners; unless the Executive Board, after Notice and Comment, elect to maintain insurance coverage on less than all improvements and betterments, provided that in the event the Common Interest Community contains more than twelve (12) Units, the Executive Board shall:
  - (i) Prepare and maintain a schedule of the standard fixtures, improvements and betterments in the Units, including any standard wall, floor and ceiling coverings covered by the Association's property insurance policy;
  - (ii) Provide such schedule at least annually to the Unit Owners in order to enable Unit Owners to coordinate their homeowners insurance coverage with the coverage afforded by the Association's property insurance policy; and
  - (iii) Include such schedule in any resale certificate prepared pursuant to Section 47-270 of the Act, as amended.
- (c) If the insurance described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section is not reasonably available, the Association promptly shall cause notice of that fact to be given to all Unit Owners. The Association may carry any other insurance it considers appropriate to protect the Association or the Unit Owners.
- (d) Insurance policies carried pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall provide that: (1) Each Unit Owner is an insured person under the policy with respect to liability arising out of his interest in the Common Elements or membership in the Association; (2) the insurer waives its right to subrogation under the policy against any Unit Owner or member of his household; (3) no act or omission by any Unit Owner, unless acting within the scope of his authority on behalf of the Association, will void the policy or be a condition to recovery under the policy; and (4) if, at the time of a loss under the policy, there is other insurance in the name of a Unit Owner covering the same risk covered by the policy, the Association's policy provides primary insurance, subject to the provisions of this Amended Declaration.
- (e) Any loss covered by the property policy under subdivision (i) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) of this section shall be adjusted with the Association, but the insurance proceeds for that loss are payable to any insurance trustee designated for that purpose, or otherwise to the Association, and not to any

holder of a security interest. The insurance trustee or the Association shall hold any insurance proceeds in trust for the Association, Unit Owners and lien holders as their interests may appear. Subject to the provisions of subsection (h) of this section, the proceeds shall be disbursed first for the repair or replacement of the damaged property, and the Association, Unit Owners and lien holders are not entitled to receive payment of any portion of the proceeds unless there is a surplus of proceeds after the property has been completely repaired or replaced, or the Common Interest Community is terminated.

- (f) An insurance policy issued to the Association does not prevent a Unit Owner from obtaining insurance for his or her own benefit.
- (g) An insurer that has issued an insurance policy under this section shall issue certificates or memoranda of insurance to the Association and, on request made in a record, to any Unit Owner or holder of a security interest. The insurer issuing the policy may not cancel or refuse to renew it until sixty (60) days after notice of the proposed cancellation or nonrenewal has been mailed to the Association, each Unit Owner and each holder of a security interest to whom a certificate or memorandum of insurance has been issued at their respective last known addresses.
- (h) Duty to rebuild.
  - (i) Any portion of the Common Interest Community for which insurance is required under this section which is damaged or destroyed shall be repaired or replaced promptly by the Association unless:
    - (1) The Common Interest Community is terminated, in which case section 47-237 of the Act, as amended, applies,
    - (2) Repair or replacement would be illegal under any state or local statute or ordinance governing health or safety, or
    - (3) Eighty percent (80%) of the Unit Owners, including every Owner of a Unit or assigned Limited Common Element that will not be rebuilt, vote not to rebuild. The cost of repair or replacement in excess of insurance proceeds and reserves, regardless of whether such excess is the result of the application of a deductible under insurance coverage, is a Common Expense.
  - (ii) If the entire Common Interest Community is not repaired or replaced:

- (1) The insurance proceeds attributable to the damaged Common Elements shall be used to restore the damaged area to a condition compatible with the remainder of the Common Interest Community, and
- (2) Except to the extent that other persons will be distributees:
  - i. The insurance proceeds attributable to Units and Limited Common Elements that are not rebuilt shall be distributed to the Owners of those Units and the Owners of the Units to which those Limited Common Elements were allocated, or to lien holders, as their interests may appear, and
  - ii. The remainder of the proceeds shall be distributed to all the Unit Owners or lien holders, as their interests may appear, in proportion to the Common Expense liabilities of all the Units.
- (iii) If the Unit Owners vote not to rebuild any Unit, that Unit's allocated interests are automatically reallocated on the vote as if the Unit had been condemned under subsection (a) of section 47-206 of the Act, as amended, and the Association promptly shall prepare, execute and record an amendment to the Declaration reflecting the reallocations.

### Section 22.2 - Property Insurance.

- (a) Property insurance covering:
  - (i) The project facilities (which term means all buildings on the Property, including the Units and all fixtures, equipment and any improvements and betterments, whether part of a Unit or a Common Element, and such personal property of Unit Owners as is normally insured under building coverage), but excluding land, excavations, portions of foundations below the undersurface of the lowest floors, underground pilings, piers, pipes, flues and drains and other items normally excluded from property policies; and
  - (ii) All personal property owned by the Association.
- (b) Amounts.
  - (i) The project facilities for an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of their replacement cost at the time the insurance is purchased and at each renewal date.

- (ii) Personal property owned by the Association for an amount equal to its actual cash value.
- (c) Deductibles. The deductible may not exceed the lesser of
  - (i) \$10,000, adjusted from January 1, 2000 in accordance with the provision of Section 47-213 of the Act, as amended; or
  - (ii) 1% of the replacement cost of the project facilities.
- (d) The Board of Directors is authorized to obtain appraisals periodically for the purpose of establishing said replacement cost of the project facilities and the actual cash value of the personal property, and the cost of such appraisals shall be a Common Expense.
- (e) Risks Insured Against. The insurance shall afford protection against "all risks" of direct physical loss commonly insured against.
- (f) The name of the insured shall be substantially as follows:

"Black Rock Village Condominium Association Inc. for the use and benefit of the Individual Owners."

<u>Section 22.3 – Liability Insurance</u>. Liability insurance, including medical payments insurance, in an amount determined by the Board of Directors but in no event less than \$1,000,000, covering all occurrences commonly insured against for death, bodily injury and property damage arising out of or in connection with the use, ownership or maintenance of the Common Elements.

Other Provisions. Insurance policies carried pursuant to this Section shall provide that:

- (a) Each Unit Owner is an insured person under the policy with respect to liability arising out of his or her interest in the Common Elements or membership in the Association.
- (b) The insurer waives its rights to subrogation under the policy against any Unit Owner or member of his or her household;
- (c) No act or omission by any Unit Owner, unless acting within the scope of his or her authority on behalf of the Association, will void the policy or be a condition to recovery under the policy.
- (d) If, at the time of a loss under the policy, there is other insurance in the name of a Unit Owner covering the same risk covered by the policy, the Association's policy provides primary insurance.

(e) The insurer may not cancel or refuse to renew the policy until sixty (60) days after notice of the proposed cancellation or non-renewal has been mailed to the Association, each Unit Owner and each holder of a Security Interest to whom a certificate or memorandum of insurance has been issued, at their respective last known addresses.

Section 22.4 – Fidelity Bonds. The Association shall carry, or cause to be carried, a blanket fidelity bond for anyone who either handles or is responsible for funds held or administered by the Association, whether or not they receive compensation for their services. The bond shall name the Association as obligee and shall cover the maximum funds that will be in the custody of the Association or the manager at any time while the bond is in force and in no event less than the sum of three months assessments plus reserve funds. The bond shall include a provision that calls for thirty (30) days written notice to the Association, to each holder of a Security Interest in a Unit and to each servicer that services a FNMA-owned or FHLMC-owned mortgage on a Unit before the bond can be cancelled or substantially modified for any reason; except that if cancellation is for non-payment of premiums, only ten (10) days' notice shall be required.

### Section 22.5 - Unit Owner Policies.

- (a) Other Insurance. An insurance policy issued to the Association does not prevent a Unit Owner from obtaining insurance for his or her own benefit.
- (b) Notice to Unit Owners. At least once in each calendar year, the Association shall give notice to each Unit Owner of the need to obtain individual coverage for repair costs that may be allocated against his or her Unit under the provisions of Subsection 19.2(i) and/or Subsection 19.2(f) and/or Subsection 23.2(b). However, the failure of the Association to furnish such notice shall not, in any way, prevent it from making the allocations provided for in those Subsections.

<u>Section 22.6 – Workers' Compensation Insurance</u>. The Board of Directors shall obtain and maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance to meet the requirements of the laws of the State of Connecticut.

<u>Section 22.7 – Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance</u>. The Board of Directors shall obtain and maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance, if available, covering all of the Directors and officers of the Association in such limits as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine.

<u>Section 22.8 – Other Insurance</u>. The Association may carry other insurance which the Board of Directors considers appropriate to protect the Association or the Unit Owners.

Section 22.9 - Premiums. Insurance premiums shall be a Common Expense.

# ARTICLE 23 Damage To or Destruction of Property

<u>Section 23.1 – Duty to Restore</u>. Any portion of the Property for which insurance is required under Section 47-255 of the Act, as amended, or for which insurance carried by the Association is in effect, whichever is more extensive, shall be repaired or replaced promptly by the Association unless:

- (a) The Common Interest Community is terminated;
- (b) Repair or replacement would be illegal under any state or local statute or ordinance governing health or safety;
- (c) Eighty percent (80%) of the Unit Owners, including every owner of a Unit or assigned Limited Common Element that will not be rebuilt, vote not to rebuild.

### Section 23.2 - Cost.

- (a) Except as Provided in Subsections 6.5, 19.2(i), 19.2(l) and/or 23.2(b), the cost of Repair or Replacement in excess of insurance proceeds shall be a Common Expense assessed against all Units under Section 19.1.
- (b) Except as Provided in Subsections 6.5 & 19.2(i) the cost of Repair or Replacement in excess of insurance proceeds resulting from a deductible in the property insurance coverage which does not exceed the limits set out in Subsection 22.2(c) or so much of the deductible that does not exceed that limit, shall be allocated as follows:
  - (i) If the Repair or Replacement is entirely to the Common Elements, the excess shall be a Common Expense assessed against all Units under Section 19.1.
  - (ii) If the Repair or Replacement is entirely to a single Unit, the excess shall be assessed against the affected Unit only, under Subsection 19.2(f).
  - (iii) If the Repair or Replacement is to two or more Units or to one or more Units and the Common Elements, the excess shall be prorated among the affected Unit or Units and Common Elements as the case may be in the same proportion as the total cost of Repair or Replacement to each of the affected Units and Common Elements bears to the total cost of Repair or Replacement to all of the affected Units and Common Elements. In calculating this portion, the Association may rely on itemized bills or reports from

the contractor or contractors making the repairs or on estimates prepared by an adjuster or construction estimator engaged by the company issuing the property insurance coverage required under Section 22.2 or engaged by the Association. The portion of the excess allocated to an affected Unit under this Subsection 23.2(b) (iii) shall be assessed against the Unit under Section 19.2(f). The portion of the excess allocated to the Common Elements shall be assessed against all Units under Section 19.

<u>Section 23.3 – Plans</u>. The Property must be repaired and restored in accordance with either the original plans and specifications or other plans and specifications which have been approved by the Board of Directors, a majority of Unit Owners and fifty-one percent (51%) of Eligible Mortgagees.

### Section 23.4 - Replacement of Less Than Entire Property.

- (a) The insurance proceeds attributable to the damaged Common Elements shall be used to restore the damaged area to a condition compatible with the remainder of the Common Interest Community;
- (b) Except to the extent that other persons will be distributees;
  - The insurance proceeds attributable to Units and Limited Common Elements that are not rebuilt shall be distributed to the Owners of those Units and the Owners of the Units to which those Limited Common Elements were allocated, or to lien holders, as their interests may appear; and
  - The remainder of the proceeds shall be distributed to all the Unit Owners or lien holders, as their interests may appear, in proportion to the Common Expense liabilities of all the Units;
- (c) If the Unit Owners vote not to rebuild any Unit, that Unit's Allocated Interests are automatically reallocated on the vote as if the Unit had been condemned under Subsection 47-206(c) of the Act, as amended, and the Association shall promptly prepare, execute and record an amendment to this Declaration reflecting the reallocations.

Section 23.5 – Insurance Proceeds. The insurance trustee, or if there is no insurance trustee, then the Association, shall hold any insurance proceeds in trust for the Association, Unit Owners and lien holders as their interests may appear. Subject to the provisions of Subsection 23.1(a) through Subsection 23.1(c), the proceeds shall be disbursed first for the repair or restoration of the damaged Property, and the Association, Unit Owners and lien holders are not entitled to receive payment of any portion of the proceeds unless there is a surplus of proceeds after the Property has

been completely repaired or restored, or the Common Interest Community is terminated.

<u>Section 23.6 – Certificates by the Board of Directors</u>. A trustee, if any, may rely on the following certifications in writing made by the Board of Directors:

- (a) Whether or not damaged or destroyed Property is to be repaired or restored;
- (b) The amount or amounts to be paid for repairs or restoration and the names and addresses of the parties to whom such amounts are to be paid.

<u>Section 23.7 – Certificates by Attorneys</u>. If payments are to be made to Unit Owners or mortgagees, the Board of Directors, and the trustee, if any, shall obtain and may rely on an attorney's certificate of title or a title insurance policy based on a search of the Land Records of the Town of Thomaston from the date of the recording of the original Declaration stating the names of the Unit Owners and the mortgagees.

<u>Section 23.8 – Unit Owner Duty to Restore</u>. Each Unit Owner has the responsibility to insure his or her Unit and the duty to restore, repair or replace his or her Unit following any damage or destruction to the Unit subject to the other provisions of this Article 23 and other provisions of the Declaration.

# ARTICLE 24 Right to Notice and Comments; Notice and Hearing

Section 24.1 - Right to Notice and Comment. Before the Executive Board amends the Bylaws or the Rules, whenever the Community Documents require that an action be taken after Notice and Comment, and at any other time the Executive Board determines it is in the interest of the Association to do so, the Association shall give Notice to the Unit Owners at least ten days before the date on which the Executive Board will act. The Notice shall include:

- (a) A statement that the Executive Board is considering an amendment to the Bylaws, or the Rules, or other action;
- (b) A copy of the text of the proposed amendment, addition or deletion; and
- (c) The date on which the Executive Board will act on the proposal after considering comments from the Unit Owners;

### Section 24.2 - Procedures for Notice and Hearing - Generally

- (a) The procedures set out in this Section 24.2 shall be followed:
  - (i) Whenever the Community Documents require that an action be taken after Notice and Hearing; and

- (ii) Before the Association brings an action or institutes a proceeding against a Unit Owner other than a Declarant, except if the action is brought to prevent immediate or irreparable harm or to foreclose a lien for an assessment attributable to a Unit or fines imposed against a Unit Owner pursuant to the Documents.
- (c) The hearing must be held during a regular or special meeting of Executive Board.
- (d) Not less than 10 business days prior to the hearing, the Association shall send written notice of the hearing to the Unit Owner, and to any other parties the Association considers appropriate.
  - (i) The notice shall be sent to the Unit Owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail.
  - (ii) The notice given under this Subsection 24.2(c) shall be in addition to any other notice of the meeting of the Executive Board required to be given by Association.
- (e) The notice shall include the following:
  - (i) The date, time and place of the hearing;
  - (ii) A general description of the alleged violation or the nature of the claim against the Unit Owner;
  - (iii) Instructions as to how the Unit Owner can participate in the hearing and present the Unit Owner's position; and
  - (iv) A general explanation of the consequences of not participating in the hearing.
- (f) At the hearing, the Unit Owner shall have the right, personally or through a representative, to present information orally, in writing, or both, subject to reasonable rules of procedure established by the Executive Board to assure a prompt and orderly resolution of the issues. The Executive Board may also receive information from anyone else who, in the opinion of the Executive Board will assist it in making a decision. The hearing shall not be conducted as a formal trial. All information presented shall be considered in making a decision but shall not bind the decision makers.
- (g) The Executive Board shall make its decision and send notice of its decision within 30 days after the conclusion of the hearing.

(h) The notice shall be sent to the Unit Owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail.

<u>Section 24.3 - Procedures for Notice and Hearing – On the Request of a Unit Owner.</u>

- (a) Any Unit Owner, other than the Declarant, seeking to enforce a right, grant or obligation imposed by the Act or the Community Documents against the Association or another Unit Owner, may submit a written request to the Association for a hearing. The request shall include:
  - (i) A statement of the nature of the claim being made;
  - (ii) The names of the party or parties against whom the claim is being made; and
  - (iii) A reference to the provision or provisions of the Act or of the Community Documents on which the claim is based.
- (b) Not later than 30 days after the Association receives such request, it shall schedule a hearing to be held during a regular or special meeting of the Executive Board. The meeting must be held not more than 45 days after the Association receives the request.
- (c) Not less than 10 business days prior to the hearing, the Association shall send written notice of the hearing to the Unit Owner who requested the hearing, and it may be sent to any Unit Owner against whom a claim is being made and/or it may be sent to any other parties the Executive Board considers appropriate.
  - The notice shall be sent to the Unit Owner requesting the hearing by certified mail, return receipt requested and by regular mail;
  - (ii) The notice shall be sent to any other parties entitled to notice by regular mail; and
  - (iii) The notice given under this subsection shall be in addition to any other notice of the meeting of the Executive Board required to be given by the Community Documents or by applicable law.
- (d) The notice shall include the following:
  - (i) The date, time and place of the hearing; and
  - (ii) If the notice is sent to anyone other than the Unit Owner who requested the hearing, it shall also include copies of any other

material submitted by the Unit Owner requesting the hearing to the Association in connection with the request.

- (e) At the hearing, the Unit Owner requesting the hearing and the Unit Owner, if any, against whom the claim is made shall have the right, personally or through a representative, to present information orally, in writing, or both, subject to reasonable rules of procedure established by the Executive Board to assure a prompt and orderly resolution of the issues. The Executive Board may also receive information from anyone else which, in the opinion of the Executive Board, will assist it in making a decision. The hearing shall not be conducted as a formal trial. All information presented shall be considered in making a decision but shall not bind the decision makers.
- (f) The Executive Board shall make its decision and send notice of its decision within thirty days after the conclusion of the hearing.
  - The notice shall be sent to the Unit Owner requesting the hearing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail; and
  - (ii) The notice shall be sent by regular mail to any other parties given notice of the hearing.

# ARTICLE 25 Open Meeting

<u>Section 25.1 – Access</u>. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to the Unit Owners, except as hereafter provided.

<u>Section 25.2 – Notice</u>. Notice of every such meeting shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the ByLaws.

<u>Section 25.3 – Executive Sessions</u>. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held in executive session, only in accordance with the provisions of the ByLaws concerning executive sessions and/or as provided by the Act, as amended.

### ARTICLE 26 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have all of the powers and duties described in the ByLaws.

# ARTICLE 27 Condemnation

If any or all of the Common Interest Community is taken by any power having the authority of eminent domain, all compensation and damages for and on account of the taking power shall be in accordance with Section 47-206 of the Act, as amended.

## ARTICLE 28 Miscellaneous

- <u>Section 28.1 Captions</u>. The captions contained in the Documents are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define, limit or describe the scope of the Documents or the intent of any provision thereof.
- <u>Section 28.2 Gender</u>. The use of the masculine gender refers to the feminine and neuter genders and the use of the singular includes the plural, and vice versa, whenever the context of the Documents so requires.
- <u>Section 28.3 Waiver</u>. No provision contained in the Documents is abrogated or waived by reason of any failure to enforce the same, irrespective of the number of violations or breaches which may occur.
- <u>Section 28.4 Invalidity</u>. The invalidity of any provision of the Documents does not impair or affect in any manner the validity, enforceability or effect of the remainder, and in such event, all of the other provisions of the Documents shall continue in full force and effect.
- <u>Section 28.5 Conflict</u>. The Documents are intended to comply with the requirements of the Act, as amended, and Chapter 602 of the Connecticut General Statutes. In the event of any conflict between the Documents and the provisions of the statutes, the provisions of the statutes shall control. In the event of any conflict between this Declaration and any other Document, this Declaration shall control.
- <u>Section 28.6 Execution of Documents</u>. The President or Secretary of the Association is responsible for preparing, executing, filing and recording amendments to the Documents.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Association has caused this Amended Declaration to be executed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2019.

Signed and Delivered In the presence of:

BLACK ROCK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

Charles A. Ryan

Allan Olivero

Stephanie Palmer

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

ss: Waterbury

March 1, 2019

COUNTY OF LITCHFIELD

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2019, before me, personally appeared Allan Olivero, President of Black Rock Village Condominium Association, Inc., a corporation, Signer and Sealer of the foregoing Instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed as such President and the free act and deed of said corporation, before me.

Commissioner of the Superior Court Charles A. Ryan, Esq.

# Schedule A-1 Description of Land

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated on the southerly side of Old Morris Road and Connecticut Route No. 109 in the Town of Thomaston, County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut having 13.7 +/- acres and 1.44 acres and being shown on a map or plan entitled:

"SUBDIVISION PLAN FOR LAND OF ROBERT D. SR. AND MARY LOU BOTHROYD CONN. ROUTE NO. 109 AND OLD MORRIS ROAD THOMASTON, CONNECTICUT SCALE: 1 IN. = 40 FT. – SEPTEMBER 1, 1986 ROBERT F. YOUNG, LAND SURVEYOR, THOMASTON, CONN. REVISED 9/11/87"

Bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point which marks the northwesterly corner of the herein described premises thence turning S. 150 53' 32" W. a distance of 826.37 feet to a point; thence turning and running S. 64° 46' E. a distance of 46.90 feet to and iron pin: thence turning and running S. 57° 19' 00" E. a distance of 222.72 feet to an iron pin: thence turning and running S. 57° 26' 14" E. a distance of 99.93 feet to an iron pin: thence turning and running S. 57° 14' 18" E. a distance of 61.02 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running S. 67° 17' 09" E. a distance of 339.06 feet to an iron pin which marks the southeasterly corner of the herein described premises; thence turning and running N. 22º 41' 54" E. a distance of 178.46 feet to an iron pipe; thence turning and running N. 87° 45' 28" W. a distance of 76.38 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running N. 07° 37' 44" E. a distance of 744.01 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running N. 07°35' 15" E. a distance of 224.26 feet to a point which marks the northeasterly corner of the herein described premises; thence turning and running on the arc of a curve having a radius of 7574.44 feet a distance of 294.16 feet to a point; thence turning and running on the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 165.00 feet a distance of 186.10 feet to a point; thence turning and running N. 79° 40' 28" W. a distance of 125.36 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Said premises are free from all encumbrances except:

- 1. Building, building line and planning and zoning ordinances of the Town of Thomaston.
- 2. Reservation granted unto Robert D. Bothroyd, Sr. and Mary Lou Bothroyd and their heirs or assigns of a right of way or easement of no less than 30 feet in width over an existing driveway for transmission of utilities and normal rights of ingress and egress as recited in a Warranty Deed of Robert D. Bothroyd, Sr. and Mary Lou Bothroyd to Terrance P. Foley and James T. Breeney dated September 21, 1987, recorded September 22, 1987, Thomaston Land Records, Volume 98, Page 570.

- 3. The terms and conditions of a Special Permit issued by the Thomaston Planning & Zoning Commission recorded May 8, 1989, Thomaston Land Records, Volume 106, Page 452.
- 4. Such rights and easements as may appear of record including an easement to slope and a 25 foot drainage right of way and right to discharge water as conveyed by the State of Connecticut to the Town of Thomaston by deed dated June 6, 1968.
- 5. Subject to an electric distribution easement to the Connecticut Light and Power Company dated June 15, 1989 and recorded June 21, 1989 in Volume 107 at Page 284 of the Thomaston Land Records.
- 6. Subject to a water main easement to the Connecticut Water Company dated June 8, 1989 and recorded June 27,1989 in Volume 107 at Page 328 of the Thomaston Land Records.

The aforementioned property is the same property as shown on a map or plan entitled, "SITE LAYOUT PLAN "BLACK ROCK VILLAGE" Branch Road & Conn. Rout. 109 Thomaston, Connecticut prepared for Terence P. Foley & James T. Breeney Date 10-24-88 Rev. 2-27-89".

# Schedule A-2 TABLE OF INTERESTS

		Percentage	
Unit	Model	Share of Common	Vote in
No.	Type	Elements & Expenses	Association
1A	1 4 100	.0166%	1
1B		.0166%	1
1C		.0166%	1
1D		.0166%	1
1E		.0166%	1
1F		.0166%	1
2A		.0166%	1
2B		.0166%	1
2C		.0166%	1
2D		.0166%	1
2E		.0166%	1
2F		.0166%	1
3A		.0166%	1
3B		.0166%	1
3C		.0166%	1
3D		.0166%	1
3E		.0166%	1
3F		.0166%	1
4A		.0166%	1
4B		.0166%	1
4C		.0166%	1
4D		.0166%	1
4E		.0166%	1
4F		.0166%	1
5A		.0166%	1
5B		.0166%	1
5C		.0166%	1
5D		.0166%	1
5E		.0166%	1
5F		.0166%	1
A6		.0166%	1
6B		.0166%	1
6C		.0166%	1.
6D		.0166%	1
6E		.0166%	1
6F		.0166%	1
7A		.0166%	1
7B		.0166%	1
7C		.0166%	1
7D		.0166%	1

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# BLACK ROCK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

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# BLACK ROCK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

Pursuant to the Common Interest Ownership Act the Association has adopted the following Maintenance Standards which shall be binding on all Unit Owners, Tenants, Occupants, Guests and/or Invitees.

### 1. Dryer Vent Cleaning

All clothes dryers will have lint filters that will remain installed to prevent lint from accumulating in the vent duct. Dryer vents will be cleaned annually. Although the Association may arrange from time to time for a contractor to perform the cleaning, it does not remove the responsibility of the Unit Owner to ensure that the dryer vent is cleaned per the requirements of the Association. Each Unit Owner is responsible for the cost of inspecting, cleaning, maintaining, repairing and replacing Dryer Vents. Inspections and repairs need to be performed by a properly licensed and insured contractor following all applicable local building codes. The Unit Owner shall provide the Association with access to the Unit for dryer vent inspection/cleaning as requested by the Association.

### 2. Water Heater Replacement

Water heaters must be replaced within its useful life, but in no case more than every ten years. Any damage caused by a malfunctioning water heater past the age of its useful life or ten years, that is not covered by the Master Insurance Policy, will be the responsibility of the Unit Owner whose Unit is served by the heater; OR, in the event any loss, claim, damage or expense is caused or contributed to by water which escapes from any water heater located within the boundaries of a Unit, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the water heater failed because it was not replaced prior to the expiration of its anticipated useful life. The aforesaid presumption may be rebutted by the Unit Owner by providing proof to the Association, satisfactory to the Association, that the water heater in question had not exceeded its anticipated life.

### 3. Washing Machines, Dishwashers, Refrigerators and Ice-Makers

All washing machines, dishwashers, refrigerators and ice-makers must have reinforced steel/metal braided hoses designed to prevent or greatly reduce the potential for hose failure and resulting water damage.

### 4. Toilets and Plumbing

No running water spigots may be left unattended or allowed to cause overflow. Outdoor spigots must be winterized to prevent freezing. All leaky pipes, valves, toilet seals, toilet gaskets, waste traps and running toilets must be promptly repaired. Evidence of running, leaking or seeping water must be reported immediately to the Association's Management Company. Each Unit Owner shall be responsible to report evidence of Mold or conditions that could lead to Mold to the Association's Management Company.

#### 5. Reporting Leaks

Unit Owners shall promptly report to the Association any leak or other condition resulting in escaped water upon identifying any such leak or condition or as quickly thereafter as is reasonably possible.

### 6. Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are to be tested in January and July each year. Batteries must be replaced annually in January. It is the responsibility of the Owner to ensure that any and all smoke detectors found to not be in working order are replaced with the appropriate device (verify if device is 110 volt hardwired with 9 volt battery backup and whether interconnected with other smoke detector devices within the Unit or building). To be completed in January and July.

#### 7. Heat in Units

Each Unit Owner shall be responsible to continuously maintain heat at no less than 58 degrees Fahrenheit in all areas contained within the boundaries of the Unit. In case of the Unit being unoccupied for a period of five (5) days or more, the Unit Owner must provide the Management Company with a local emergency contact. The emergency contact must inspect the vacant Unit at least once every three (3) days to check for proper functioning of the heating system, frozen pipes, water leaks, or any other issues that may arise in the resident's absence.

In lieu of having the Unit inspected once every three (3) days the Unit Owner may purchase, install and maintain a "Freeze Alarm."

### 8. Outside Spigots

If the shut off for the spigot is inside the Unit, the Owner must shut off the water and properly winterize the spigot by December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Water may be turned on after April 15<sup>th</sup>. Valves replaced shall be replaced using a "frost free valve".

### 9. Grill Safety

The use of charcoal or solid fuel grills is prohibited. Each Unit Owner having a gas fueled grill needs to ensure that it is in safe working condition and is operated safely not limited to: providing not less than 10 feet between the exterior surfaces of the grills and any combustible material and that gas supply to the grill be in the closed position when the grill is not being used. The use of propane gas grills on decks that are not accessible from the outside is prohibited.

CT State Fire Code shall supersede any provision of the Association's Documents including these maintenance standards. Each Unit Owner must comply with the CT Fire Code. Please review the substantial Fire Code Amendments effective in 2015 which affect CT Common Interest Communities such as ours.

### 10. Work to be Performed by Licensed Professionals

Each Unit Owner shall be responsible to the Association for any damage caused by repairs or installations to any Unit or Limited Common Element not performed by licensed and insured professionals in accordance to at least the minimum standards required by the State of Connecticut and the municipality in which the Unit is located. This Section 10 shall only apply with respect to maintenance and repairs related to structural, electrical or plumbing.

### 11. Insulation and Attics

Each Unit Owner is responsible for ensuring that attic insulation does not block, cover or interfere with soffit vents. There is a rebuttable presumption that insulation has been properly installed so as to not block, cover or interfere with soffit vents.

Unit Owners are on notice that the Association does not inspect individual attics on a routine basis and accordingly the Association is not able to ascertain whether insulation is blocking, covering or interfering with soffit vents. Accordingly, each Unit owner is responsible for inspecting and ensuring that attic insulation does not block, cover or interfere with soffit vents.

### 12. Reporting Association Required Maintenance

The Unit Owner is responsible for reporting maintenance problems to management in a timely fashion and, if required, must provide reasonable access to the Unit for inspection and/or repairs as needed.

### 13. Failure to Report Loss

Unit Owners, Tenants, Occupant and/or guests must reports damage to the Association immediately and must allow access to the Unit for purposes of adjusting a claim, inspecting a loss, and/or making repairs. Failure to comply may result in a partial or full denial of a claim by the Association's insurance provider. In such cases the Unit shall be assessed any and all shortfalls in insurance proceeds.

### 14. General Requirements

- a. Failure to cooperate with the Association, including, but not limited to, authorizing access to the Unit for the purpose of mitigating damages, adjusting the claim, inspection or otherwise shall be a violation of these Maintenance Standards. Accordingly, if the Unit Owner/occupant/guest/tenant's action(s) or inaction(s) cause a denial/partial denial of an insurance claim the Unit Owner of the Unit shall be responsible for any and shortfalls in insurance proceeds.
- b. There shall be no storage of combustibles or hazardous materials (including but not limited to gasoline, propane tanks, etc.) inside Units, garages, or other enclosed spaces.
- c. Unit Owners are responsible for notifying all residents, occupants, guest, tenants and/or invitees of their Unit of these rules and guidelines. Compliance with the Maintenance Standards outlined herein is the responsibility of the Unit Owner. For the purpose of interpreting and applying these Maintenance Standards, where the context requires, the term "Unit Owner" shall also include any tenant, occupant, guest, and invitee of the Unit.
- d. All maintenance, inspections, and repairs to Units must be done by licensed and insured contractors. The contractor must obtain permits for work where required by the municipality.
- e. The Unit Owner should retain a copy of any documentation related to the completion of the above maintenance requirements in the event that documentation of compliance is requested by the Association.
- f. Each Unit Owner acknowledges that the Association's property insurance costs are positively impacted by the diligent maintenance, repair and replacement of the Units, the fixtures and improvements located within the boundaries of the Units and the Limited Common Elements which the Unit Owners are required to maintain, repair and replace. Each Unit Owner shall be under a duty to use

reasonable care to maintain, repair and replace his or her Unit, the fixtures and improvements located within the boundaries of the Unit and the Limited Common Elements which the Unit Owner is required to maintain, repair and replace. It is expected that the Unit Owner will use the same level of care in performing his or her maintenance, repair and replacement obligations which a typical homeowner living in a single family home not part of a common interest community would observe.

g. Any person authorized by the Executive Board shall have the right of access to all portions of the Property for the purpose of correcting any condition threatening a Unit or the Common Elements, for the purpose of performing installations, alterations or repairs and for the purpose of reading, repairing or replacing utility meters and related pipes, valves, wires and equipment, provided that requests for entry to a Unit or Limited Common Element are made in advance and that any such entry is at a time reasonably convenient to the affected Unit Owner consistent with the availability of contractors and others employed or engaged by the Association. Such right of access may be exercised during winter months without Unit Owner notice if there is reason to believe a Unit is not occupied in order to make certain heat is being maintained in the Unit. In case of an emergency, no such request or notice is required and such right of entry shall be immediate, whether or not the Unit Owner is present at the time. If a Unit Owner fails to permit routine access to a Unit as reasonably requested by the Association, the Association may seek a court order to allow access to the unit without the Unit Owner's consent. In such case, any cost and attorney's fee of obtaining such court order shall be assessed to the Unit Owner's account. If a Unit is damaged as a result of access obtained under this Section, the Association will be responsible for the prompt repair of the Unit, except as provided in Subsection 19.2(f) and Subsection 19.2(i) of the Amended Declaration.

#### 15. Additional Maintenance Standards

- a. Electrical Panels: Regular inspection of wiring and breakers should be conducted. An electrician must replace any old, worn, or damaged breakers and wiring. Total electrical usage both in the aggregate and per circuit in any Unit shall not exceed the capacity of the circuits that serve the Unit as labeled on or in the circuit boxes. Electrical breakers shall not be connected to more than one electrical conductor.
- b. Hot Water Tanks: Installation of an automatic shut off device should be considered to minimize damage should the water heater fail. Where feasible, installation of water heater pan with appropriate drainage pipe should be considered. If drain connects to any common piping or travels beyond the boundaries of the Unit, an approved variance request is required.
- c. Doors/Windows: The Unit Owner shall ensure that all windows and doors are properly closed and latched to prevent damage from precipitation, snow or wind.

# 16. <u>Unit Owner Responsibility for Cost Incurred Due To Failure to Comply with These Maintenance Standards.</u>

Each Unit Owner shall be responsible to pay all damages and costs incurred by the Association to repair any damage to their Unit, any other Unit or any Common Element

as a result of the Unit Owners failure to comply with these Maintenance Standards in accordance with Subsection 19.2(i) of the Declaration.

These Maintenance Standards were approved by the Executive Board on 7th day of February 2019.

> **BLACK ROCK VILLAGE** CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

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# AMENDED BYLAWS OF BLACK ROCK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUMS

## ARTICLE 1 Introduction

Section 1.1 – Identification. These are the Amended Bylaws of Black Rock Village Condominium Association, Inc. ("Association"), a nonstock corporation established and existing under the Connecticut Revised Nonstock Corporation Act, Chapter 602 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, (the "Nonstock Corporation Act"), which is the association of Unit Owners of Black Rock Village Condominiums (the "Common Interest Community") established pursuant to the Connecticut Common Interest Ownership Act, Chapter 828 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, (the "Act").

<u>Section 1.2 – Effect of Declaration</u>. The terms and provisions of these Bylaws are subject to the terms, provisions, conditions, and authorizations of the Declaration establishing the Common Interest Community, as the same may be amended. The definitions of words used in these Bylaws that are not defined in these Bylaws and that are defined in the Declaration shall apply to such words in these Bylaws. In case of conflict, the definition in the Declaration shall control.

<u>Section 1.3 – Subject to the Documents</u>. All present and future owners, mortgagees, lessees and occupants of the Units and their employees, and any other persons who use the facilities or the Property in any manner, are subject to these ByLaws, the Declaration and the Rules, except as otherwise provided in the ByLaws and Declaration.

The acceptance of a deed of conveyance or the entering into a lease or the act of occupancy of a Unit shall constitute an agreement that these ByLaws and the Rules and Regulations and the provisions of the Declaration, as they may be amended from time to time, are accepted, ratified, and will be complied with.

### ARTICLE 2 Board of Directors

<u>Section 2.1 – Number and Qualifications</u>. (a)The affairs of the Association shall be governed by an Executive Board consisting of not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) persons (as determined by the Unit Owners each year), all of whom shall be Unit Owners. For the purpose of determining qualification to be a Director, a "Unit Owner" is, in the case of a Unit owned by a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, or other legal entity, any officer, partner, member, manager, trustee or employee of that entity, as designated in writing by the entity.

(b) The members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the Unit Owners for terms of two (2) years.

- (c) At any meeting at which Board Members are to be elected, the Unit Owners may, by resolution, adopt specific procedures for conducting the elections, not inconsistent with the Act, the Declaration, these Bylaws, or the Nonstock Corporation Act.
- (d) Directors shall take office upon their election. The terms of at least one (1) of the members of the Board of Directors shall expire annually, as established in a resolution of the members setting terms. Despite the expiration of a Director's term, the incumbent Director continues to serve until such Director's successor is elected and qualifies or the number of directorships is decreased.
- (e) The Board of Directors shall elect the officers. The Board of Directors members and officers shall take office upon election.
- (f) For purposes of electing Board Members the Association shall call and give not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days' notice of a meeting of the Unit Owners for this purpose. Such meeting may be called, and the notice given by any Unit Owner if the Association fails to do so.
- (g) As provided in §47-245(j) of the Act, no person shall provide or offer to any Executive Board member or a person seeking election as an Executive Board member, and no Executive Board member or person seeking election as an Executive Board member shall accept, any item of value based on any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of such member or person seeking election would be or has been influenced thereby.

<u>Section 2.2 – Powers and Duties</u>. The Executive Board may act in all instances on behalf of the Association, except as provided in the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the Act. The Executive Board acts only pursuant to the procedures set out in the Declaration, the Bylaws, the Association's certificate of incorporation or the Act. The activities of the Association are administered by its officers and designated agents in performing their authorized functions. The Executive Board shall have, subject to the limitations contained in the Declaration and the Act, the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Association and of the Common Interest Community, which shall include, but not be limited to, the power to do the following:

- (a) Shall adopt and may amend Bylaws, and may adopt and amend Rules;
- (b) Shall adopt and may amend budgets, may adopt and amend special assessments, and may invest funds of the Association;
- (c) May collect assessments for Common Expenses from unit owners;
- (d) May hire and discharge managing agents and other employees, agents and independent contractors;
- (e) May institute, defend or intervene in litigation or in arbitration, mediation or administrative proceedings in its own name on behalf of itself or two or more Unit Owners on matters affecting the Common Interest Community, subject to the limitations placed on the authority to institute and maintain

- proceedings alleging construction defects set out in Section 47-261f of the Act;
- (f) May make contracts and incur liabilities;
- (g) May regulate the use, maintenance, repair, replacement and modification of Common Elements:
- (h) May cause additional improvements to be made as a part of the Common Elements;
- (i) May acquire, hold, encumber and convey in its own name any right, title or interest to real property or personal property, but the Common Elements may be conveyed or subjected to a security interest only pursuant to Section 47-254 of the Act.
- (j) May grant easements, for any period of time including permanent easements, and leases, licenses and concessions for no more than one year through or over the Common Elements;
- (k) May impose and receive any payments, fees or charges for the use, rental or operation of the Common Elements, other than Limited Common Elements described in Subdivisions (2) and (4) of Section 47-221 of the Act, and for services provided to Unit Owners;
- (I) May impose charges or interest or both for late payment of assessments and, after Notice and Hearing, levy reasonable fines for violations of the Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules of the Association;
- (m) May impose reasonable charges for the preparation and recordation of amendments to the Declaration, resale certificates required by Section 47-270 of the Act or statements of unpaid assessments;
- (n) May provide for the indemnification of its officers and Executive Board and maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance;
- Subject to the Declaration and Subsection 47-261e(d) of the Act, may assign its right to future income, including the right to receive Common Expense assessments;
- (p) May exercise any other powers conferred by the Declaration or Bylaws;
- (q) May exercise all other powers that may be exercised in this state by legal entities of the same type as the Association;

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- (r) May exercise any other powers necessary and proper for the governance and operation of the Association;
- (s) May require, by regulation, that disputes between the Executive Board and Unit Owners or between two or more Unit Owners regarding the Common Interest Community must be submitted to nonbinding alternative dispute resolution in the manner described in the regulation as a prerequisite to commencement of a judicial proceeding;
- (t) May suspend any right or privilege of a Unit Owner who fails to pay an assessment, but may not:
  - (i) Deny a Unit Owner or other occupant access to the Owner's Unit or its Limited Common Elements;
  - (ii) Suspend a Unit Owner's right to vote or participate in meetings of the Association;
  - (iii) Prevent a Unit Owner from seeking election as a Director or officer of the Association; or
  - (iv) Withhold services provided to a Unit or a Unit Owner by the Association if the effect of withholding the service would be to endanger the health, safety or property of any person.
  - (v) Enforcement under this Subsection (t) shall not take effect until the Executive Board notifies the Unit Owner of its decision to suspend the use of the Common Elements.
- (u) By resolution, establish committees of Directors, pursuant to the provisions of Article III below.
- (v) The Board of Directors shall establish a written collection policy for all sums owed the Association in accordance with the provisions of Section 47-258 of the Act, as amended. A copy of the collection policy shall be available to all Unit Owners upon request.
- (w) May adopt and enforce Maintenance Standards for Units.
- (x) The Executive Board promptly shall provide notice to the Unit Owners of any legal proceeding in which the Association is a party other than proceedings involving enforcement of Rules, recovery of unpaid assessments or other sums due the Association, or defense of the Association's lien on a unit in a foreclosure action commenced by a third party.
- (y) [Reserved]
- (z) [Reserved]

- (aa) The Executive Board may determine whether to take enforcement action by exercising the Association's power to impose sanctions or commencing an action for a violation of the Declaration, ByLaws and Rules and Regulations, including whether to compromise any claim for unpaid assessments or other claim made by or against it. The Executive Board does not have a duty to take enforcement action if it determines that, under the facts and circumstances presented:
  - (i) The Association's legal position does not justify taking any or further enforcement action;
  - (ii) The covenant, restriction or rule being enforced is, or is likely to be construed as, inconsistent with law;
  - (iii) Although a violation may exist or may have occurred, it is not so material as to be objectionable to a reasonable person or to justify expending the Association's resources; or
  - (iv) It is not in the Association's best interests to pursue an enforcement action.
- (bb) The Executive Board's decision under subsection (aa) of this section not to pursue enforcement under one set of circumstances does not prevent the Executive Board from taking enforcement action under another set of circumstances, except that the Executive Board may not be arbitrary or capricious in taking enforcement action.

## Section 2.3 - Executive Board Limitations.

The Executive Board may not act on behalf of the Association:

- (a) To amend the Declaration,
- (b) To terminate the Common Interest Community,
- (c) To elect Directors, but the Executive Board may fill vacancies in its membership until the next meeting at which Directors are elected, or
- (d) To determine the qualifications, powers and duties, or terms of office of Directors.

<u>Section 2.4 – Manager</u>. The Executive Board may employ a manager for the Association at a compensation established by the Executive Board, to perform such duties and services as the Executive Board shall authorize. The Executive Board may delegate to the manager only the following powers granted to the Executive Board by these Bylaws:

- (a) May collect assessments from Unit Owners including, but not limited to, common expense assessments, special assessments, fines, interest, other fees, and/or late fees.
- (b) Licenses, concessions and contracts may be executed by the manager pursuant to specific resolutions of the Executive Board, and/or to fulfill the requirements of the budget.
- (c) May impose reasonable charges for the preparation of resale certificate pursuant to the Act.
- (d) May impose reasonable charges for copying and inspecting of Association documents by Unit Owners pursuant to the Act.
- (e) May perform other duties to assist the Board of Directors with the general powers and duties of the Board of Directors set forth in the Act but may not take any independent action with respect to such matters.

<u>Section 2.5 – Standard of Care</u>. The Executive Board shall exercise the degree of care and loyalty to the Association required of an officer or director of a corporation organized under the Nonstock Corporation Act. In addition, and without limiting other provisions of law that apply to Directors, the provisions of §§33-1127 et <u>seq.</u> of the Nonstock Corporation Act, relating to director's conflicting interest transactions, are applicable to all Directors.

<u>Section 2.6 – Personal Action Required of Directors.</u> Directors may not attend meetings of Directors or otherwise act in their capacity as a director through a power of attorney, proxy, or other delegation of authority. Nor may a Director or the Executive Board designate one or more alternates to act in the place of an absent Director. The position of Director is one of personal trust that requires personal action by the individual holding that position.

#### Section 2.7 – Removal of Members of the Board of Directors.

- (a) The Unit Owners present in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present, or voting by ballot as provided in these Bylaws and the Act, may remove any member of the Executive Board, with or without cause, if the number of votes cast in favor of removal exceeds the number of votes cast in opposition to removal, except that the Unit Owners may not consider whether to remove a member of the Executive Board at a meeting of Unit Owners unless that subject was listed in the notice of the meeting or in the notice of vote by ballot.
- (b) At any meeting at which a vote to remove a member of the Executive Board, the member being considered for removal must have a reasonable opportunity to speak before the vote is taken. If the vote is taken by ballot, the member being considered for removal shall be given a reasonable opportunity to deliver information to the unit owners as provided in the provisions of the Act and these Bylaws relating to votes by ballot.

<u>Section 2.8 – Vacancies</u>. Vacancies in the Executive Board may be filled as follows:

- (a) If the vacancy occurs when all Directors are elected by Unit Owners, then:
  - (i) If the vacancy was not created by the removal of the Director by the Unit Owners, the vacancy may be filled by vote of a majority of the remaining directors at a special meeting of the Executive Board held for that purpose at any time after the occurrence of the vacancy, even though the Directors present at such meeting may constitute less than a quorum. Each Director so elected or appointed by the Executive Board shall be a Director for the unexpired term of the directorship being filled or, if earlier, until the next regularly scheduled meeting at which Directors are elected, at which time the Unit Owners shall elect a Director to serve the remainder of the term, if any.
  - (ii) If the vacancy was created by the removal of a Director by the Unit Owners, then the vacancy shall be filled by vote of the Unit Owners. Such vote may be taken at the meeting at which the Director is removed, or by the same ballot by which the Director was removed, or a subsequent ballot vote, or at a special or annual meeting of Unit Owners following the creation of the vacancy.
- (b) Each person so elected or appointed by the Executive Board pursuant to Section 2.8 (a) above shall be a Director for the unexpired term of the directorship being filled or, if earlier, until the next regularly scheduled meeting at which Directors are elected, at which time the Unit Owners shall elect a Director to serve the remainder of the term, if any. Each person so elected by Unit Owners shall serve the unexpired portion of the term of the Director being replaced.

#### Section 2.9 – Executive Board Meetings.

- (a) <u>First Meeting after Unit Owners Annual Meeting</u>. The first regular meeting of the Executive Board following each annual meeting of the Unit Owners shall be the organizational meeting held within ten (10) days thereafter at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Unit Owners at the meeting at which such Executive Board or members of it shall have been elected or, if no time and place is so fixed by the Unit Owners, then as determined by the president of the Association.
- (b) Regular Meetings. The Executive Board may set a schedule of regular meetings by resolution. The schedule of Executive Board meetings shall be given to Unit Owners. Notwithstanding any actions taken by the Executive Board by 2/3 consent of the entire Board, there shall be at least two regular meetings of the Executive Board each year.
- (c) <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or by a majority of the Directors.

### Section 2.10 - Open Meetings.

- (a) Except during executive sessions, all meetings of the Executive Board or any committee established by the Executive Board that is designated to act for the Executive Board in the exercise of any of the powers of the Executive Board under the Declaration shall be open to all Unit Owners and to a representative designated by a Unit Owner
- (b) At each Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board shall provide a reasonable opportunity for Unit Owners to comment regarding any matter affecting the Common Interest Community and the Association.
- (c) This opportunity may be in the form of a comment period at a designated time during the meeting. The Executive Board may adopt reasonable rules and procedures for the conduct of the comment period, including limitations on the length of the comment period and the length of individual comments.
- (d) Nothing in this Section shall permit Unit Owners who are not members of the Executive Board to participate in the conduct of Executive Board meetings outside of any comment period or other opportunities for comment and input established by the Executive Board.
- (e) A gathering of Executive Board members at which the Executive Board members do not conduct Association business is not a meeting of the Executive Board. The Executive Board and its members may not use incidental or social gatherings of Executive Board members or any other method to evade the open meeting requirements of this Section.

<u>Section 2.11– Executive Sessions</u>. The Executive Board and those committees established by the Executive Board that is designated to act for the Executive Board in the exercise of any of the powers of the Executive Board under the Declaration may hold an executive session only during a regular or special meeting of the Executive Board or such committee. No final vote or action may be taken during an executive session. An executive session may be held only to:

- (a) consult with the Association's attorney concerning legal matters;
- (b) discuss existing or potential litigation or mediation, arbitration or administrative proceedings;
- (c) discuss labor or personnel matters;
- (d) discuss contracts, leases and other commercial transactions to purchase or provide goods or services currently being negotiated, including the review of bids or proposals, if premature general knowledge of those matters would place the Association at a disadvantage; or
- (e) prevent public knowledge of the matter to be discussed if the executive board or committee determines that public knowledge would violate the privacy of any person.

<u>Section 2.12 – Location of Meetings</u>. All meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at the Common Interest Community, in the Town in which the Common Interest Community is located, in a neighboring town, or at some other suitable place that is reasonably convenient to the Common Interest Community.

#### Section 2.13 – Notices of Meetings.

- (a) Unless the meeting is included in a schedule given to the Unit Owners or the meeting is called to deal with an emergency, the secretary shall give notice of each Executive Board meeting to each Executive Board Member and to the Unit Owners. The notice shall be given at least five (5) days before the meeting and shall state the time, date, place and agenda of the meeting, except that notice of a meeting to adopt, amend or repeal a Rule is governed by the Declaration and the ByLaws and notice of an Executive Board meeting to adopt, amend or repeal any Bylaw is governed by the Bylaws. If notice of the meeting is included in a schedule given to the Unit Owners, the secretary or other officer specified in the bylaws shall make available an agenda for such meeting to each Board Member and to the Unit Owners not later than forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.
- (b) Special meetings of the Executive Board to deal with an emergency situation that requires consideration or action by the Executive Board sooner than could be accommodated if the notice requirements of subsection (a) had to be observed, may be called by the president or a majority of the directors on such notice as the authority calling the meeting deems appropriate in the circumstances. Notice of matters considered and actions taken, if any, at the meeting shall be provided to the Unit Owners.
- (c) If any materials are distributed to the Executive Board before the meeting, the Executive Board at the same time shall make copies of those materials reasonably available to Unit Owners, except that the Executive Board need not make available copies of materials that are to be considered in executive session.

<u>Section 2.14 – Waiver of Notice</u>. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The waiver must be in writing, signed by the Director and filed with the minutes of the meeting. Attendance by a Director at any meeting of the Executive Board shall constitute a waiver of notice unless the Director, at the beginning of the meeting, or promptly after his or her arrival, objects to holding the meeting, or transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting. Neither a Director nor the Executive Board may waive the notice of Executive Board meetings that is required to be provided to Unit Owners.

<u>Section 2.15 – Meetings by Telephonic, Video or Other Conferencing Process</u>. The Executive Board may meet by telephonic, video or other conferencing process if:

(a) The meeting notice states the conferencing process to be used and provides information explaining how Unit Owners may participate in the conference directly or by meeting at a central location or conference connection; and

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(b) The process provides all Unit Owners the opportunity to hear or perceive the discussion and offer comments regarding any matter affecting the Common Interest Community and the Association to the same extent as at in-person Executive Board meetings.

## Section 2.16 - Quorum and Voting.

- (a) A quorum of the Executive Board for the taking of any action by the Executive Board at any meeting is present only if a majority of the members of the Executive Board is present at the time a vote regarding the action is taken.
- (b) Each Director shall have one equal vote on matters voted on by the Executive Board or Special Board Committee of the Executive Board that is authorized to act on behalf of the Executive Board.
- (c) If a quorum is present at any meeting of the Executive Board when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Board present at the time of the vote is the act of the Executive Board, unless the Declaration or other provisions of these Bylaws requires a greater vote.
- (d) Unless the Executive Board is meeting by telephonic, video or other conferencing process, some, but not all of the Directors, may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or to conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Directors participating in the meeting may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A Director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.
- (e) The minutes of all Executive Board meetings shall contain a record of how each Board Member cast his or her vote on any final action proposed to be taken by the Executive Board, unless such action was approved either by unanimous consent of the Board Members or without objection by any Board Member.

<u>Section 2.17– Action Without a Meeting</u>. Instead of meeting, the Executive Board may act by 2/3 consent of the entire Board as documented in a record authenticated by all its members. The secretary promptly shall give notice to all Unit Owners of any action taken pursuant to this Section 2.17.

Section 2.18— Limitation on Challenges. Even if an action by the Executive Board is not in compliance with the requirements of §47-250 of the Act, it is valid unless set aside by a court. A challenge to the validity of an action of the Executive Board for failure to comply with said §47-250 may not be brought more than sixty (60) days after the minutes of the Executive Board meeting at which the action was taken are approved or the record of that action is distributed to Unit Owners, whichever is later.

<u>Section 2.19 – Compensation</u>. Directors may not receive a fee from the Association for acting as a Director or officers of the Association. A Director may be reimbursed for necessary expenses actually incurred in connection with such Director's duties, as approved by the Executive Board.

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<u>Section 2.20 – Recording Board Votes</u>. The Minutes of all Executive Board meeting shall contain a record of how each Board Member cast his or her vote on any final action proposed to be taken by the Executive Board, unless such action was approved either by unanimous consent of the Board Members or without objection by any Board Member.

# ARTICLE 3 Committees

The Executive Board, by resolution, may establish one or more committees. Committees are not authorized or empowered to exercise the power of the Executive Board. The president may also establish one or more Committees. Membership of Committees may include, but is not limited to, Directors, and other individuals appointed to such Committee by the Executive Board or the president, whichever is the establishing authority. Such Committees shall exist at the pleasure of the Executive Board or the president, whichever is the establishing authority, and shall perform such tasks and functions as the Executive Board or the president, whichever is the establishing authority, shall, from time to time, specify. The president shall keep the Executive Board informed of Committees appointed by the president and their activities. Each Committee shall maintain records of its meetings and shall provide copies thereof to the president and Executive Board and keep the president and the Executive Board informed of its meetings and activities. Such Committees, even if appointed by the Executive Board, may not act for the Executive Board in the exercise any of the powers of the Executive Board.

# ARTICLE 4 Unit Owners

<u>Section 4.1 – Annual Meeting</u>. Annual meetings of Unit Owners shall be held each year as the Executive Board may determine. At such meeting, the Directors shall be elected by plurality of the votes cast by the Unit Owners. Only matters described in the meeting notice of the annual meeting may be considered at the annual meeting.

<u>Section 4.2 – Budget Meeting</u>. Meetings of Unit Owners to consider proposed budgets shall be called in accordance with the Declaration. The budget may be considered at Annual or Special Meetings called for other purposes as well.

<u>Section 4.3 – Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of Unit Owners may be called by the president, a majority of the Executive Board, or if Unit Owners having at least twenty percent of the Votes in the Association request the secretary to call a meeting. If the Association does not notify Unit Owners of a special meeting within fifteen (15) days after the requisite number or percentage of Unit Owners request the Secretary to do so, the requesting Unit Owners may directly notify the Unit Owners of the meeting. Only matters described in the meeting notice of the special meeting may be considered at a special meeting.

<u>Section 4.4 – Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Unit Owners shall be held at suitable place at the location designated by the party calling the meeting which location shall be at the Common Interest Community, in the Town in which the Common Interest G:\clients-new\FGP\CONDOMIN\Condo Documents\Black Rock Village amended bylaws NEW 3-21-18.doc

Community is located, in a neighboring town, or at such other suitable place that is reasonably convenient to the Unit Owners, each as may be designated by the party calling the meeting.

Section 4.5 – Meetings by Telephonic, Video or Other Conferencing Process. If the Executive Board determines that a meeting of Unit Owners can be held effectively by telephonic, video or other conferencing process, then the Executive Board may allow for Unit Owner meetings to be held by telephonic, video or other conferencing process as specified and in accordance with an authorizing resolution adopted by the Executive Board, if (x) the meeting notice states the conferencing process to be used and provides information explaining how Unit Owners may participate in the conference directly or by meeting at a central location or conference connection; and (y) the process provides all Unit Owners the opportunity to hear or perceive the discussion and offer comments regarding any matter affecting the Common Interest Community and the Association.

<u>Section 4.6 – Notice of Meetings</u>. The secretary or other officer specified in the Bylaws shall notify the Unit Owners of the time, date, place of each annual or special meeting of the Unit Owners not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the meeting date. The notice of any meeting of Unit Owners shall state the time, date, and place of the meeting and the items on the agenda, including, if applicable,

- (a) a statement of the general nature of any proposed amendment to the Declaration, including the proposed text of the proposed amendment and the text of any provision proposed to be removed;
- (b) a statement of the general nature of any proposed amendment to the Bylaws, including the text of any proposed amendment and the text of any provision proposed to be removed
- (c) any budget changes; and
- (d) any proposal to remove any Director.

In addition, the notice shall contain specific notice of a proposed action if the Act, the Declaration, or the Bylaws requires specific notice of such proposed action. Only matters described in the notice of the meeting may be considered at that meeting.

Examples of Special Notice Provisions pursuant to the Act include:

- (a) <u>Subsection 47-250(b)(5)</u> Notice to unit owners of date, time, place and agenda of non-scheduled or non-emergency executive board meetings
- (b) <u>Subsection 47-250(b)(7)(A)</u> Information about unit owner participation where executive board meets by telephonic, video or other conferencing process Subsections 47-261b(a)(1) and Text of rule that is proposed to be repealed, amended or adopted and date of

- expected executive board action on the adoption, amendment or repeal of a rule.
- (c) <u>Subsections 47-261d(a)(3)</u> Notice of intent of proposal to remove member of executive board or officer.
- (d) <u>Subsection 47-261e(a)</u> Summary of budget, statement of reserves and basis for calculation and funding of reserves for meeting of unit owners to consider approval of periodic budget.
- (e) <u>Subsection 47-261e(b)</u> Summary of proposed special assessment to be presented to unit owners for approval

#### Section 4.7 – Waiver of Notice.

- (a) Any Unit Owner may waive notice of any meeting. The waiver must be in writing, signed by the Unit Owner and filed with the minutes of the meeting.
- (b) Attendance by a Unit Owner at any meeting of the Unit Owners:
  - Shall constitute a waiver of notice unless the Unit Owner at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting, or transacting business at the meeting; and
  - (ii) Shall constitute a waiver of objection to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice, unless the Unit Owner objects to considering the matter when it is presented.

<u>Section 4.8 – Adjournment of Meeting</u>. At any meeting of Unit Owners, a majority of the Unit Owners who are present at such meeting, even if those present do not constitute a quorum, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to another time.

#### Section 4.9 – Opportunity for Unit Owner Comment.

- (a) At each meeting of Unit Owners, the Unit Owners shall be given a reasonable opportunity to comment regarding any matter affecting the Common Interest Community and the Association.
- (b) This opportunity may be in the form of a comment period at a designated time during the meeting. The Executive Board may adopt reasonable rules and procedures for the conduct of the comment period, including limitations on the length of the comment period and the length of individual comments.

<u>Section 4.10 – Order of Business</u>. Except as otherwise provided in the notice of the meeting or determined by vote of the Unit Owners present at the meeting, the order of business at all meetings of the Unit Owners shall be as follows, as applicable and appropriate:

Roll call (or check-in procedure).

- 2. Proof of notice of meeting.
- 3. Consideration and approval of minutes of preceding meeting.
- 4. Reports, as applicable, and as determined by the Executive Board of the property manager, the president, other officers, Special Board Committees, if any, Advisory Committees, if any.
- 5. Establish number of memberships of the Executive Board (if applicable).
- 6. Election of inspectors of election (when required).
- 7. Election of Directors (when required).
- 8. Consideration of ratification of Budget (if required).
- 9. Consideration of ratification of Special Assessment (when applicable)
- 10. Unfinished business (as included in the notice of the meeting).
- 11. New business (as included in the notice of the meeting).
- 12. Unit Owner Comment

#### Section 4.11 – Moderator of Meetings.

- (a) The president shall preside at each meeting of Unit Owners unless, in light of the nature of the proceeding or the nature of the agenda items, the Executive Board or the president determines to designate another person to act as chairperson and preside at the meeting for all or a portion of the meeting as specified by the Executive Board or the chair of the meeting, as the case may be.
- (b) It may, from time to time, be necessary or appropriate for the president of the Association, as its chief executive officer, or for another officer chairing a meeting to participate in the debate on a topic at an Association meeting, something that the individual chairing a meeting may not do. In such case, the person chairing the meeting may relinquish the chair in order to participate in the debate and the Unit Owners may select a moderator to chair the meeting. If the person chairing a meeting relinquishes the chair to participate in the debate on an issue, such person may not resume chairing the meeting until the debate and, if applicable, vote on the issue has concluded.
- (c) The chairperson selected by the Unit Owners need not be a Unit Owner, Director or officer.

#### Section 4.12 – Voting – Generally.

(a) If only one of several owners of a Unit is present at a meeting of the Association, in person or by proxy, that owner is entitled to cast all the Votes allocated to that

Unit. If more than one of the owners of the Unit is present, in person or by proxy, the Votes allocated to that Unit may be cast only in accordance with the agreement of a majority in interest of the Unit Owners. There is majority agreement if any one of the owners casts the Votes allocated to that Unit without protest being made promptly to the person presiding over the meeting by any of the other owners of the Unit.

- (b) If a Unit is owned by a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, or other legal entity, the natural person designated in a record provided to the Association to participate and vote on behalf of the entity at meetings and in other votes of Unit Owners conducted by the Association may so participate and vote. In the absence of such a designation, the following may participate and vote at meetings and other votes of Unit Owners conducted by the Association: any officer of a corporation, any general partner of a partnership, any manager of a manager-managed limited liability partnership, any member of a member-managed limited liability company, or any trustee of a trust. The moderator of the meeting may require reasonable evidence that the person voting on behalf of a legal entity that owns a Unit is qualified to vote.
- (c) Votes allocated to a Unit owned by the Association shall be cast in any vote of the Unit Owners in the same proportion as the Votes cast on the matter by Unit Owners other than the Association.
- (d) In the case of amendments to the Declaration, or agreements to the assignment of the Association's rights to future income, Unit Owners may also indicate their assent by written agreement.

### <u>Section 4.13 – Voting – Proxies</u>. The following requirements apply to proxy voting:

- (a) Votes allocated to a Unit may be cast at a meeting of Unit Owners pursuant to a directed or undirected proxy duly executed by the Unit Owner of the Unit. The proxy may be given to any individual, whether or not a Unit Owner, or to the holder of an office in the Association, such as the president or the secretary. A proxy may not be given to the Executive Board as a body but a proxy may be given to an individual who is a member of the Executive Board.
- (b) The Association may provide a proxy form to any Unit Owner who seeks to vote pursuant to a directed or undirected proxy. If the Association provides a proxy form, the proxy form, (A) shall include a blank space reserved for the insertion of the name of the proxy holder, and (B) may include the name of a person designated by the Association to be the default proxy holder, who shall be authorized to exercise the proxy in the event the Unit Owner fails to otherwise specify the name of the proxy holder subject to the limitations set forth in this subsection;
- (c) If a Unit is owned by more than one Person, each owner of the Unit may vote or register protest to the casting of votes by the other owner(s) of the Unit through a duly executed proxy.

- (d) A Unit Owner may revoke a proxy only by actual notice of revocation to the person presiding over the meeting of the Association.
- (e) A proxy is void if it is not dated or purports to be revocable without notice.
- (f) A proxy terminates one (1) year after its date, unless it specifies a shorter term.
- (g) A person may not cast more than fifteen percent (15%) of the Votes in the Association pursuant to undirected proxies. A proxy which directs the proxy holder to vote in a certain way on one or more matters even if it gives no direction to the proxy holder on other matters shall not, for the purposes of this subsection, be considered an undirected proxy.

<u>Section 4.14 – Conduct of Vote of Unit Owners without Meeting</u>. Except to the extent prohibited or limited by the Declaration or these Bylaws, the Executive Board, and only the Executive Board, may, by resolution, determine to hold a vote of the Unit Owners without a meeting. In that event, the following requirements apply:

- (a) The Association shall notify the Unit Owners that the vote will be taken by ballot;
- (b) The Association shall deliver a paper or electronic ballot to every Unit Owner entitled to vote on the matter;
- (c) The ballot must set forth each proposed action to be voted on or office to be filled and provide an opportunity to vote for or against the action or the candidate for office;
- (d) When the Association delivers the ballots, it shall also:
  - Indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements;
  - (ii) State the percentage of votes necessary to approve each matter other than election of Directors;
  - (iii) Specify the time and date by which the ballot must be delivered to the Association to be counted, which time and date may not be fewer than three (3) days after the date the Association delivers the ballot; and
  - (iv) Describe the time, date and manner by which Unit Owners wishing to deliver information to all unit owners regarding the subject of the vote may do so;
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in the Declaration or these Bylaws, a ballot is not revoked after delivery to the Association by death or disability or attempted revocation by the person that cast that vote; and
- (f) Approval by ballot without meeting is valid only if the number of Votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action.

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(g) The resolution of the Executive Board for a vote of Unit Owners without meeting may (A) require that the vote be by secret ballot in accordance with procedures specified by the Executive Board in its resolution and (B) specify such other procedural and logistical details of the balloting procedure that are not inconsistent with or contrary to the applicable requirements of the Act and the Bylaws as the Executive Board deems appropriate. The Executive Board may engage the services of a third-party vendor to conduct the vote by ballot.

<u>Section 4.15 – Quorum</u>. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Unit Owners present at any meeting of the Unit Owners – in person or by proxy – shall constitute a quorum at such meeting.

<u>Section 4.16—Requisite Vote</u>. A majority of the Votes cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present, or in the case of a vote by ballot without meeting, a majority of the Votes cast, is the decision of the Unit Owners for all purposes, except where a higher percentage vote is required in the Act or other law, the Declaration, or these Bylaws. Directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the Unit Owners.

Section 4.17 – Action by Agreement. Where the Act requires the vote or agreement of the Unit Owners to a specific action, a Unit Owner may agree to the action in a written agreement or other record delivered to the Association that is signed or otherwise authenticated by the Unit Owner and contains or refers to the action to which the Unit Owner is agreeing. A written agreement or record signed by one of the owners of a Unit constitutes the agreement of all owners of the Unit unless one or more of the other owners of the Unit give written notice to the Association of disagreement with that action before the vote or agreement on the action under consideration becomes effective. If more than one of the owners of Unit delivers a written agreement or other record, the position taken by a majority in interest of those Unit Owners who deliver written agreements or other records constitutes the position of all Unit Owners of the Unit.

<u>Section 4.18 – Rules of Order</u>. Meetings of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* unless:

- (a) The Declaration, the Bylaws, the Act, or other applicable law provides otherwise; or
- (b) Two-thirds (2/3) of the Votes allocated to Unit Owners present at the meeting, in person or by proxy, vote to suspend those rules.

## ARTICLE 5 Officers

<u>Section 5.1 – Designation</u>. The principal officers of the Association shall be the president, the vice president, the secretary and the treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Executive Board. The Executive Board may appoint an assistant treasurer, an assistant secretary, and such other officers as in its judgment may be necessary. The president and vice president, but no other officers, need be a Director

at all times that they hold office. Any two offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president and vice president, and the offices of president or vice president and secretary. The office of vice president may be vacant. The Executive Board shall elect the officers. The Directors and officers shall take office upon election.

<u>Section 5.2 – Election of Officers</u>. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Executive Board at the organization meeting of each new Executive Board and shall continue in office until a successor is elected or such officer is earlier removed from office.

<u>Section 5.3 – Removal of Officers</u>. Upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, any officer may be removed, with or without cause, and a successor may be elected at any regular meeting of the Executive Board, or at any special meeting of the Executive Board called for that purpose.

<u>Section 5.4 – President</u>. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, the president shall preside at all meetings of the Unit Owners and of the Executive Board. The president shall have all of the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of president of a nonstock corporation under the Nonstock Corporation Act. The president may fulfill the role of treasurer in the absence of the treasurer. The president may cause to be prepared and may execute amendments to the Declaration and the Bylaws on behalf of the Association, following authorization or approval of the particular amendment as applicable.

<u>Section 5.5 – Vice President.</u> The vice president shall take the place of the president and perform his or her duties whenever the president is absent or unable to act. If neither the president nor the vice president is able to act, the Executive Board shall appoint some other Director to act in the place of the president, on an interim basis. The vice president shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board or by the president.

<u>Section 5.6 – Secretary</u>. The secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the minutes of all meetings of the Unit Owners and the Executive Board. The secretary shall have charge of such books and papers as the Executive Board may direct and shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary of a nonstock corporation organized under the Nonstock Corporation Act. The secretary may cause to be prepared for execution by the president amendments to the Declaration and/or the Bylaws on behalf of the Association, following authorization or approval of the particular amendment as applicable.

<u>Section 5.7 – Treasurer</u>. The treasurer shall have the responsibility for Association funds and securities and shall be responsible for keeping or causing to be kept full and accurate financial records and books of account showing all receipts and disbursements, and for the preparation of all required financial data. The treasurer shall be responsible for the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Executive Board, and shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer of a nonstock corporation organized under the Nonstock Corporation Act. The treasurer may endorse on behalf of the Association for collection only, checks, notes and other obligations, and

shall deposit the same and all monies in the name of and to the credit of the Association in such banks as the Executive Board may designate. The treasurer may have custody of and shall have the power to endorse for transfer on behalf of the Association, stock, securities or other investment instruments owned or controlled by the Association or as fiduciary for others.

<u>Section 5.8 – Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Checks, etc.</u> Except as otherwise provided or required by these Bylaws, all agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by any officer of the Association or by such other person or persons as may be designated by the Executive Board.

<u>Section 5.9 – Compensation</u>. An officer may not receive a fee from the Association for acting as an officer of the Association. An officer may be reimbursed for necessary expenses actually incurred in connection with such officer's duties, as approved by the Executive Board

## ARTICLE 6 Enforcement

<u>Section 6.1 – Fine for Violation</u>. By resolution, following Notice and Hearing, the Board of Directors may levy a reasonable fine in an amount established from time to time by the Board of Directors for each day that a violation of the Documents or Rules has previously occurred and/or persists after such Notice and Hearing, but such amount shall not exceed the amount necessary to ensure compliance with the rule or order of the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 6.2 – Enforcement, Hearing.</u>(a) Except as otherwise provided in the ByLaws, before the Association brings an action or institutes a proceeding against a Unit Owner the Association shall schedule a Hearing to be held during a regular or special meeting of the Executive Board and shall send written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, to the Unit Owner at least ten (10) business days prior to the date of such Hearing. Such notice shall include a statement of the nature of the claim against the Unit Owner and the date, time and place of the Hearing.

- (a) The Unit Owner shall have the right to give testimony orally or in writing at the Hearing, either personally or through a representative, and the Executive Board shall consider such testimony in making a decision whether to bring an action or institute a proceeding against such Unit Owner.
- (b) The Executive Board shall make such decision and the Association shall send such decision in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, to the Unit Owner, not later than thirty (30) days after the Hearing.
- (c) These provisions of subdivision (a) of this subsection shall not apply to an action brought by the Association against a Unit Owner (A) to prevent immediate and irreparable harm, or (B) to foreclose a lien for an assessment attributable to a unit or fines imposed against a Unit Owner pursuant to the Declaration and the Act.

- (d) Any Unit Owner seeking to enforce a right granted or obligation imposed by the Act, the Declaration, the ByLaws or the Rules against the Association or another unit owner may submit a written request to the Association for a Hearing before the Executive Board. Such request shall comply with Section 24.3 of the Declaration.
- (e) Not later than thirty (30) days after the Association receives such request, the Association shall schedule a Hearing to be held during a regular or special meeting of the Executive Board and shall send written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, to the unit owner at least ten (10) business days prior to the date of such Hearing. Such notice shall include the date, time and place of the Hearing. Such Hearing shall be held not later than forty-five (45) days after the Association receives such request.
- (f) The Executive Board shall make a decision on the Unit Owner's claim and the Association shall send such decision in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, to the Unit Owner, not later than thirty days (30) after the Hearing.
- (g) The failure of the Association to comply with the provisions of this subsection shall not affect a Unit Owner's right to bring an action pursuant to the Act.

# ARTICLE 7 Indemnification

The Directors and Officers of the Association shall have the liabilities, and be entitled to indemnification, as provided in Sections 33-1116 to 33-1124 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.

# ARTICLE 8 Records

<u>Section 8.1 – Records and Audits</u>. The Association shall maintain financial records. The financial records shall be maintained and if required by the Declaration or by the Executive Board shall be audited. The cost of the audit shall be a Common Expense unless otherwise provided in the Declaration.

Section 8.2 – Records. The Association shall retain the following records:

- (a) Detailed records of receipts and expenditures affecting the operation and administration of the Association and other appropriate accounting records.
  - (b) Minutes of all meetings of the Unit Owners and the Executive Board other than executive sessions, a record of all actions taken by the Unit Owners or the Executive Board without a meeting, and a record of all actions taken by a committee in place of the Executive Board on behalf of the Association;
  - (c) The names of unit owners in a form that permits preparation of a list of the names of all Unit Owners and the addresses at which the Association

- communicates with the Unit Owners, in alphabetical order showing the number of Votes each Unit Owner is entitled to cast;
- (d) The Association's original or restated organizational documents, if required by law other than the Act, Bylaws and all Amendments to the Bylaws, and all Rules currently in effect;
- (e) All financial statements and tax returns of the Association for the past three years;
- (f) A list of the names and addresses of the Association's current directors and officers;
- (g) The Association's most recent annual report delivered to the Secretary of the State, if any;
- (h) Financial and other records sufficiently detailed to enable the Association to comply with section 47-270 of the Act;
- (i) Copies of current contracts to which the Association is a party:
- (j) Records of Executive Board or committee actions to approve or deny any requests for design or architectural approval from Unit Owners;
- (k) Ballots, proxies and other records related to voting by Unit Owners for one year after the election, action or vote to which they relate; and
- (I) Collection Policy.

#### <u>Section 8.3 – Examination and Copying of Records.</u>

- (a) Subject to Subsections (b) and (c) of this Section, all records retained by the Association shall be available for examination and copying by a Unit Owner or the Unit Owner's authorized agent:
  - (i) During reasonable business hours or at a mutually convenient time and location; and
  - (ii) Upon five days' notice in a record reasonably identifying the specific records of the Association requested.
- (b) Records retained by the Association shall be withheld from inspection and copying to the extent that they concern:
  - (i) Personnel, salary and medical records relating to specific individuals, unless waived by the persons to whom such records relate; or
  - (ii) Information the disclosure of which would violate any law other than the Act

- (c) Except as provided in Subsection (d), records retained by the Association may be withheld from inspection and copying to the extent that they concern:
  - Contracts, leases and other commercial transactions to purchase or provide goods or services, currently being negotiated;
  - (ii) Existing or potential litigation or mediation, arbitration or administrative proceedings;
  - (iii) Existing or potential matters involving federal, state or local administrative or other formal proceedings before a governmental tribunal for enforcement of the Declaration, bylaws or rules;
  - (iv) Communications with the Association's attorney which are otherwise protected by the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work-product doctrine;
  - (v) Records of an executive session of the executive board; or Individual unit files other than those of the requesting owner.
- (d) Records withheld from inspection under Subsection (c) above may be made available for inspection and copying only if and only to the extent that the Executive Board, in its sole discretion, determines that they should be made available.
- (e) The Association may charge a reasonable fee for providing copies of any records under this Section and for supervising the Unit Owner's inspection. A right to copy records under this Section includes the right to receive copies by photocopying or other means, including copies through an electronic transmission if available, upon request by the Unit Owner.
- (f) The Association is not obligated to compile or synthesize information.
- (g) Information provided pursuant to this Section may not be used for commercial purposes.

Section 8.4 – Agent for Resale Certificate. The Association shall, during the month of January in each year, file in the office of the Town Clerk of Thomaston a certificate setting forth the name and mailing address of the officer of the Association or the managing agent from whom a resale certificate may be requested, and shall, thereafter, file such a certificate within thirty (30) days of any change in the name or address of such officer or agent. The Town Clerk shall keep such certificate on file in his or her office and make it available for inspection.

<u>Section 8.5 – Resale Certificate - Required Documents</u>. A Unit Owner shall furnish to a purchaser or such purchaser's attorney, before the earlier of conveyance or transfer of the right to possession of a unit, a copy of the Declaration, other than any surveys and plans, the ByLaws, the Rules and Regulations of the Association, and a certificate containing:

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- (a) a statement disclosing the effect on the proposed disposition of any right of first refusal or other restraint on the free alienability of the unit held by the Association;
- (b) a statement setting forth the amount of the periodic common expense assessment and any unpaid common expense or special assessment currently due and payable from the selling Unit Owner;
- (c) a statement of any other fees payable by the owner of the unit being sold;
- (d) a statement of any capital expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) approved by the Executive Board for the current and next succeeding fiscal year;
- (e) a statement of the amount of any reserves for capital expenditures;
- (f) the current operating budget of the Association;
- (g) a statement of any unsatisfied judgments against the Association and the existence of any pending suits or administrative proceedings in which the Association is a party, including foreclosures but excluding other collection matters;
- (h) a statement of the insurance coverage provided for the benefit of Unit Owners, including any schedule of standard fixtures, improvements and betterments in the units covered by the Association's insurance that the Association prepared pursuant to subsection (b) of section 47-255 of the Act, as amended;
- (i) a statement of any restrictions in the Declaration affecting the amount that may be received by a Unit Owner on sale, condemnation, casualty loss to the unit or the Association or termination of the Association;
- (j) if at the time the resale certificate is prepared the Association is unincorporated, the name of the statutory agent for service of process filed with the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 47-244a of the Act, as amended;
- (k) a statement describing any pending sale or encumbrance of common elements;
- (I) a statement disclosing the effect on the unit to be conveyed of any restrictions on the owner's right to use or occupy the unit or to lease the unit to another person;
- (m)a statement disclosing the number of units whose owners are at least sixty days delinquent in paying their common charges on the date of the statement;
- (n) a statement disclosing the number of foreclosure actions brought by the Association during the past twelve (12) months and the number of such actions pending on a specified date within sixty (60) days of the date of the statement;
- (o) A statement disclosing (A) the most recent fiscal period within the five years preceding the date on which the certificate is being furnished for which an G:\clients-new\FGP\CONDOMIN\Condo Documents\Black Rock Village amended bylaws NEW 3-21-18.doc

- independent certified public accountant reported on a financial statement, and (B) whether such report on a financial statement was a compilation, review or audit; and
- (p) any established maintenance standards adopted by the Association pursuant to subsection (e) of section 47-257 of the Act, as amended.

# ARTICLE 9 Notices

Section 9.1 – Notices from Unit Owners to Association or Executive Board. All notices to the Association or the Executive Board shall be delivered to the office of the manager, or if there is no manager, to the office of the Association, or to such other address as the Executive Board may hereafter designate from time to time, by notice in writing to all Unit Owners and to all holders of Security Interests in the Units who have notified the Association that they hold a Security Interest in a Unit.

### Section 9.2 - Notices from Association to Unit Owners.

- (a) Unless the Act, the Declaration or these Bylaws requires a different manner of giving notice, any notice required to be delivered by the Association to Unit Owners shall be delivered to any mailing or electronic mail address that a Unit Owner designates, except that the Association may also deliver notices by:
  - (i) Hand delivery to each Unit Owner;
  - (ii) Hand delivery, United States mail postage paid, or commercially reasonable delivery service to the mailing address of each Unit,
  - (iii) Electronic means, if the Unit Owner has given the Association an electronic address; or
  - (iv) Any other method reasonably calculated to provide notice to the Unit Owner.
- (b) Notices of hearings to be held pursuant to Subsection 47-278(c) or Subsection 47-278(d) of the Act and notice of the decision of the Executive Board following any such hearing shall be in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, to the Unit Owner.
- (c) Notice is effective upon being sent.

## ARTICLE 10 Miscellaneous

<u>Section 10.1 – Fiscal Year</u>. The Executive Board shall establish the fiscal year of the Association.

<u>Section 10.2 – Waiver</u>. No restriction, condition, obligation, or provision contained in these Bylaws shall be deemed to have been abrogated or waived by reason of any

failure to enforce the same, irrespective of the number of violations or breaches which may occur.

<u>Section 10.3 – Office</u>. The principal office of the Association shall be at the Property or at such other place as the Executive Board may from time to time designate.

# ARTICLE 11 Amendments to Bylaws

Section 11.1 – Amendments by Executive Board. Except as otherwise provided in Section 11.2, the Executive Board may amend the Bylaws by a vote of two-thirds of all of the members of the Executive Board at any meeting of the Executive Board duly called for such purpose. Before the Executive Board can adopt, amend or repeal any Bylaw, notice shall be given to all Unit Owners of the intention of the Executive Board to adopt, amend or repeal any Bylaw, which notice shall include the text of the proposed Bylaw and/or amendment and/or the text of the Bylaw to be repealed, as applicable, and the date on which the Executive Board will act on the proposed Bylaw, amendment or repeal after considering comments from Unit Owners.

Section 11.2—Amendments by Unit Owners. Only the Unit Owners (and not the Executive Board) shall have the power, by vote of Unit Owners of Units to which more than fifty percent (50%) of the Votes in the Association are allocated, to adopt, amend, or repeal any Bylaw that relates to or affects any of the following:

- (a) The qualifications, powers and duties or terms of office of members of the Executive Board;
- (b) The number of members of the Executive Board;
- (c) The manner of election of Executive Board members;
- (d) The timing or content of notices of meetings of Unit Owners, opportunities for Unit Owner comment at any meeting of the Executive Board or the Association, methods or procedures for voting or actions by Unit Owners without meeting or any provision of Article IV of these Bylaws; or
- (e) The manner or required vote to adopt, amend, or repeal any Bylaw, including, without limitation, any provision of this Section 11.2.

<u>Section 11.3 – Execution of Amendments</u>. Amendments to the Bylaws that have been duly adopted shall be prepared, executed, recorded, and certified on behalf of the Association by any officer of the Association designated for that purpose or, in the absence of designation, by the president of the Association.

<u>Section 11.4 – Limitation of Challenges</u>. – No action to challenge the validity of an amendment to the Bylaws adopted by the Executive Board or the Unit Owners consistent with the provisions of this Article may be brought more than one (1) year after the later of the date that the amendment is effective.

# ARTICLE 12 Access to Units

Any person authorized by the Executive Board shall have the right of access to all portions of the Property for the purpose of correcting any condition threatening a Unit or the Common Elements, for the purpose of performing installations, alterations or repairs and for the purpose of reading, repairing or replacing utility meters and related pipes, valves, wires and equipment, provided that requests for entry to a Unit or Limited Common Element are made in advance and that any such entry is at a time reasonably convenient to the affected Unit Owner consistent with the availability of contractors and others employed or engaged by the Association. Such right of access may be exercised during winter months without Unit Owner notice if there is reason to believe a unit is not occupied in order to make certain heat is being maintained in the unit. In case of an emergency, no such request or notice is required and such right of entry shall be immediate, whether or not the Unit Owner is present at the time. If a Unit Owner fails to permit routine access to a Unit as reasonably requested by the Association, the Association may seek a court order to allow access to the unit without the Unit Owner's consent. In such case, any cost and attorney's fee of obtaining such court order shall be assessed to the Unit Owner's account. If a Unit is damaged as a result of access obtained under this Section, the Association will be responsible for the prompt repair of the Unit, except as provided in Subsection 19.2(f) and Subsection 19.2(i) of the Amended Declaration.

# ARTICLE 13 Insurance Requirement for Individual Units

Insurance for Each Individual Unit. Each Unit Owner shall provide and maintain insurance coverage for fire, other casualty losses and liability protection. In the event that the Master Association Insurance Policy provides for a deductible with respect to damaged conditions, to any portion of a Unit the Insurance Policy for each individual Unit shall be used to cover any such Master Policy deductible amount. In the event that the Association is called upon to pay for any such Master Policy deductible due to the failure of a Unit Owner to maintain insurance coverage for each Unit as herein set forth, the Association shall be reimbursed by the respective owner of any such damaged Unit up to the amount of the deductible. Any such reimbursement shall be paid prior to the Association completing repairs of the damaged condition. If the Association completes said repairs prior to any such reimbursement, the Association shall have a lien against said Unit for the amount expended up to the amount of the deductible. Said lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as the collection of unpaid common charges and assessments. Each Unit Owner shall be responsible for all Association costs of collection and/or foreclosure in connection with recovery of any such deductible amount. The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration.

# ARTICLE 14 Rules

(a) At least ten (10) days before adopting, amending or repealing any rule, the Executive Board shall give all Unit Owners notice of: (1) its intention to adopt.

- amend or repeal a rule and shall provide the text of the rule or the proposed change; and (2) any rule may be adopted, amended or repealed only by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
- (b) Following adoption, amendment or repeal of a rule, the Association shall notify the Unit Owners of its action and provide a copy of any new or revised rule.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of the Declaration, the Association may adopt rules to establish and enforce construction and design criteria and aesthetic standards. If the Association adopts such rules, the Association shall adopt procedures for enforcement of those rules and for approval of construction applications, including a reasonable time within which the Association must act after an application is submitted and the consequences of its failure to act.
- (d) A rule regulating display of the flag of the United States must be consistent with federal law. In addition, the Association may not prohibit display, on a unit or on a Limited Common Element adjoining a unit, of the Connecticut State Flag, or signs regarding candidates for public or Association office or ballot questions, but the Association may adopt rules governing the time, place, size, number and manner of those displays.
- (e) The Association may not prohibit or hinder any Unit Owner, lessee or sublessee from attaching to his or her entry door or entry door frame any object which is motivated by observance of a religious practice or sincerely held religious belief. Notwithstanding the Association may prohibit a display motivated by observance of a religious practice or sincerely held religious belief to the extent allowed by the first amendment to the United States Constitution and section 3 of article first of the Connecticut Constitution when such item: (1) threatens the public health or safety; (2) hinders the opening and closing of an entry door; (3) violates any federal, state or local law; (4) contains graphics, language or any display that is obscene or otherwise patently offensive; (5) individually or in combination with each other item displayed or affixed on an entry door frame has a total size greater than twenty-five square inches; or (6) individually or in combination with each other item displayed or affixed on an entry door has a total size greater than four square feet.
- (f) Unit Owners may peacefully assemble on the common elements to consider matters related to the Common Interest Community, but the Association may adopt rules governing the time, place and manner of those assemblies.
- (g) The Association may adopt rules that affect the use of or behavior in units that may be used for residential purposes, only to:
  - (i) Implement a provision of the Declaration;
  - (ii) Regulate any behavior in or occupancy of a unit which violates the Declaration or adversely affects the use and enjoyment of other units or the common elements by other Unit Owners; or
- (iii) Restrict the leasing of residential units to the extent those rules are reasonably designed to meet underwriting requirements of institutional G:\clients-new\FGP\CONDOMIN\Condo Documents\Black Rock Village amended bylaws NEW 3-21-18.doc

lenders that regularly make loans secured by first mortgages on units in Common Interest Communities or regularly purchase those mortgages.

- (h) The Association's internal business operating procedures need not be adopted as rules.
- (i) Each rule of the Association must be reasonable.

# ARTICLE 14 Collection Policy

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Common Interest Ownership Act ("The Act"), codified at C.G.S. Section 47-258, provides for a Statutory Limited Lien for unpaid common expenses. The lien is prior in right to a first mortgage and a second mortgage for only nine (9) months of common expense assessments. The lien is not prior to real estate taxes and most other municipal liens. In all other respects the lien is prior against all other liens or monetary encumbrances against a unit. The priority lien also includes collection costs, court costs, title search costs and attorney's fees.

THEREFORE, the Association adopted the following Collection/Foreclosure Policy in accordance with C.G.S. §47-258:

#### STANDARD COLLECTION/FORECLOSURE POLICY

- (a) It is the responsibility of each unit owner to pay all common charges, assessments, fines and other charges imposed on the Unit Account when such payments are due. There is no legal requirement that the Condominium Association send a monthly statement or any other notice when charges are due except in situations where there is a change in the amount of the monthly common charges or as required by Statute. The Condominium Association mailings of statements, overdue statements or final warning letters are a matter of convenience only. There is no legal requirement to send such notices and the failure of the Condominium Association to send such notices and/or the non-receipt of such notices by a unit owner does not constitute a legal excuse to not pay such charges when due. It is the responsibility of each unit owner to contact the Condominium Association with any questions as to the amounts owed on a Unit Account.
- (b) All amounts received from a unit owner may, in the discretion of the Attorney, be applied to any portion of the lien including applying it to the oldest unpaid amount as shown on the Unit Account Statement, legal fees and/or costs regardless of any restrictive memo. The Board of Directors authorizes its Attorney to collect payments and endorse and deposit checks made payable to the Association. The Attorney is also authorized to disburse the funds in his or her sole discretion unless the Board of Directors directs otherwise. There shall be a late charge in the amount of \$25.00 per month. The late charge will be imposed on the fifteenth (15th) calendar day of each month if there is any amount unpaid on the Unit Account as of the fifteenth (15th) day of each calendar month.

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- (c) The Association or its Agent shall refer a Unit Account to the Condominium Association's attorney for legal collection/foreclosure proceedings when the amount unpaid on a Unit Account is equal to or greater than two (2) months of monthly common charges.
- (d) The Association's Attorney may but need not send an initial "Pre-foreclosure" letter to the Unit Owner. If so, this Pre-foreclosure shall not commence a foreclosure action. Instead it shall be a Pre-foreclosure letter containing a thirtytwo (32) day notice. If the Unit Owner contacts the attorney and requests verification of the amount of unpaid assessments against the Unit, the Attorney will verify the debt, to the extent required by law, without additional charge to the Unit Owner. Once the debt is verified, the Unit Owner is provided an opportunity to present a payment plan if the Unit Owner is not able to pay that account in full at one time. The Association has no obligation to accept any payment plan. The preference of the Condominium Association is to accept a payment plan provided that the payment plan (1) is in writing; (2) requires payment of the current monthly common expenses and assessments, if any, that are due; and (3) requires not more than six (6) equal monthly payments towards the arrearage in an amount sufficient to satisfy the Unit Account arrearage and bring the Unit Account current within a six (6) month time period. In extreme situations the parties may agree to amend the payment plan provided the payment plan is in writing and there is no dispute as to the amount owed. In all cases, the payment plan includes a provision that the unit owner will be responsible for all common charges, late charges, assessments, attorney's fees and costs of collection. For each payment received by the Attorney a fee not to exceed \$25.00 shall be assessed to cover the costs of processing the payment.
- (e) If the Unit Owner does not contact the Association or the parties cannot agree on a payment plan acceptable to the Association the attorney will then order a title search and commence the foreclosure proceedings with a thirty-two (32) day letter. The same debt verification protections and payment plan options contained in the Pre-foreclosure letter shall be available to the Unit Owner.
- (f) The 32-day letter referred to in paragraph 5 above shall also be forwarded to any first and second mortgagee with a perfected security interest on the Unit. The Attorney, no less than 62 days prior to initiating a foreclosure action, shall forward a 62-day letter to the same first and second mortgagees pursuant to Public Act No. 13-156. Said 62 day letter shall be sent via first class mail and shall include (A) the amount of unpaid common expense assessments owed to the Association as of the date of the notice; (B) the amount of any attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Association in the enforcement of its lien as of the date of the notice; (C) a statement of the Association's intention to foreclose its lien if the amounts set forth in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision are not paid to the Association not later than sixty two days after the date on which the notice is provided; (D) the Association's contact information, including, but not limited to, (i) the name of the individual acting on behalf of the Association with respect to the matter, and (ii) the Association's mailing address, telephone number and electronic mail address, if any; and (E) instructions concerning the acceptable means of making payment on the amounts owing to the Association as set forth in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision. Any notice required

to be given by the Association under this Collection/Foreclosure Policy shall be effective when sent.

(g) Once an account is referred to an attorney for collection, the Condominium Association requires the Unit Owner to deal directly with the attorney's office until the account is paid current. All payments must be sent to the Attorney's office. Any checks or payments received by the Condominium Association or its Manager directly from a Unit Owner will be delivered to the Attorney's office. Payments are deemed sent when received by the Association's Attorney only.

This Collection/Foreclosure Policy shall be a standard policy and the Condominium Association hereby authorizes commencement of foreclosures against units provided that the provisions of this Collection/Foreclosure Policy have been substantially followed before commencement of a foreclosure.

These Amended ByLaws were approved by the Association on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

BLACK ROCK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM, ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Its President

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## BLACK ROCK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Initial capitalized terms are defined in Article I of the Declaration. The following Rules apply to all owners, occupants and guests of Units.

#### GENERAL

Owners must issue a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Association as part of any rental agreement. Renters, lessees, occupants, and guests are bound by the same rules and regulations as unit owners. Fines associated with non-compliance of renters, lessees, occupants or guests will be assessed to the unit owner.

#### ARTICLE I

Use of Units Affecting the Common Elements

Section 1.1 – Occupancy Restrictions. Units are limited to occupancy by single families, and garages and carports are limited to occupancy for the storage of vehicles and accessory storage, both as defined in the Declaration. A garage shall not be used as living space.

Section 1.2 – No Commercial Use. No industry, business, trade or commercial activities, other than home professional pursuits without employees, public visits or nonresidential storage, mail, or other use of a Unit, shall be conducted, maintained or permitted on any part of the Common Interest Community, nor shall any signs, window displays or advertising except for a name plate or sign not exceeding 9 square inches in area, on the main door to each Unit be maintained or permitted on any part of the Common Elements or any Unit, nor shall any Unit be used or rented for transient, hotel or motel purposes.

#### Section 1.2.1 - Signs.

"For Sale" signs not exceeding five square feet in area may be posted at the entrance to the community, together with the Unit number of the unit for sale, pursuant to the Unit Owner's permission.

"Political" signs or campaign signs are allowed by Connecticut State Law. The Association will allow one sign not to exceed 18" x 24" in size that can be placed in the Unit's window thirty (30) days prior to the election; however, it must be removed within 48 hours after the election.

Section 1.3 – Electrical Devices or Fixtures. No electrical device creating electrical overloading of standard circuits may be used. Misuse or abuse of appliances or fixtures within a Unit which affects other Units or the Common Elements is prohibited. Any damage resulting from such misuse shall be the responsibility of the Unit Owner from whose Unit it shall have been caused.

Section 1.4 – Trash. No storage of trash will be permitted in or outside any Unit in such manner as to permit the spread of fire or encouragement of vermin. Trash shall be placed in the appropriate container/dumpster.

- Section 1.5 Displays Outside of Units. Unit Owners shall not cause or permit anything to be displayed in windows other than curtains, conventional draperies or those items specifically authorized by the Common Interest Ownership Act.
- Section 1.6 Painting Exteriors. Owners shall not paint, stain, or otherwise change the color or appearance of any exterior portion of any building without the prior consent of the Executive Board.
- **Section 1.7– Cleanliness.** Each Unit Owner shall keep his or her Unit in a good state of preservation and cleanliness.
- Section 1.8 Holiday Decorations. Decorations may be hung from November 25 through January 15 during the winter holiday season. For all other holidays, decorations may be displayed for one week prior and three days after the holiday.

#### ARTICLE II

#### Use of Common Elements

- Section 2.1 Obstructions. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Elements, nor shall anything be stored outside of the Units without the prior consent of the Executive Board except as hereinafter expressly provided.
- Section 2.2 Trash. No garbage cans or trash barrels shall be placed outside the Units. No accumulation of rubbish, debris or unsightly materials shall be permitted in the Common Elements, except in designated trash storage containers, nor shall any rugs or mops be shaken or hung from or on any of the windows, doors or patios.
- Section 2.3 Storage. Storage of materials in Common Elements or other areas designated by the Executive Board, including storage lockers, shall be at the risk of the person storing the materials.
- Section 2.4 Proper Use. Common Elements shall be used only for the purposes for which they were designed. No person shall commit waste on the Common Elements or interfere with their proper use by others, or commit any nuisances, vandalism, boisterous or improper behavior on the Common Elements or within Units which interferes with, or limits the enjoyment of the Common Elements or other Units by others.
- **Section 2.4.1** Unit Owners, occupants, tenants and guests are not to interfere with contractors hired by the Association. Any problems must be addressed to the Management Company.
- Section 2.4.2 No one is to be on the roofs without written permission of the Association except contractors who are working for the Association.
- Section 2.5 Trucks and Commercial Vehicles. Trucks and commercial vehicles are prohibited in the parking areas and driveways, except for temporary loading and unloading, or as may be designated by the Executive Board.

Section 2.6 – Alterations, Additions or Improvements to Common Elements. No alterations, additions or improvements may be made to the Common Elements without the prior written consent of the Executive Board. Except as required by law, no clothes, sheets, blankets, laundry or any other kind of articles other than holiday decorations on doors only, shall be hung out of a building or exposed or placed on the outside walls, doors of a building or on trees, and no sign, awning, canopy, shutter or antenna shall be affixed to or placed upon the exterior walls or doors, roof or any part thereof or exposed on or at any window.

#### ARTICLE III

## Actions of Owners and Occupants

- Section 3.1 Annoyance or Nuisance. No noxious, offensive, dangerous or unsafe activity shall be carried on in any Unit, or the Common Elements, nor shall anything be done therein either willfully or negligently, which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the other Unit Owners or occupants. No Unit Owner or occupant shall make or permit any disturbing noises by himself or herself, his or her family, servants, employees, agents, visitors and licensees, nor do or permit anything to be done by such persons that will interfere with the rights, comforts or convenience of other Unit Owners or occupants. No Unit Owner or occupant shall play, or suffer to be played, any musical instrument or operate or suffer to be operated a phonograph, television set or radio at such high volume or in such other manner that it shall cause unreasonable disturbances to other Unit Owners or occupants.
- Section 3.2 Compliance with Law. No immoral, improper, offensive or unlawful use may be made of the Property and Unit Owners shall comply with and conform to all applicable laws and regulations of the United States and of the State of Connecticut, and all ordinances, rules and regulations of the Town of Thomaston. The violating Unit Owner shall hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the Association and other Unit Owners from all fines, penalties, costs and prosecutions for the violation thereof or noncompliance therewith.
- Section 3.3 Pets. No animals, birds or reptiles of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on the property or brought on the Common Elements, except that no more than one dog of less than 20 inches in height at the shoulder at maturity and of gentle disposition, and no more than one cat or other household pets, approved and licensed by the Executive Board or the manager as to compatibility with the Common Interest Community may be kept.
- **Section 3.3.1** Each unit owner is allowed one dog and one cat (two pets) or two dogs or two cats. They may not be used or bred for commercial purposes. All pets must be licensed with the Town and registered with the management company.
- **Section 3.3.2** Renters will be allowed one dog with the written consent of the Unit Owner and a letter must be sent to the management office prior to getting the dog. Renters must follow all rules and regulations regarding pets.
- Section 3.3.3 Dogs must be leashed at all times when outside the unit. The leash must be no longer 12 feet in length, it must be held by a person, and the person must be able to physically control the dog.
- **Section 3.3.4** All fecal material must be removed immediately. The droppings shall be placed in a plastic bag and placed in the dumpster.

- Section 3.3.5 Dogs may not be tied outside the units. Constant barking will subject the unit owner to fines and/or removal of the dog.
- **Section 3.3.6** Any pet creating a nuisance or hazard shall be cause for a hearing by the Board of Directors. In some situations, it may be necessary to have the pet permanently removed from the property.
- Section 3.4 Indemnification for Actions of Others. Unit Owners shall hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the Association and other Unit Owners and occupants for the actions of their, occupants, tenants, guests, pets, servants, employees, agents, invitees or licensees.
- Section 3.5 Use of Pond is Restricted. No swimming, no boating of any kind, no use of any floatation devices, no fishing and no ice skating.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Insurance

- Section 4.1 Increase in Rating. Nothing shall be done or kept which will increase the rate of insurance on any buildings, or contents thereof, without the prior consent of the Executive Board. No Unit Owner shall permit anything to be done or kept on the Property which will result in the cancellation of insurance coverage on any of the building, or contents thereof, or which would be in violation of any law.
- Section 4.2 Rules of Insurance. Unit Owners occupants, tenants and guests shall comply with the Rules and Regulations of the New England Fire Rating Association and with the rules and regulations contained in any fire and liability insurance policy on the Property.
- Section 4.3 Reports of Damage. Damage by fire or accident affecting the Property, and persons injured by or responsible for any damage, fire or accident must be promptly reported to the manager or a Director by any person having knowledge thereof.
- Section 4.4 Contact Insurance Company & Management. All claims will originate from the Board or Management Company.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Rubbish Removal

- Section 5.1 Trash. Items which do not reasonably fit in the dumpster must be taken to the regional landfill. A fine of \$100 will be imposed on anyone caught leaving large items outside the dumpsters. At no time shall trash be placed on the ground near the dumpsters.
- **Section 5.2 Dumpsters.** Dumpsters are for household garbage of residents only. Garbage must be bagged. No brush or tree limbs are to be placed in the dumpsters. Do not put wood in dumpsters.
- Section 5.3 Recycling. There is one recycling bin provided at the dumpster for clean recyclable items. Cardboard boxes should be flattened before recycling.

- Section 5.4 Commercial Debris. Unit Owners and/or contractors may not use the dumpster for their commercial debris. They must dispose of such debris at the town landfill.
- Section 5.5 Unit Area. Trash and other waste items are not to be left on the front stoops or in front of the garages.
- Section 5.6 Composting. Composting is strictly prohibited.
- Section 5.7 Bulk Items. Unit Owners are responsible for the removal of all bulk items. They are not to be left at any trash location on the property and must be removed by the owner. A \$100 fine will be imposed to anyone caught leaving these bulk items.

### ARTICLE VI Motor Vehicles

- Section 6.1 Compliance with Law. All persons will comply with Connecticut State Laws, Department of Motor Vehicle regulations, and applicable local ordinances, on the roads, drives and Property.
- Section 6.2 Limitations on Use. The use of Limited Common Element parking spaces is limited to use by the occupant of the Unit to which it is assigned as a Limited Common Element. A Unit Owner must garage one of his or her other vehicles overnight in his or her garage and not in an outside space. Parking areas shall be used for no other purpose than to park motor vehicles and loading or unloading.
- Section 6.3 Speed Limit. Speed limit is 10 mph.
- Section 6.4 Parking. All vehicles at the Association must be registered with the State of Connecticut. All vehicles at the Association must be registered with the Association (Management). Two registered vehicles are allowed per unit. Any additional vehicles to be parked on site will require Board approval. No vehicle shall be parked in such a manner as to impede movement to and from parking spaces. Parking in front of the dumpsters or recycling bins is prohibited. No Parking or driving is allowed on the grass without prior permission of the Board. Any vehicle in violation of this Rule will be subject to towing.
- Section 6.4.1 Parking in Driveways. Each unit is provided with two parking spaces, one garage space and one immediately outside of the garage door. At no time are two vehicles to be parked side by side in front of the garage door.
- Section 6.5 Recreational Vehicles. Mopeds, trailers, mobile homes, boats, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles may be kept on the property only if they are parked inside a garage. Motorcycles may be parked in a designated parking spot. Vehicles not in working order may not be stored on the property. The use of snowmobiles and ATV's is not permitted within the complex.
- Section 6.6 Commercial Vehicles. No other commercial vehicles are permitted, except those belonging to contractors doing authorized work on site.
- Section 6.7 Unregistered Vehicles. Unregistered and/or uninsured vehicles are not permitted at the Association.

- Section 6.8 Registration Request. The Association may request make, model, registration number and year of vehicles kept on the property.
- Section 6.9 Vehicle Repairs. Motor vehicle repair on the premises is limited to minor repairs and maintenance but NO FLUID CHANGES, and may only be performed by the owner on the registered vehicles assigned to the unit.
- Section 6.10 Garages. Garage doors must be kept closed at all times when the garage is not in use.
- Section 6.11 Vehicles in violation. Vehicles in violation may be tagged or towed at the owner's expense.
- Section 6.12 Snow Removal. Vehicle owners must cooperate during snow removal. Residents and visitors are required to move their vehicles when snow is predicted. It is the responsibility of the unit owners and occupants to move their own and their guest's vehicles so they do not obstruct the plowing operations. Vehicles must be returned to their normal spaces as soon as possible to allow for final cleanup. Owners are responsible for damage they or their guests cause to the common areas. Unit Owners, tenants, guests that do not move their vehicles will be charged back for cost of cleanup if the contractor charges the Association to do additional cleanup.
- Section 6.13 Guests Owners are responsible for damage they or their guests cause to the common areas.

## ARTICLE VII Units

- Section 7.1 Units. Each unit shall be used only as a residence for a unit owner or tenant and members of the immediate family or roommates(s). As per the Town of Thomaston and Black Rock Village Association Documents the number of occupants is limited to two (2) persons per bedroom.
- Section 7.1.1 Units may not be subdivided.
- Sections 7.1.2 Units may not be used for transient, hotel or commercial purposes.
- Section 7.2 Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations. Repair, maintenance or renovation work done on the interior of a unit must be performed by the unit owner or a professional contractor. Professional contractors must provide a certificate of insurance, naming the Association as the insured. Contractors must also provide a copy of a current license prior to beginning work on the site. Only a licensed and insured contractor may perform electrical, plumbing or structural work.
- Section 7.2.1 No alteration or remodeling which changes the character of a unit or involves the cutting or moving of load bearing walls or involves other structural changes/repairs or which increases the casualty insurance premiums paid by the Association under the Declaration may be done without permission in writing from the Board of Directors.

Section 7.2.2 - Common elements and exterior appearance cannot be changed.

Section 7.3 – Satellite dishes. Satellite dishes must be professionally installed and located on a Unit's Limited Common Elements in the rear deck/patio area only. Wires must be secured and hidden to the best of the professional installer's ability. If a signal cannot be maintained in the rear deck/patio area, requests for a variance shall be made to the Board.

Section 7.4 – Air Conditioners. If air conditioners are to be installed, professional installation in the existing wall sleeves of each unit is required. Board approval is required prior to installation. No window air conditioning units are allowed.

Section 7.5 – Doors and Windows. Storm doors and screen doors must conform to the existing style. Exterior screens on doors and windows must be maintained by the unit owner. Windows and doors are also the responsibility of the unit owner and must be repaired or replaced as necessary – including aesthetically necessary. Board approval is required prior to installation. Draperies, blinds or curtains must be installed by each Unit Owner or tenant on all windows of his or her Unit and must be maintained in said windows at all times. Signs in windows are not permitted.

**Section 7.6 – Heaters.** Kerosene heaters, coal heaters, wood heaters, wood stoves and pellet stoves are prohibited.

Section 7.7 – Plantings. Flowers may be planted within the existing beds immediately in front of each unit, not to exceed four (4) feet from the building. These must be maintained and trimmed so as not to interfere with walkway access and landscaping maintenance. To facilitate grounds keeping please keep plantings to a minimum. No fruits or vegetables may be planted. Borders or fences may not be used in the mulched areas. Board approval required.

Section 7.8 – Bird Feeders. - Bird feeders may be in the tree line on the periphery of the complex only. Feeders are not to be installed near buildings or in the common areas. To prevent ants and rodents from infesting the buildings, animals are not permitted to be fed on the porches and patios or lawn areas of the units.

Section 7.9 - Common Areas. Bicycles, and other personal property may not be left in the common areas.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Restrictions on Leasing Units

## RESTRICTION ON LEASING UNITS

In Accordance with the Connecticut Common Interest Ownership Act the Black Rock Village Condominium Association, Inc. hereby restricts the leasing of Units as follows:

Section 8.1 - No Unit Owner(s) shall rent or lease his or her unit until said Unit Owner of record has lived in the Unit for a period of two (2) years, even if the unit has been rented immediately prior to the date of purchase. The Unit Owner shall be required to provide to the Association a copy of his or her current driver's license and/or other reasonable evidence showing an address at Black Rock Village Condominium Association, Inc. as his or her

principal residence. Failure to provide such evidence of residency may result in court action and/or a fine for each day that such evidence is not provided to the Association Board.

Section 8.2 - Upon fulfilling the residency requirement no Unit Owner shall lease any Unit without first obtaining the prior written approval of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall act upon a request to lease a Unit thirty (30) calendar days from receipt. Approval shall be granted provided the Association can meet this leasing rule reasonably designed to meet the first mortgage underwriting requirements of institutional lenders who regularly purchase or insure first mortgages on units in Common Interest Communities (as of the date of this rule this amount is 50% - therefore not more than 50% of the Units may be rented at any given time). As such, currently no more than 50% of units in the Association may be leased at any time. This percentage is based upon the aforementioned underwriting requirements and therefore is subject to change without any notice. Please contact the Association to obtain the current percentage restriction. A portion less than the whole Unit shall not be leased and the minimum initial lease term shall be a full twelve (12) months for the first year of any new tenancy. After the first twelve (12) months, subsequent leasing to same tenant can be year-to-year. A new or different tenant(s) must have an initial twelve (12) month lease.

Section 8.3 - Any Unit Owner leasing his or her Unit shall, prior to occupancy of said Unit by lessee, provide his or her lessee with a complete set of Black Rock Village Condominium Association, Inc.'s Declaration, By-Laws, Maintenance Standards and Rules & Regulations ("Documents") which shall become an integral part of the lease agreement. Any violation by the lessee of the Documents shall constitute a default under the terms of the lease. The Unit Owner shall be responsible for paying any fines imposed as a result of violation of the Documents by a lessee. Notwithstanding, the Association may also impose fines directly against a lessee and take direct action to evict a lessee in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws and/or 47a-23 et-seq. The Unit Owner shall be responsible for all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Association as a result of a violation of said Documents by the lessee, irrespective of whether suit is instituted in accordance with the provisions of the Documents.

**Section 8.4** - All Units currently leased shall be permitted to remain leased until such time as the current Unit Owner either transfers ownership of the Unit, occupies the Unit as a primary residence or the Unit remains vacant for a period of six (6) months whichever occurs first. The Unit Owner(s) of all currently leased Units shall provide the Board of Directors with a copy of the existing lease.

Section 8.5 - The Executive Board may waive the restriction on the maximum number of Units to be leased, and term of lease, upon showing by a Unit Owner that he or she will suffer irreparable economic harm if said waiver is not granted. The Executive Board shall convene a meeting within 30 days of its receipt of a written request for a waiver. At such a meeting, the Unit Owner shall be heard and may present evidence in support of the request of waiver. The Executive Board shall also hear any other evidence that it deems relevant in order to assist the Executive Board in reaching the decision. The decision of the Executive Board shall be rendered by a majority of the Directors present at said hearing within thirty (30) days of said hearing.

Section 8.6 - Any purported lease of a Unit in violation of this article shall be voidable at the election of the Executive Board, and the Unit Owner shall be deemed to have authorized and empowered the Association to institute legal proceedings to evict the purported lessee in the

name of the Unit Owner as the purported lessee in the name of the Unit Owner as the purported lessor. Said Unit Owner shall reimburse the Association for all expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred in connection with such proceedings, and the Association may levy a special assessment therefore.

**Section 8.7** - Any purported lease of a Unit in violation of this article, in additional to other remedies available at law or at equity, may be subject to a fine or fines to be imposed by the Executive Board following notice to the Unit Owner and hearing before the Board.

**Section 8.8** - Notwithstanding subsections (8.1) and (8.2), above, the two (2) year occupancy restriction shall not be applicable in the following situations:

- a. A Unit Owner obtaining ownership of the unit by inheritance provided that the deceased Unit Owner met the two (2) year occupancy restriction; or
- b. A Unit owner having absolute title due to the termination of life estate interest provided that the person having held the life estate interest met the two (2) year occupancy restriction.

Section 8.9 - All non-resident Unit Owner(s) shall file with the Executive Board his or her current address, telephone number and email address.

#### ARTICLE IX

## General Administrative Rules

Section 9.1 – Consent: in Writing. Any consent or approval required by these Rules must be obtained in writing prior to undertaking the action to which it refers.

Section 9.2 - Complaint. Any formal complaint regarding the management of the Property or regarding actions of other Unit Owners shall be made in writing to the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE X

#### Patios/Decks

Section 10.1 – Alterations. Any plans to alter a patio appearance must be presented to the Board of Directors for approval prior to beginning the project.

Section 10.2 – Structures. With the exception of table umbrellas, additions to the patio are not to exceed the height of the patio dividers or extend beyond the shorter of the two dividers. No part of the added structure is to contact the building or the patio dividers. The structure must not be permanent and must not interfere with maintenance of the buildings. Placement of ladders for gutter cleaning, repairs and staining, access to the roof, etc. must not be impeded.

Section 10.3 – Maintenance. Any additions to the patio must be kept in good repair. Any maintenance will be done at the owner's expense.

Section 10.4 – Changes. Changes to the patio area shall be in keeping with the existing structure in design, size and color.

Section 10.5 - Pits. Barbecue pits and other open fires are not permitted.

Section 10.6 – Grills. Gas grills may be placed on the patio away from the building and any combustible structure.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### General Administrative Rules

Section 11.1 – Limited to Occupants and Guests. Passive recreational facilities, open space and woodland within the Common Elements are limited to the use of Unit Owners, their tenants and invited guests. All facilities are used at the risk and responsibility of the user shall hold the Association harmless from damage or claims by virtue of such use.

Section 11.2 – Boisterous Behavior Prohibited. Boisterous, rough or dangerous activities or behavior, which unreasonably interferes with the permitted use of facilities by others, is prohibited.

Section 11.3 – Reserved Areas. Specific portions of woodland or open space facilities, or specific times of recreational schedules may be reserved by Unit Owners for temporary use. Such reservations and scheduling shall be done by management personnel, and shall be effective after publication in the newsletter, email notice, or posting at the Community.

Section 11.4 – Ejectment for Violation. Unit owners, occupants, guests or tenants may be summarily ejected from a recreational facility by management personnel or a Board member in the event of violation of these regulations within a facility and suspended from the use until the time for Notice and Hearing concerning such violation and, thereafter suspended for the period established following such Hearing.

Section 11.5 – Proper Use. Recreational facilities will be used for the purposes for which they were designed. Picnic areas, equipment, and surrounding areas shall be properly used, and may not be abused, overcrowded, vandalized or operated in such a way as to prevent or interfere with permitted use by others. Rules of safety promulgated by nationally recognized organizations regulating play of a game or sport for which a facility is designed will be followed, and where appropriate, customary safety equipment will be worn and used.

THERE WILL BE A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$50 PER OCCURRENCE/PER DAY, OR AS PROVIDED ABOVE, OR AS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD, FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS. A HEARING BY THE BOARD IS REQUIRED BEFORE ANY FINE IS LEVIED AS PER ARTICLE 6 SECTION 6.2 OF THE DECLARATION.

Dated and approved by the Board of Directors of Black Rock Village Condominium Association, Inc., at Thomaston, Connecticut this MCU G Agy of 2018.

By its President: Allan Olivero

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