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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF COVENANTS  
AND RESTRICTIONS FOR  
DEER RUN**

This instrument ("**Amendment**") is made as of this 19 day of May, 2021 by DEER RUN MERRILL, LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("**Declarant**"), whose principal office is located at One San Jose Place, Suite 7, Jacksonville, FL 32257, and joined in by DEER RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., whose address is One San Jose Place, Suite 7, Jacksonville, FL 32257, a Florida corporation not-for-profit ("**Association**").

WHEREAS, Declarant holds all rights as "Declarant" under that certain Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Deer Run, recorded in Official Records Book 19669, Page 1083 of the Public Records of Duval County, Florida (the "**Declaration**"); and

WHEREAS, the Declaration provides in Article XIV, Section 10, that Declarant may amend the Declaration so long as Declarant holds title to any Lot or Unit affected by the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Declarant is the sole Declarant with any ownership interest remaining affected by the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to amend the Declaration with regard to certain matters contained therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the Declaration is hereby amended as follows:

1. The recitations set forth herein are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. Unless otherwise defined herein, each term defined in the Declaration and used herein shall have its meaning as defined in the Declaration.
3. Article VIII, Section 6 of the Declaration is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 1. **Working Fund Contribution.** Each Owner who purchases a Lot shall pay to the Association, at the time legal title is conveyed to such Owner, a "Working Fund Contribution" in the amount of Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$200.00). Working Fund Contributions are not advance payments of Assessments and shall have no effect on future Assessments, nor will they be held in reserve. To ensure that the Association will have sufficient cash available to pay for start-up expenses, Operating Expenses and other expenses, Declarant may from time to time advance to the Association the Working Fund Contribution applicable to any Lot(s) prior to the time legal title to such Lot(s) is conveyed to the Owner(s) thereof. In the event Declarant advances the Working Fund Contribution applicable to any Lot, then, at the time legal title to such Lot is conveyed to the Owner thereof, the Contribution to be paid by such Owner to the Association pursuant to this Section 7 shall be paid directly to Declarant in reimbursement of the advance, instead of to the Association. Working Fund Contributions (whether paid by Owner or advanced by Declarant) may also be used to offset Operating Expenses.

4. Exhibit B (Articles of Incorporation) of the Declaration is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the attached Exhibit B (Articles of Incorporation).

5. Exhibit C (Bylaws) of the Declaration is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the attached Exhibit C (Bylaws).

6. This Amendment shall become effective upon recording in the Public Records of Duval County, Florida.

7. The invalidity of any part of this Amendment shall not impair or affect in any manner the validity, enforceability, or effect of the balance of the Amendment which shall remain in full force and effect.

8. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Amendment and the terms of the Declaration, the terms of this Amendment shall control. Except as expressly modified hereby, the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with the terms thereof.

**[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment has been signed by Declarant and joined in by the Association on the respective dates set forth below.

WITNESSES AS TO DECLARANT:

*Deborah McClure*  
Print Name: Deborah McClure

*John N. Day*  
Print Name: John N. Day

DECLARANT:

DEER RUN MERRILL, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company

By: *John N. Day*  
John N. Day, President

[SEAL]

STATE OF FLORIDA        )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF St Johns

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by physical presence, this 19 day of May, 2021, by John N. Day, the President of DEER RUN MERRILL, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, on behalf of the corporation, who is personally known to me, who affixed thereto the seal of the corporation.



**DEBORAH E. MCCLURE**  
Commission # GG 967814  
Expires July 10, 2024  
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

*Deborah E. McClure*  
Notary Public, State and County Aforesaid  
Print Name: Deborah E. McClure  
Commission Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

[ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE]



WITNESSES AS TO ASSOCIATION:

Deborah McClure  
Print Name: Deborah McClure

April J. Barlow  
Print Name: April J. Barlow

ASSOCIATION:

DEER RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
a Florida corporation not for profit

By: John Day, President  
[SEAL]

STATE OF FLORIDA        )  
                                      ) SS  
COUNTY OF ST. JOHN'S    )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by physical presence, this 14 day of May, 2021, by John Day, the President of Deer Run Townhomes Owners Association, Inc., a Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation, on behalf of the corporation, who is personally known to me, who affixed thereto the seal of the corporation.



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Notary Public, State and County Aforesaid  
Print Name: Deborah E. McClure  
Commission Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT B**

Articles of Incorporation

**Electronic Articles of Incorporation  
For**

N21000004862  
FILED  
April 22, 2021  
Sec. Of State  
tscott

DEER RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a Florida not-for-profit corporation, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**Article I**

The name of the corporation is:

DEER RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC

**Article II**

The principal place of business address:

3741 SAN JOSE PLACE  
SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32257

The mailing address of the corporation is:

3741 SAN JOSE PLACE  
SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32257

**Article III**

The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is:

MANAGE THE OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF TOWNHOMES.

**Article IV**

The manner in which directors are elected or appointed is:

AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BYLAWS.

**Article V**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

JOHN N DAY  
3741 SAN JOSE PLACE  
SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32257

I certify that I am familiar with and accept the responsibilities of registered agent.

Registered Agent Signature: JOHN N DAY

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**Article VI**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

JOHN N DAY  
3741 SAN JOSE PLACE  
SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32257

Electronic Signature of Incorporator: JOHN N DAY

I am the incorporator submitting these Articles of Incorporation and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S. I understand the requirement to file an annual report between January 1st and May 1st in the calendar year following formation of this corporation and every year thereafter to maintain "active" status.

**Article VII**

The initial officer(s) and/or director(s) of the corporation is/are:

Title: P  
JOHN N DAY  
3741 SAN JOSE PLACE, SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32257

Title: VP  
VICTORIA DOSTIE  
3741 SAN JOSE PLACE, SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32257

Title: TRES  
TAYLOR C DAY  
3741 SAN JOSE PLACE, SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32257

Title: SEC  
VERNON H SMITH III  
3741 SAN JOSE PLACE, SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32257

**Article VIII**

The effective date for this corporation shall be:

04/17/2021

**EXHIBIT C**

Bylaws

**BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**DEER RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC**

**I. DEFINITIONS.**

All defined terms contained herein which are defined in the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for **DEER RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC** ("Declaration") to be recorded in the public records of Duval County, Florida, and in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, shall have the same meanings as such terms are defined in the Declaration and Articles of Incorporation.

**I. LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE.**

The office of **DEER RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.** ("Association") shall be at **3741 San Jose Place, Suite 7, Jacksonville, FL 32257**, or at such other place as may be established by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Association from time to time.

**II. VOTING RIGHTS AND ASSESSMENTS.**

A. Every person or entity who is a record fee simple owner of a Lot and **DEER RUN MERRILL, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company** (the "Declarant") as long as it owns any Property subject to the Declaration, shall be a member of the Association (the "Members") and shall have the voting rights as set forth hereinbelow, provided that any such person or entity who holds such interest only as a security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of any Home or Lot within the Property.

B. The Association shall have classes of voting membership as follows:

1. Residential Member. A Residential Member shall be the fee simple owner of a Lot, other than Declarant until the Declarant Membership in the Association terminates. Each Residential Member owning a Lot shall have one (1) vote for each such Lot owned.

2. Declarant Member. The Declarant Member shall be Declarant or an assignee of Declarant's rights under the Declaration and these Bylaws. The Declarant Member shall be entitled to the number of votes equal to the total votes from time to time possessed by all other classifications of memberships, plus one (1) vote. Declarant Membership shall terminate (i) when Declarant no longer owns any part of the Property; (ii) when twenty (20) years have elapsed from the date of recording this Declaration; or (iii) when Declarant, in its sole discretion, elects to terminate the Declarant Membership by written notice to the Association, whichever shall first occur.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, no Member shall have less than one (1) vote.

C. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes allocated to the Members cast at any meeting of the Members duly called at which a quorum is present, or cast by written ballot by a quorum of the membership, shall be binding upon the Members and the Association.

D. The Association will obtain funds with which to operate by assessment of its Members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, as supplemented by the provisions of the Articles and Bylaws of the Association relating thereto.

E. The share of total annual assessment, special assessments and any other assessments imposed by the Board of Directors pursuant to the Declaration, Articles and these Bylaws shall be allocated among the Owners of Lots shall pay annual and special assessments based upon one (1) Assessment Equivalent (AE) per Lot;

F. The assessment obligations of each Owner other than the Declarant shall commence on the later of (i) the recordation of the Declaration or (ii) a Deed evidencing fee title ownership in the public records of Duval County, Florida. Annual assessments shall be collectible in advance on a periodic basis established by the Board of

Directors from time to time. Special assessments shall be collectible in advance in the manner established by the Board of Directors at the time such special assessments are authorized.

H. Assessments and installments thereon not paid when due shall bear interest from the date when due until paid at the highest lawful rate and shall result in the suspension of voting privileges during any period of such non-payment.

**III. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.**

A. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three and no more than five (5) Directors. The Declarant and the Owners shall have the right to appoint Directors to the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 720.307, Florida Statutes (2019).

B. Elections shall be by plurality vote. At the first annual election of the Board of Directors after the transition of control of the Association from Declarant to the Members of the Association, the term(s) of office of the minority of the Directors shall be established at one (1) year, and the terms of office of the majority of the Directors shall be established at two (2) years each. Thereafter, as many Directors shall be elected and appointed, as the case may be, as there are regular terms of office of Directors expiring at such time; and the term of each Director so elected or appointed at each annual election shall be for two (2) years expiring at the second annual election following their election, and thereafter until their successors are duly elected and qualified, or until removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members which elected or appointed them. In no event can a Board member appointed by the Declarant be removed except by action of the Declarant. Any Director appointed by the Declarant shall serve at the pleasure of the Declarant, and may be removed from office, and a successor Director may be appointed, at any time by the Declarant.

C. After transition of control of the Association from Declarant to the Members of the Association, petitions for nominees shall be accepted if signed by Members representing one-third (1/3) of the total votes held by the Members, and if received by the Secretary of the Association not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for the annual meeting of the Members.

D. After transition of control of the Association from Declarant to the Members of the Association, all elections to the Board shall be made on written ballots to be voted at the annual meeting, or in the discretion of the Board, by mail, provided such, ballots are mailed to the Members not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for the annual meeting. The ballots shall (i) describe the vacancies to be filled, and (ii) set forth the names of those nominated for each such vacancy. Each Member may cast the number of votes to which such Member is entitled as set forth in these Bylaws.

E. In order for an election of members of the Board to be valid and binding, the election must occur at a meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present; or if the election is conducted by mail, the Association must receive as of the date established by the Board for receipt of ballots, a number of ballots representing not less than a quorum of the Members.

F. The members of the Board elected or appointed in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Article III shall be deemed elected or appointed as of the date of the annual meeting of the Members.

**IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

A. A majority of the Board of Directors of the Association (the "Board") shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting of the Board, and the action of the majority present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the Board.

B. Any vacancy occurring on the Board because of death, resignation or other termination of services of any Director, shall be filled by the Board, except that the Declarant, to the exclusion of other Members and/or the Board itself, shall fill any vacancy created by the death, resignation, removal or other termination of services of any Director appointed by the Declarant. A Director elected or appointed to fill a vacancy shall be elected or appointed for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office and thereafter until his successor shall have been elected or appointed, and qualified.

V. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. The Board of Directors shall have power:

1. To call meetings of the Members.
2. To appoint and remove at its pleasure all officers, agents and employees of the Association; and to prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, and require of them such security or fidelity bond as it may deem expedient. Nothing contained in these Bylaws shall be construed to prohibit the employment of any Member, Officer or Director of the Association in any capacity whatsoever.
3. To establish, levy and assess, and collect the annual and special assessments necessary to operate the Association and carry on its activities, and to create such reserves as may be deemed appropriate by the Board.
4. To collect assessments on behalf of any other property owners association entitled to establish, levy and collect assessments from the Members of the Association.
5. To appoint committees, adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas or any portion thereof and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon, including reasonable admission charges if deemed appropriate.
6. To authorize and cause the Association to enter into contracts for the day-to-day operation of the Association and the discharge of its responsibilities and obligations.
7. To cause the financial records of the Association to be compiled, reviewed, or audited by an independent certified public accountant at such periodic intervals as the Board may determine in its sole discretion.
8. To exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to the Association, except those reserved to Members in the Declaration or the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.
9. To adopt and implement such rules, regulations and programs as may, from time to time, be required by the Development Order or any other governmental requirement.
10. To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the corporation not-for-profit law of the State of Florida, by law may now or hereafter have to exercise.

B. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors:

1. To cause to be kept a complete record of all of its acts and corporate affairs.
2. To supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association to insure that their duties are properly performed.
3. With reference to assessments of the Association:
  - (i) To adopt an annual budget and to fix the amount of annual assessments against each Member for each annual assessment period at least thirty (30) days in advance of such date or period;
  - (ii) To prepare and maintain a roster of the Members and assessments applicable thereto which shall be kept in the office of the Association and shall be open to inspection by any Member; and
  - (iii) To send written notice of each assessment to every Member subject thereto.

**VI. DIRECTORS' MEETINGS.**

A. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least annually on such date and at such time as the Board may establish. Notice to the Directors of such meetings is hereby waived.

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

C. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all Members and notices of meetings shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the Property at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance, except in an emergency. Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors during which assessments are to be established, shall specifically contain a statement that the assessments shall be considered and a statement of the nature of such assessments.

D. The transaction of any business at any meeting of the Board, however called and noticed, or wherever held, shall be as valid as though made at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum is present and, if either before or after the meeting, each of the Directors not present signs a waiver of notice, or a consent to the holding of such meeting, or an approval of the minutes thereof All such waivers, consents and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records of the Association and made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

E. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the Members and until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, are as follows:

**DAY, JOHN N**  
3741 SAN JOSE PLACE, SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32257

**DOSTIE, VICTORIA**  
3741 SAN JOSE PLACE, SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32257

**SMITH, VERNON H, III**  
3741 SAN JOSE PLACE, SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32257

**VII. OFFICERS.**

A. The Officers of the Association shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be determined from time to time by the Board, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation of the Association. The President shall be a member of the Board, but the other Officers need not be.

B. The Officers of the Association shall be elected by the Board at the annual meeting of the Board, which shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of the Association. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board. Each Officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected.

C. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, or other termination of service, may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

D. All Officers shall hold office for terms of one (1) year.

E. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out and shall sign all notes, checks, leases, mortgages, deeds and all other written instruments.

F. The Vice President, or the Vice President so designated by the Board if there is more than one Vice President, shall perform all the duties of the President in his absence. The Vice President(s) shall perform such other acts and duties as may be assigned by the Board.

G. The Secretary shall be ex officio the secretary of the Board, and shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors in a book to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall keep all records of the Association and shall record in the book kept for that purpose all the names of the Members of the Association together with their addresses as registered by such members.

H. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association, and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board, provided however, that a resolution of the Board shall not be necessary for disbursement made in the ordinary course of business conducted within the limits of a budget adopted by the Board. The Treasurer may, but need not, be a required signatory on checks and notes of the Association.

I. The Treasurer, or his appointed agent, shall keep proper books of account and cause to be prepared at the completion of each fiscal year an annual budget and an annual balance sheet statement, and the budget and balance sheet statement shall be open for inspection upon reasonable request by any Member.

J. With the approval of the Board of Directors, any or all of the Officers of the Association may delegate their respective duties and functions to a licensed and qualified property manager, provided, however, such property manager shall at all times be subject to the supervision and control of the Board of Directors.

K. The names of the officers who are to manage the affairs of the Association until the first annual meeting of the Members and until their successors are duly elected and qualified are:

<b>President</b>	<b>John N. Day</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Victoria Dostie</b>
<b>Treasurer/Secretary</b>	<b>V. Hawley Smith, III</b>

**VIII. COMMITTEES.**

A. The standing committee of the Association shall be the Board of Architectural Review. The Board of Architectural Review shall have the duties, authority and functions as described in the Declaration and as elsewhere described in these Bylaws.

B. The Board shall have the power and authority to appoint such other committees as it deems advisable. Any committee appointed by the Board shall consist of a Chairman and two (2) or more other members and may include a member of the Board. Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, and shall perform such duties and functions as the Board may direct.

**IX. BOOKS AND RECORDS.**

The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member. The Association shall at all times maintain the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, and any architectural criteria or rules and regulations, and all amendments thereto as a part of its official records. The Association shall retain the minutes of all meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors and all of its budgets and financial records and reports for not less than seven (7) years.

**X. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS.**

The annual meeting of the Members shall be held at such time and date as may be selected by the Board.

A. Special meetings of the Members for any purpose may be called at any time by the President, the Vice President, the Secretary or Treasurer, by any two or more members of the Board or upon the written request of Members holding at least 10% of all the votes allocated to the entire Membership.

B. Notice of all meetings of the Members shall be given to the Members by the Secretary. Notice may be given to the Member either personally or by sending a copy of the notice through the mail, postage fully prepaid, to the address appearing on the books of the Association. Each Member shall be responsible for registering his address and telephone number with the Secretary and notice of the meeting shall be mailed to him at such address. Notice of the annual meeting of the Members shall be delivered at least ten (10) days in advance. Notice of any

other meeting, regular or special, shall be delivered at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting and shall set forth in general the nature of the business to be transacted; provided, however, that if the business of any meeting shall involve any action as governed by the Articles of Incorporation or the Declaration in which other notice provisions are provided for, notice shall be given or sent as therein provided.

C. The presence, in person or by proxy, of the Members holding not less than ten percent (10%) of the total votes in the Association shall constitute a quorum of the Membership for any action governed by the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws.

#### **XI. PROXIES.**

A. At all meetings of the Members, each Member may vote in person or by limited or general proxy.

B. All proxies shall be in writing and shall state the date of the proxy and the date, time and place of the meeting for which the proxy is given, and must be signed by the authorized Member giving the proxy. A proxy shall be effective only for the specific meeting for which it is given, as such meeting may be lawfully adjourned and reconvened from time to time. No proxy shall extend beyond a period of ninety (90) days from the date of the meeting for which it was originally given, and every proxy shall automatically cease upon the sale by the Member of his interest in the Property. All proxies shall be revocable at any time at the pleasure of the Member who executes same, and may include powers of substitution.

#### **XII. SEAL.**

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: **DEER RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC, not for profit, 2021.**

#### **XIV. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.**

A. To the extent allowed by law, the Association hereby indemnifies any Director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding:

1. Whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, other than one by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability or penalty on such persons for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in their capacity as a Director or officer of the Association or as a director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal thereof if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not in itself create a presumption that any such Director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interest of the Association or that he had reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful.

2. By or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, or by reason of being or having been a director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against the reasonable expenses including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, or in connection with an appeal therein if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interest of the Association. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of gross negligence or misconduct in the performance of a duty to the Association unless, and only to the extent that, the court, administrative agency, or investigative body before which such action, suit or proceeding is held shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such tribunal shall deem proper.

B. The Board of Directors shall determine whether amounts for which a Director or officer seek indemnification were properly incurred and whether such Director or officer acted in good faith in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, there existed no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.

C. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the powers of the Association to indemnify under applicable law.

**XIII. TRANSACTION IN WHICH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED.**

A. No contract or transaction between the Association and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between the Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are Directors or officers, or in which they have a financial interest, shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board or committee thereof which authorizes the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose. All such contracts or transactions shall, however, be fair and reasonable and upon terms reasonably comparable to those which could be obtained in arms-length transactions with unrelated entities. No Director or Officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.

B. Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorized the contract or transaction.

**XIV. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

A. Upon dissolution of the Association, all of its assets remaining after provisions for creditors and payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed in the following manner:

1. Dedication to any applicable municipal or other governmental authority of any property determined by the Board of Directors of the Association to be appropriate for such dedication and which the authority is willing to accept.

2. If no municipal or other governmental authority will accept such dedication, the remaining assets shall be distributed among the Members, subject to the limitation set forth below, each Member's share of the assets to be determined by multiplying such remaining assets by a fraction, the numerator of which is all amounts assessed by the Association since its organization against the portion of Property which is owned by the Member at that time, and the denominator of which is the total amount (excluding penalties and interest) assessed by the Association against all properties which at the time of dissolution are part of the Property. The year of dissolution shall count as a whole year for purposes of the preceding fractions.

B. The Association may be dissolved upon a resolution to that effect being approved by a majority of the Board of Directors and by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members. In the event of incorporation by annexation or otherwise, of all or part of the Property by a political subdivision of the State of Florida, the Association may be dissolved in the manner set forth above.

C. In no event shall the Association be dissolved, and any attempt to do so shall be ineffective, unless and until maintenance responsibility for the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System and discharge facilities located within the Property is assumed by an entity acceptable to the St. Johns River Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction, pursuant to the requirements of Rule 40C-42.027, Florida Administrative Code, or other administrative regulation of similar import.

**XV. MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS.**

Subject to the provisions of the Declaration applicable to the Property and to the extent permitted by law, the Association may participate in mergers and consolidations with other nonprofit corporations organized for the

same purposes, provided that any such merger or consolidation shall be approved in the manner provided by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes as the same may be amended from time to time. For purposes of any vote of the Members required pursuant to said statutes, for so long as the Declarant shall own any portion of the Property, any such merger or consolidation shall require the Declarant's prior approval.

**XVI. AMENDMENTS.**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or rescinded by majority vote of the Board of Directors at a duly constituted meeting of the Board. Amendments shall be effective on the date of passage by the Board and no amendment need be recorded in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida.

**XVII. INCONSISTENCIES.**

In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of these Bylaws and the Declaration or Articles of Incorporation, the provisions of the Declaration and Articles of Incorporation shall control.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of **DEER RUN TOWNHOMES OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC**, a Florida corporation, not-for-profit effective April 17th 2021

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Victoria Dostie, Vice President