# DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FOR VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV

#### BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

MADE this day of , 19 , by R. T. BRINKLEY, II, INC., a Florida corporation, as owner of the real property hereinafter described, and developer of the improvements thereon (hereinafter called the "Developer"), for itself, its successors, grantees, assignees and/or their transferees.

WHEREAS, said Developer, as owner, makes the following declaration:

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Declaration is to submit the lands described in this instrument and improvements on such lands, to the condominium form of ownership and use, in the manner provided by Chapter 718, Florida Statutes (hereinafter referred to as the "Condominium Act"), and the Developer does hereby submit the lands described in this instrument and improvements on such lands, to the condominium form of ownership and use.

- 1.1 The name by which this condominium is to be identified is VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV, a condominium.
- 1.2 The address of this condominium is 8600 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach, Florida 32407.
- 1.3 The lands owned by the Developer, which by this instrument are submitted to the condominium form of ownership, are those certain lands lying in Bay County, Florida, as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, which shall hereinafter be referred to as "the land." Said land shall be subject to conditions, restrictions, limitations, easements and reservations of record.
- 1.4 All provisions of the Declaration shall be construed to be perpetual covenants running with the land and with every part thereof and interest therein, and every condominium parcel owner and claimant of the land or any part thereof or interest therein, and his heirs, executors and administrators, successors and assigns, shall be bound by all of the provisions of the Declaration, unless this Declaration shall be terminated pursuant to the Condominium Act or as provided herein. Both the burdens imposed and the benefits shall run with each condominium parcel as herein defined.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

The terms used in this Declaration and in the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., shall have the meaning stated in the Condominium Act and as follows, unless the context otherwise requires. Further, whenever the context so requires, the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all genders, the use of the plural shall include the singular and the singular shall include the plural.

2.1 <u>Assessment</u> means a share of the funds required for the payment of common expenses, which from time to time is assessed against the unit owner.

- 2.2 Association means the corporate entity responsible for the operation of a condominium.
- 2.3 Board of Administration means the board of directors or other representative body responsible for administration of the association.
- 2.4 By-Laws means the by-laws of the association existing from time to time.
- following:

  2.5 Common Elements includes within its meaning the
- 2.5.1 The condominium property which is not included within the units.
- 2.5.2 Easements through units for conduits, ducts, plumbing, wiring and other facilities for the furnishing of utility services to units and the common elements.
- 2.5.3 An easement of support in every portion of a unit which contributes to the support of a building.
- 2.5.4 The property and installations required for the furnishing of utilities and other services to more than one (1) unit or to the common elements.
- 2.6 Common Expenses means all expenses and assessments properly incurred by the Association for the condominium.
- 2.7 Common Surplus means the excess of all receipts of the Association, including, but not limited to, assessments, rents, profits and revenues on account of the common elements, over the common expenses.
- 2.8 Condominium means that form of ownership of real property which is created pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Condominium Act and which is comprised of units that may be owned by one or more persons, and there is, appurtenant to each unit, an undivided share in the common elements.
- 2.9 Condominium Parcel means a unit together with the undivided share in the common elements which is appurtenant to the unit.
- 2.10 Condominium Property means the lands, lease-holds and personal property that are subject to the condominium ownership, whether or not contiguous, and all improvements thereon and all easements and rights appurtenant thereto intended for use in connection with the condominium.
- 2.11 <u>Declaration</u> or "declaration of condominium" means the instrument or instruments by which the condominium is created, as they are from time to time amended.
- 2.12 Developer means the entity which creates a condominium or offers condominium parcels for sale or lease in the ordinary course of business, but does not include an owner or lessee or a unit owner who has acquired his unit for his own occupancy. The Developer of this condominium is R. T. BRINKLEY, II, INC., a Florida corporation.
- 2.13 Institutional Mortgagee is the owner and holder of a mortgage encumbering a condominium parcel, which owner and holder of said mortgage shall be either a bank, life insurance company, federal or state savings and loan association, real estate or mortgage investment trust, Federal National Mortgage Association, Government National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, federal or state agencies, the

Developer or other mortgagee which shall be acceptable to and approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.

- 2.14 Limited Common Elements means those common elements which are reserved for the use of certain condominium unit or units to the exclusion of other units, as specified in the declaration of condominium.
- 2.15 Operation or "operation of the condominium" includes the administration and management of the condominium property.
- 2.16 Unit means a part of the condominium property which is subject to exclusive ownership. A unit may be in improvements, land or land and improvements together, as specified in the declaration of condominium.
- 2.17 Unit Owner or "owner of a unit" means the owner of a condominium parcel.
- 2.18 Utility Services as used in the Condominium Act and as construed with reference to the condominium, and as used in the Declaration and all exhibits attached hereto, shall include, but not be limited to, electric power, gas, hot and cold water, heating and refrigeration, air conditioning, garbage and sewage disposal and other required services imposed by governmental authorities.

### 3. DEVELOPMENT PLANS

# 3.1 Improvements

- 3.1.1 Annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibits B, C, D and E, are the survey and site plan and graphic descriptions of all units, including their identification numbers, locations and dimensions. The legend and notes contained therein are incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.
- 3.1.2 Where more than one (1) typical unit has been acquired by the same owner and combined into a single dwelling place, the unit plans as described in Exhibit E may not reflect the interior plans of the combined units, but the exterior boundaries of the combined unit remain the same. Should any units be combined, combined units shall exist as separate units as described in this Declaration for the purpose of applying the provisions of this Declaration and all exhibits attached hereto.

# 3.2 Survey and Site Plan

A survey and site plan of the lands comprising the condominium and locating the improvements constructed thereon or to be constructed thereon, are attached hereto as Exhibits B and C, respectively.

### 3.3 Unit Plans

The development plans of the condominium, which include building plans and unit plans are attached hereto as Exhibits D and E, respectively. The legal description of each unit shall consist of the identifying number of such unit as shown on Exhibit D. Every deed, lease, mortgage or other instrument may legally describe a unit, apartment and/or condominium parcel by its identifying number as provided for on Exhibit D and each and every description shall be deemed good and sufficient for all purposes.

# 4. UNIT BOUNDARIES

Each unit shall include that part of the unit, which boundaries are as follows:

# 4.1 Upper and Lower Boundaries

The upper and lower boundaries of the unit shall be the following boundaries extended to an intersection with the perimetrical boundaries:

- 4.1.1 Upper Boundary shall be the horizon-tal plane of the undecorated, finished ceiling.
- 4.1.2 Lower Boundary shall be the horizon-tal plane of the undecorated, finished floor.

# 4.2 Perimetrical Boundaries

The perimetrical boundaries of the unit shall be the vertical plane of the undecorated and/or unfinished inner surfaces of the walls bounding the unit, extended to intersections with each other and with the upper and lower boundaries.

# 4.3 Boundaries - Further Defined

The boundaries of the unit shall not include all of those spaces and improvements lying within the undecorated or unfinished inner surfaces of the perimeter walls and those surfaces above the undecorated finished ceilings of each unit, and those surfaces below the undecorated finished floor of each unit, and further, shall not include those spaces and improvements lying within the undecorated or unfinished inner surfaces of all interior bearing walls and bearing partitions, and further, shall exclude all pipes, ducts, wires, conduits and other utilities running through any interior wall or partition for the furnishing of utility services to other units or common elements. In those units where attic storage access is provided, a unit owner may use the crawl space for storage at the unit owner's risk. Any damage caused to the unit or common elements by using this storage area shall be the singular expense of the unit owner.

# 4.4 Balconies and Patios

A unit shall include, as indicated on Exhibits D and E, a balcony and/or a patio. The boundaries of the balcony and patio shall be as follows: All lower and perimetrical boundaries shall be the same as set forth above; however, should a perimetrical boundary be railing, then the unit shall include the railing and the boundary shall be the exterior surface of the railing. Maintenance of the finished floor of the balcony or patio shall be borne by the unit owner to which the balcony or patio is appurtenant. Each balcony is a part of the unit which it abuts and is for the exclusive use of the owners of the abutting unit, provided, however, no unit owner shall paint or otherwise decorate or change the appearance of any portion of the condominium building or condominium property.

# 5. OWNERSHIP

# 5.1 Type of Ownership

Ownership of each condominium parcel may be in fee simple or in any other estate in real property recognized by law and subject to this Declaration.

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# 5.2 Association Membership

The owners of record of the units shall be members of the association. There shall be one (1) membership for each unit and if there is more than one (1) record owner per unit,

then such membership shall be divided among such owners in the same manner and proportion as is their ownership in the unit.

# 5.3 Unit Owner's Rights

The owner of a unit is entitled to the exclusive possession of his unit. He shall be entitled to use the common elements in accordance with the purposes for which they are intended, but no such use shall hinder or encroach upon the lawful rights of owners of other units. There shall be a joint use of the common elements and a joint mutual easement for that purpose is hereby created.

# 6. RESTRAINT UPON SEPARATION AND PARTITION OF COMMON ELEMENTS

The fee title of each condominium parcel shall include both the condominium unit and an undivided interest in the common elements; said undivided interest in the common elements is deemed to be conveyed or encumbered with its respective condominium unit, even though the description in the instrument of conveyance may refer only to the fee title to the condominium unit. The share in the common elements appurtenant to a unit cannot be conveyed or encumbered except together with the unit. Any attempt to separate or any action to partition the fee title to a condominium unit from the undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant to each unit shall be null and void.

# 7. PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP OF COMMON ELEMENTS

Each of the unit owners of the condominium shall own an undivided interest in the common elements, according to the "Schedule of Shares" attached hereto as Exhibit A.

### 8. COMMON EXPENSE AND COMMON SURPLUS

The common expense to be borne by each unit owner shall be a proportionate share of the total expenses and costs of the Association. Each unit owner shall be responsible for a portion of the common expenses and costs, and such share shall be in the percentage of the undivided share in the common elements to his unit as set forth in Exhibit A of this Declaration.

Any common surplus of the Association shall be owned by each of the unit owners in the same proportion as his percentage liability for common expenses.

#### 9. MAINTENANCE, ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Responsibility for the maintenance of the condominium property and restrictions upon its alterations and improvements shall be as follows:

# 9.1 Units

9.1.1 By the Association. The Association shall maintain, repair and replace at the Association's expense:

9.1.1.1 All portions of a unit contributing to the support of the condominium building, which portions shall include, but not be limited to, outside walls of the apartment building and all fixtures on its exterior, those portions of boundary walls not a part of unit; floor and ceiling slabs; load-bearing columns and load-bearing walls.

- 9.1.1.2 All conduits, ducts, plumbing, wiring and other facilities for the furnishing of utility services contained in the portion of a unit maintained by the Association; and all such facilities contained within a unit that service part or parts of the condominium other than the unit within which contained.
- 9.1.1.3 All incidental damage caused to a unit by such work immediately above-described shall be repaired promptly at the expense of the Association.
- 9.1.2 By the Unit Owner. The responsibility of the unit owner shall be as follows:
- 9.1.2.1 To keep and maintain his unit, its equipment and appurtenances in good order, condition and repair, and to perform promptly all maintenance and repair work within the unit which, if omitted, would affect the condominium in its entirety or in a part belonging to others; being expressly responsible for the damages and liability which his failure to do so may engender. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration, the owner of each unit shall be liable and responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement as the case may be, of all windows and all exterior doors, including sliding glass doors and all air conditioning and heating equipment, stoves, refrigerators, fans and other appliances and equipment, including pipes, wiring, ducts, fixtures and their connection required to provide water, light, power, air conditioning and heating, telephone, sewage and sanitary service to his unit which may now or hereafter be situated in his unit.
- 9.1.2.2 To maintain, repair and replace any and all walls, ceilings and floor interior surfaces, painting, decorating and furnishings, and all other accessories which such owner may desire to place and maintain in his unit.
- 9.1.2.3 Where applicable, to maintain and keep in a neat and trim condition the floor, interior walls, screening and railings of patios, sundecks or balconies.
- 9.1.2.4 To promptly report to the Association any defect or need for repairs for which the Association is responsible.
- 9.1.2.5 To pay for plumbing and electrical repairs to fixtures and equipment located within his unit and exclusively servicing his unit.
- 9.1.2.6 Not to paint or otherwise decorate or change the appearance of any portion of the exterior of the condominium building or property.
- as elsewhere reserved to the Developer, neither a unit owner nor the Association shall make any alteration in the portions of a unit that are to be maintained by the Association, remove any portion of such, make any additions to them, do anything that would jeopardize the safety or soundness of the building or impair any easement, without first obtaining approval in writing of owners of all units in the building and approval of the Board of Directors of the Association. A copy of plans for all such work prepared by an architect licensed to practice in this state shall be filed with the Association prior to the start of the work.
- 9.1.4 Any officer of the Association or any agent of the Board shall have the irrevocable right to access to each unit during reasonable hours for necessary inspection, maintenance, repair or replacement of any common element therein or accessible therefrom, or for making emergency repairs therein

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necessary to prevent damage to the common elements or to another unit or units.

# en nedd 9.2 Common Elements

- 9.2.1 By the Association. The maintenance and operation of the limited common elements and common elements, including the repair, maintenance and replacement of landscaping and other improvements and facilities shall be the responsibility of the Association as a common expense.
- 9.2.2 Alteration and Improvement. After the completion of the improvements included in the common elements contemplated by this Declaration, there shall be no alteration or further improvement of the real property constituting the common elements without prior approval in writing by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Association, except as provided in the By-Laws. Any such alteration or improvement shall not interfere with the rights of any unit owner without his consent. The costs of such work shall not be assessed against an institutional mortgagee, as defined in paragraph 2.13 herein that acquires its title as the result of owning a mortgage upon a unit owned, unless such institutional mortgagee shall approve the alteration or improvement, and this shall be so whether the title is acquired by deed from the mortgagor or through foreclosure proceedings. The share of any costs not so approved by an institutional mortgagee shall be assessed to the other unit owners in the proportion that their shares for the common expense bear to each other.

There shall be no change in the shares and rights of a unit owner in the common elements, or in his share of the common expenses whether or not the unit owner contributes to the costs of such alteration or improvements.

- 9.2.3 Land Acquisition. Land acquired by the Association may be added to the land submitted to condominium ownership hereby. This may be done by an amendment to this Declaration that includes the description of the acquired land and submits the said land to condominium ownership under the terms of this Declaration. The amendment shall be executed by the Association and adopted by the unit owners in the manner elsewhere required. Such amendment, when recorded in the public records of Bay County, Florida, shall divest the Association of title to the land and shall state that it conveys all interest of the Association to and vests the title in the unit owners, without naming them and without further conveyance, in the same undivided shares as the undivided shares in the common elements appurtenant to the units owned by them.
- 9.2.4 Land Not Incorporated. Any land acquired by the Association that is not incorporated into the land by amendment of this Declaration, may be sold or mortgaged or otherwise disposed of by the Association after approval in writing by the record unit owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the common elements. This approval shall be evidenced by a certificate stating that the approval was duly given, which certificate shall be executed by the officers of the Association with the formalities of a deed and delivered to a purchaser or mortgagee of such land.
- 9.2.5 <u>Personal Property</u>. Any personal property acquired by the Association may be sold or mortgaged or otherwise disposed of by the Association.

#### 9.3 Enforcement of Maintenance

In the event the owner of a unit fails to maintain a unit as required above, the Association, Developer or any other unit owner shall have the right to proceed to any appropriate court to seek compliance with the foregoing

provisions; or the Association shall have the right to assess the unit owner and the unit for the necessary sums to put the improvements within the unit in good condition. After such assessment, the Association shall have the right to have its employees or agents enter the unit and do the necessary work to enforce compliance with the above provision.

Further, in the event a unit owner violates any of the provisions of this section, the Developer and/or the Association shall have the right to take any and all such steps as may be necessary to remedy such violation, including, but not limited to, entry of the subject unit with or without consent of the unit owner, and the repair and maintenance of any item requiring same, all at the expense of the unit owner.

# 10. USE RESTRICTIONS

The use of the property of the condominium shall be in accordance with the following provisions:

# 10.1 Units

10.1.1 Each of the units shall be occupied only as a permanent or transient residence and for no other purpose.

10.1.2 Except as reserved to the Developer, no unit may be divided or subdivided into a smaller unit nor any portion thereof sold or otherwise transferred without first amending this Declaration to show the changes in the units to be affected thereby.

10.1.3 Nothing shall be hung, displayed or placed on the exterior walls, doors or windows of the unit or the apartment building without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors of the Association.

10.1.4 No clotheslines or similar devices shall be allowed on any patios, sundecks or balconies of the condominium units, or any other part of the condominium property, without the written consent of the Board of Directors of the Association.

10.1.5 No owner shall make, allow or cause to be made, any structural addition or alteration of his unit or the common elements without the prior written consent of the Association.

# 10.2 Common Elements and Limited Common Elements

The common elements and limited common elements shall be used only for the purpose for which they are intended.

# 10.3 Nuisances

No nuisances shall be allowed on the condominium property nor any use or practice which is the source of annoyance to residents or which interferes with the peaceful possession and proper residential use of the property by its residents. All parts of the property shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and no rubbish, refuse or garbage shall be allowed to accumulate or any fire hazard allowed to exist. No unit owner shall permit any use of his unit or of the common elements which will increase the rate of insurance upon the condominium property.

# 10.4 Lawful Use

No immoral, improper, offensive or unlawful use shall be made of the condominium property or any part thereof; and

all valid laws, zoning ordinances and regulations of all governmental bodies having jurisdiction thereof shall be observed. The responsibility of meeting the requirements of governmental bodies which require maintenance, modification or repair of the condominium property shall be the same as the responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the property concerned.

# 10.5 Signs

No signs shall be displayed from a unit or on common elements except such signs as shall have advance written approval by the Association.

# 10.6 Rules and Regulations

Reasonable rules and regulations concerning the use of the condominium property [common elements] may be made and amended from time to time by the Association in the manner provided by its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Copies of such regulations and amendments thereto shal be furnished by the Association to all unit owners and residents of the condominium upon request. A copy of the initial Rules and Regulations is attached hereto as Exhibit H.

# 10.7 Proviso

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, until the Developer has completed all of the contemplated improvements and closed the sales of all of the units of this condominium, neither the unit owners nor the Association nor their use of the condominium property shall interfere with the completion of all contemplated improvements and the sale of all units, and the Developer may make such use of the unsold units and common areas as may facilitate such completion and sale, including, but not limited to, maintenance of a sales office, showing of the property and the display of signs.

# 11. EASEMENTS

Each of the following easements is a convenant running with the land of the condominium and notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this Declaration, may not be substantially amended or revoked in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with their proper and intended use and purpose, and shall survive the termination of the condominium and the exclusion of any lands of the condominium from the condominium.

# 11.1 Utilities

As may be required for utility services in order to adequately serve the condominium property; provided, however, easements through a unit shall be only according to the plans and specifications for the building or as the building is actually constructed, unless approved, in writing, by the unit owner.

# 11.2 Pedestrian and Vehicular Traffic

For pedestrian traffic over, through and across sidewalks, paths, lanes and walks, as the same may from time to time exist, upon the common elements; and for the vehicular traffic over, through and across such portions of the common elements as may be from time to time paved and intended for such purposes.

### 11.3 Support

Every portion of a unit contributing to the support of the condominium building or an adjacent unit shall be

burdened with an easement of support for the benefit of all other units and common elements in the building.

# 11.4 Perpetual NonExclusive Easement in Commmon Elements

The common elements shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be subject to a perpetual nonexlusive easement in favor of all the owners of units in the condominium for their use and the use of their immediate families, guests and invitees, for all proper and normal purposes, and for the furnishing of services and facilities for which the same are reasonably intended, for the enjoyment of said owners.

# 11.5 Right of Entry into Private Dwellings in Emergencies

In case of an emergency originating in or threatening any unit, regardless of whether or not the owner is present at the time of such emergency, the Board of Directors of the Association, or any other person authorized by it, or the building manager or managing agent, shall have the right to enter such unit for the purpose of remedying or abating the cause of such emergency, and such right of entry shall be immediate and to facilitate entry in the event of any such emergency, the owner of each unit, if required by the Association, shall deposit under the control of the Association, a key to such unit.

# 11.6 Right of Entry for Maintenance of Common Property

Whenever it is necessary to enter any unit for the purpose of performing any maintenance, alteration or repair to any portion of the condominium property, the owner of each unit shall permit other owners by their representatives, or the duly constituted and authorized agent of the Association, to enter such unit for such purpose, provided that such entry shall be made only at reasonable times and with reasonable advance notice.

# 11.7 Easement for Unintentional and Non-Negligent Encroachment

In the event that any unit shall encroach upon any of the common elements for any reason not caused by the purposeful or negligent act of the unit owner or owners, or agents of such owner or owners, then an easement appurtenant to such unit shall exist for the continuance of such encroachment into the common elements for so long as such encroachment shall naturally exist; and, in the event that any portion of the common elements shall encroach upon any apartment unit, then an easement shall exist for the continuance of such encroachment of the common elements into any unit for so long as such encroachment shall naturally exist.

# 11.8 Air Space

An exclusive easement for the use of the air space occupied by a condominium unit as it exists at any particular time and as the unit may lawfully be altered.

# 11.9 Easements or Encroachments

Easements or encroachments by the perimeter walls, ceilings and floor surrounding each condominium unit.

# 11.10 Easement for Overhangs

Easement for overhanging troughs or gutters, downspouts and the discharge therefrom of rainwater and the subsequent flow thereof over condominium units of any of them.

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# 11.11 Easement for Air Space of Common Elements

An exclusive easement for the use of the area and air space occupied by the air conditioning compressor and the equipment and fixtures appurtenant thereof, situated in and/or on common elements of the condominium but exclusively serving and individually owned by the owner of the unit, as the same exist in and on the land, which exclusive easement shall be terminated automatically in any air space which is permanently vacated by such air conditioning compressor, and the equipment and fixtures appurtenant thereto; provided, however, that the removal of same for repair and/or replacement shall not be construed to be a permanent vacation of the air space which it occupies.

### 12. ASSOCIATION

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In order to provide for the proficient and effective administration of this condominium by the owners of units, a non-profit corporation known and designated as VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., has been organized under the laws of the State of Florida and said corporation shall administer the operation and management of this condominium, and undertake and perform all acts and duties incident thereto in accordance with the terms, provisions and conditions of this Declaration of Condominium, its By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Association from time to time.

# 12.1 Articles of Incorporation

A copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

### 12.2 By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Association shall be the by-laws of the condominium, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit G.

# 12.3 Limitation Upon Liability of Association

Notwithstanding the duty of the Association to maintain and repair parts of the condominium property, the Association shall not be liable to unit owners for injury or damage, other than the cost of maintenance and repair, caused by any latent condition of the property to be maintained and repaired by the Association, or caused by the elements or other owners or persons.

#### 12.4 Restraint Upon Assignment of Shares in Assets

The shares of members of the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to a unit.

# 12.5 Approval or Disapproval of Matters

Whenever the decision of a unit owner is required upon any matter, whether or not the subject of an Association meeting, such decision shall be expressed in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association.

#### 12.6 Membership

The record owners of all units in this condominium shall be members of the Association, and no other persons or entities shall be entitled to membership except for subscribers to the Articles of Incorporation. Membership shall be established by acquisition of ownership of fee title to, or fee

interest in a condominium parcel in said condominium, whether by conveyance, devise, judicial decree or otherwise, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and by the recordation amount the public records of Bay County, Florida, of the deed and other instrument establishing the acquisition and designating the parcel affected hereby and by the delivery to the Association of a true copy of such recorded deed or other instrument. The new owner designated in such deed or other instrument shall thereupon become a member of the Association, and the membership of the prior owner as to the parcel designated shall be terminated.

# 12.7 Voting

On all matters as to which the membership shall be entitled to vote, there shall be only one (1) vote for each unit.

# 13. INSURANCE

The insurance, other than title insurance, which shall be carried upon the condominium property and the property of the unit owners shall be governed by the following provisions:

# 13.1 Authority to Purchase

All insurance policies upon the condominium property shall be purchased by the Association for the benefit of the Association and the unit owners and their mortgagees, as their interest may appear, and provisions shall be made for the insurance of certificates or mortgagee endorsements to the mortgagees of unit owners. Such policies and endorsements shall be deposited with the Insurance Trustee. Unit owners may obtain insurance coverage at their own expense upon their personal property and for their personal liability and living expense. All policies purchased by the Association must be written by insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and with offices or agents in Florida, provided, however, all such insurance policies must be accepted and approved by the institutional mortgagee holding the largest aggregate dollar sum of mortgages encumbering condominium parcels in the condominium, said sum to be ascertained at the time of purchase or renewal of each policy.

# 13.2 Coverage

13.2.1 Casualty. All buildings and improvements upon the land, including units and all personal property of the Association included in the condominium property, are to be insured in an amount equal to the maximum insurable replacement value, excluding foundation and excavation costs as determined annually by the Board of Directors of the Association, and all such insurance must be obtained, if reasonably possible, from the same company. Such coverage shall provide protection against:

13.2.1.1 Loss or damage by fire and other hazards covered by a standard extended coverage endorsement, and flood disaster insurance.

13.2.1.2 Such other risks as from time to time shall be customarily covered with respect to buildings similar to construction, location and use, including, but not limited to, vandalism and malicious mischief.

13.2.2 Public Liability. In such amounts and with such coverage as shall be required by the Board of Directors of the Association with cross liability endorsements to cover liability of the unit owners as a group to a unit owner.

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13.2.3 Workmen's Compensation. As shall be required to meet the requirements of law.

13.2.4 Association Insurance. Such other insurance as the Board of Directors of the Association, in its discretion, may determine from time to time to be in the best interest of the Association and the unit owners, including Directors' Liability Insurance or other insurance that an institutional mortgagee may reasonably require, so long as it is the owner of a mortgagee on any condominium parcel.

# 13.3 Premiums

premiums for insurance policies purchased by the Association shall be paid by the Association.

### 13.4 Assured

All insurance policies purchased by the Association shall be for the benefit of the Association and the unit owners and their mortgagees as their interest may appear and shall provide that all proceeds covering casualty losses shall be paid to any bank in Bay County, with trust powers, as may be approved and designated insurance trustee by the Board of Directors of the Association, which trustee is herein referred to as the "Insurance Trustee". All insurance policies shall require written notification to each institutional mortgagee not less than ten (10) days in advance of cancellation of any insurance policy insuring the condominium property.

The Insurance Trustee shall not be liable for payments of premiums, nor for the renewal or sufficiency of the policies, nor for the failure to collect any insurance proceeds. The duty of the Insurance Trustee shall be to receive such proceeds as are paid, and hold same in trust for the purposes elsewhere stated herein and for the benefit of the unit owners and their mortgages in the following shares, but which shares need not be set forth in the records of the Insurance Trustee.

of common elements shall be held in as many undivided shares as there are units in each building, the shares of each unit owner being the same as his share in the common elements, as same are hereinabove stated.

13.4.2 Units. Proceeds on account of units shall be held in the following undivided shares:

13.4.2.1 Partial Destruction. When the building is to be restored, for the owners of damaged units in proportion to the cost of repairing the damage suffered by each unit owner.

13.4.2.2 Total Destruction. When the building is to be restored, for the owners of all units in the building in proportion to their share of the common elements appurtenant to their unit.

mortgagee endorsement has been issued as to a unit, the share of the unit owner shall be held in trust for the mortgagee and the unit owner as their interests appear. In no event shall any mortgagee have the right to demand the application of insurance proceeds to any mortgage or mortgages which it may hold against units, except to such extent as said insurance proceeds may exceed the actual cost of repair or restoration of the damaged building or buildings, and no mortgagee shall have any right to participate in the determination as to whether or not improvements will be restored after casualty.

# 13.5 Distribution of Proceeds

Proceeds of insurance policies received by the Insurance Trustee shall be distributed to or for the benefit of the beneficial owners in the following manner:

- of the Insurance Trustee shall be first paid or provisions made thereof.
- 13.5.2 Reconstruction or Repair. If the damage for which the proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed, the remaining proceeds shall be paid to defray the costs thereof as elsewhere provided. Any proceeds remaining after defraying such costs shall be distributed to the beneficial owners, remittances to unit owners and their mortgagees being payable jointly to them. This is a convenant for the benefit of any mortgagee of a unit and may be enforced by such mortgagee.
- 13.5.3 Failure to Reconstruct or Repair. If it is determined in the manner elsewhere provided that the damages for which the proceeds are paid shall not be reconstructed or repaired, the remaining proceeds shall be distributed to the beneficial owners, remittances to unit owners and their mortgagees being payable jointly to them. This is a covenant for the benefit of any mortgagee of a unit and may be enforced by such mortgagee.
- 13.5.4 Certificate. In making distribution to unit owners and their mortgagees, the Insurance Trustee may rely upon a certificate of the Association made by the President and Secretary as to the names of the unit owners and their respective shares of the distribution.
- 13.4.5 Association as Agent. The Association is hereby irrevocably appointed agent for each unit owner to adjust all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by the Association.

# 14. RECONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR AFTER CASUALTY

# 14.1 Determination to Reconstruct or Repair

If any part of the condominium property shall be damaged by casualty, whether or not it shall be reconstructed or repaired shall be determined in the following manner:

14.1.1 Common Elements. If the damaged improvement is a common element, the damaged property shall be reconstructed or repaired, unless it is determined in the manner elsewhere provided that the condominium shall be terminated.

# 14.1.2 Apartment Building

14.1.2.1 Lesser Damage. If the damaged improvement is a part of the condominium building, and if units to which fifty percent (50%) of the common elements or appurtenances are found by the Board of Directors of the Association to be tenantable, the damaged property shall be reconstructed or repaired, unless within sixty (60) days after the casualty it is determined in the manner elsewhere provided that the condominium shall be terminated.

14.1.2.2 Major Damage. If the damaged improvement is part of the condominium building and if units to which more than fifty percent (50%) of the common elements are appurtenant are found by the Board of Directors of the Association to be not tenantable, then the damaged property will not be reconstruced or repaired and the condominium will be terminated as elsewhere provided, unless within sixty (60) days after the

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casualty the owners or seventy-five percent (75%) of the common elements agree in writing to such reconstruction or repair.

14.1.3 Certificate. The Insurance Trustee may rely upon a certificate of the Association made by the President and Secretary to determine whether or not the damaged property is to be reconstructed or repaired.

# 14.2 Plans and Specifications

Any reconstruction or repair must be substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications for the original building, portions of which are attached hereto as exhibits, or if not, then according to plans and specifications approved by the Board of Directors of the Association, and if the damaged property is the condominium building, by the owers of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the common elements, including the owners of all damaged units, which approval shall be unreasonably withheld.

# 14.3 Responsibility

If the damage is only to those parts of one (1) unit for which the responsibility of maintenance and repair is that of the unit owner, then the unit owner shall be responsible for reconstruction and repair after casualty. In all other instances, the responsibility of construction or repair after casualty shall be that of the Association.

# 14.4 Estimates of Costs

Immediately after a casualty causing damage to property for which the Association has the responsibility of maintenance and repair, the Association shall obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the costs to repair or rebuild.

### 14.5 Assessments

If the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to defray the estimated costs of reconstruction and repair by the Association, or if at any time during the reconstruction and repair the funds for the payment of the costs thereof are insufficient, assessments shall be made against the unit owners who own the damaged units and against all unit owners in the case of damage to common elements, in sufficient amounts to provide funds to pay the estimated costs. Such assessments against the unit owners for damage to units shall be in proportion to the costs of reconstruction and repair of their respective units. Such assessments on account of damage to common elements shall be in proportion to the owner's share in the common elements.

# 14.6 Deductible Provision

The funds necessary to cover any deductible amount under an insurance policy against which a claim is made shall be a common expense.

# 14.7 Construction Funds

The funds for payment of costs of reconstruction and repair after casualty which shall consist of proceeds of insurance held by the Insurance Trustee and funds collected by the Association from assessments against unit owners, shall be disbursed in payment of such costs in the following manner:

14.7.1 Association. If costs of reconstruction and repair which are the reeesponsibility of the Association, are more than FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00), then the sums paid upon assessments to meet such costs shall be deposited by the Association with the Insurance Trustee. In all other cases, the Association shall hold the sums paid upon such assessments and

disburse the same in payment of the costs of reconstruction and repair.

14.7.2 Insurance Trustee. The proceeds of insurance collected on account of a casaulty, and the sums deposited with the Insurance Trustee by the Association from the collections of assessments against unit owners on account of such casualty, shall constitute a construction fund which shall be disbursed in payment of the costs of reconstruction and repair in the following manner:

14.7.2.1 Unit Owner. The portion of insurance proceeds represented damaged for which the responsibility of reconstruction and repair lies with the unit owner, shall be paid by the Insurance Trustee to the unit owner, or if there is a mortgagee endorsement, the to the unit owner and the mortgagee jointly.

Damage. If the amount of the estimated costs of reconstruction and repair which is the responsibility of the Association is less than FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00), then the construction fund shall be disbursed in payment of such costs upon the order of the Association; provided, however, that upon request to the Insurance Trustee by a mortgagee which is a beneficiary of an insurance policy, the proceeds of which are included in the construction funds, such fund shall be disbursed in the manner hereafter provided for the reconstruction and repair of major damage.

14.7.2.3 Association - Major Damage. If the amount of the estimated costs of reconstruction and repair which is the responsibility of the Association is more than FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00), then the construction fund shall be disbursed in payment of such costs in the manner required by the Board of Directors of the Association and upon approval of an architect qualified to practice in the State of Florida and employed by the Association to supervise the work.

14.7.2.4 <u>Surplus</u>. It shall be presumed that the first moneys disbursed in payment of costs of reconstruction and repair shall be from insurance proceeds. If there is a balance in a construction fund after payment of all costs of the reconstruction and repair for which the fund is established, such balance shall be distributed to the beneficial owners of the funds in the manner elsewhere stated; except, however, that the part of a distribution to a beneficial owner which is not in excess of assessments paid by such owner into the construction fund shall not be made payable to any mortgagee.

ing the provisions herein, the Insurance Trustee shall not be required to determine whether or not sums paid by unit owners upon assessments shall be deposited by the Association with the Insurance Trustee, nor to determine whether the disbursements from the construction fund are to be upon the order of the Association or upon approval of an architect or otherwise, nor whether a disbursement is to be made from the construction fund nor to determine the payee nor the amount to be paid, nor to determine whether surplus funds to be distrubuted are less than the assessments paid by owners. Instead, the Insurance Trustee may rely upon a certificate of the Association made by its President and Secretary as to any or all of such matters and stating the name or the payee and the amount to be paid; provided, that when a mortgagee is herein required to be named as payee, the Insurance Trustee shall also name the mortgagee as payee of any distribution of insurance proceeds to a unit owner, and further provided, that when the Association or a mortgagee which is the beneficiary of an insurance policy the proceeds of which are included in the construction funds, so requires, the approval of an architect named by the Association shall first be obtained by the Associa-

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tion upon disbursements in payment of costs of reconstruction and repair.

# 15. ASSESSMENTS

The making and collecting of assessments against unit owners for common expenses shall be the obligation of the Board of Directors pursuant to the By-Laws and subject to the following provisions:

# 15.1 Share of the Common Expenses

Each unit owner shall be liabile for a proportionate share of the common expenses and shall be entitled to an undivided share of the common surplus, such shares being set forth in Exhibit A. A unit owner, regardless of how title is acquired, including, without limitation, a purchaser at a judicial sale, shall be liable for all assessments coming due while he is the owner of a unit. If provided by law, in a voluntary conveyance, the grantee shall be jointly and severally liable with the grantor for all unpaid assessments against the latter for his share of the common expenses up to the time of such voluntary conveyance, without prejudice to the rights of the grantee to recover from the grantor the amounts paid by the grantee therefor.

# 15.2 Non-Waiver

The liability for assessments may not be avoided by waiver of the use or enjoyment of any common elements or by abandonment of the unit for which the assessment is made.

# 15.3 <u>Interest, Application of Payments</u>

Assessments and installments on such assessments paid on or before ten (10) days after the date when due shall not bear interest, but all sums not paid on or before ten (10) days after the date when due shall be delinquent and shall bear interest at the highest rate allowed by the laws of the State of Florida from the date when due, until paid. In addition, in the sole discretion of the Association, a late charge of 25% may be assessed against a parcel for each delinquent payment. All payments upon account shall be first applied to interest and then to the assessment payment first due.

# 15.4 Lien for Assessments

The assocation shall have a lien on each condominium parcel for any unpaid assessments, together with interest thereon, against the owner of such condominium parcel, together with a lien on all tangible personal property located within the unit, except that such lien upon the aforesaid tangible personal property shall be subordinate to prior bona fide liens of record. Reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Association incident to the collection of such assessment for the enforcement of such lien, together with all sums advanced and paid by the Association for taxes and payment on account of superior mortgages, liens or encumbrances which may be requried to be advanced by the Association in order to preserve and protect its lien shall be payable by the unit owner and secured by such lien. The Association's liens shall also include those sums advanced on behalf of each unit owner in payment of his obligation for use charges and operation costs likewise referred to as common expense.

Said lien shall be effective from and after the time of recording in the public records of Bay County, Florida, of a claim of lien stating the description of the condominium parcel, the name of the record owner, the amount due and the date when due, and the lien shall continue in effect until all sums secured

by the lien shall have been fully paid. Such claims of lien shall be signed and verified by an officer of the Association. Upon full payment, the party making payment shall be entitled to a recordable satisfaction of the lien. All such liens shall be subordinate to the lien of an institutional mortgage recorded prior to the time of recording of the claim of lien.

# 15.5 Collection and Foreclosure

The Board of Directors may take such action as they deem necessary to collect assessments of the Association by personal action or by enforcing and foreclosing said lien, and may settle and compromise same, if in the best interests of the Association. Said lien shall be effective as and in the manner provided for by the Condominium Act, and shall have the priorities established by said Act. The Association shall be entitled to bid at any sale held pursuant to a suit to foreclose an assessment lien, and to apply as a cash credit against its bid, all sums due the Association covered by the lien enforced. In case of such foreclosure, the unit owner shall be required to pay a reasonable rental fee for the condominium parcel and the plaintiff in such foreclosure shall be entitled to the appointment of a Receiver to collect same from the unit owner and/or occupant.

# 15.6 Liability of Mortgagee, Lienor or Judicial Sale Purchaser for Assessment

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Declaration of Condominium, where the mortgagee of a first mortgage of record or other purchaser of a unit, obtains title to a condominium parcel as a result of foreclosure of the first mortgage, or when the mortgagee of a first mortgage of record accepts a deed to said condominium parcel in lieu of foreclosure, such acquirer of title, his successors and assigns, shall not be liable for the share of common expenses or assessments by the Association pertaining to such condominium parcel, or chargeable to the former unit owner of such parcel which become due prior to the acquisition of title as a result of the foreclosure, or the acceptance of such deed in lieu of foreclosure, unless such share is secured by a claim of lien for assessments that is recorded prior to the recording of the foreclosed mortgage. Such unpaid share of common expenses or assessments shall be deemed to be common expenses collectible from all of the unit owners, including the acquirer of title, whether as a result of foreclosure or by acceptance of a deed to the condominium parcel in lieu of foreclosure. They new owner by virtue of the acquiring of such title shall forthwith become liable for payment of the common expenses and such other expenses as may be chargeable to the owner of a condominium unit hereunder; however, any person who acquires an interest in a unit, except through foreclosure of a first mortgage of record, or as a result of a deed given in lieu of foreclosure of a first mortgage of record, as specifically provided in the paragraph immediately preceding, including, without limitation, persons acquiring title by operation of law, including persons who became purchasers at judicial sales, shall not be entitled to occupancy of the unit or enjoyment of the common elements until such time as all unpaid assessments due and owing by the former owner have been paid.

# 15.7 Assignment of Claim of Lien Rights

The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have the right to assign its claim and lien rights for the recovery of any unpaid assessment to the Developer, or to any unit owner or group of unit owners, or to any third party.

# 15.8 Unpaid Assessments - Certificate of be L.

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Any unit owner shall have the right to require from the Association a certificate showing the amount of unpaid

assessments against him with respect to this condominium parcel. The holder of a mortgage or other lien shall have the same right as to any condominium parcel upon which he has a lien. Any person other than the owner who relies upon such certificate shall be protected thereby.

# 15.9 Liability of the Developer

The Developer shall not be liable for and shall be excused from the payment of any assessments for common expenses assessed against any unit owned by the Developer during that period beginning with the the closing of the purchase of any unit in the condominium and terminating not later than one (1) calendar year thereafter, or upon the transfer of control of the Association to unit owners other than the Developer, whichever occurs first. During this period, the Developer guarantees that the assessment for common expenses of the condominium imposed on the unit owners other than the Developer shall not increase over the dollar amount stated of \$32.00 per month for type A one bedroom apartments, \$42.00 per month for type B one bedroom apartments, \$49.00 per month for type C two bedroom apartments, \$57.00 per month for type D two bedroom apartments, and \$62.00 per month for type E three bedroom apartments, and the Developer shall pay any amount of common expenses incurred during the period and not produced by the assessments at the guaranteed level receivable from other unit owners. Upon termination of this guarantee, the Developer shall pay assessments for common expenses for units owned by the Developer.

# 15.10 Working Capital Assessment

In addition to all other assessments an initial assessment for the working capital fund of the Association shall be imposed in an amount equal to 2 month's current assessment for each unit, payable at the time of closing of the initial purchase of the unit.

# 16. COMPLIANCE AND DEFAULT

Each unit owner shall be governed by and shall comply with the terms of the Declaration of Condominium, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and said documents and rules and regulations as they may be amended from time to time. Failure of unit owners to comply therewith shall entitle the Association or other unit owners to the following relief in addition to the remedies provided by the Condominium Act.

# 16.1 Negligence

A unit owner shall be liable for the expense of any maintenance, repair or replacement rendered necessary by his act, neglect or carelessness or by that of any member of his family or his or their guests, invitees, employees or lessees, but only to the extent that such expenses is not met by the proceeds of insurance carried by the Association. Such liability shall include any increase in insuance rates occasioned by use, misuse, occupancy or abandonment of a unit or its appurtenances or of the common elements.

# 16.2 Costs and Attorneys' Fees

In any proceeding arising because of an alleged failure of a unit owner to comply with the terms of the Declaration, the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and said documents and rules and regulations as they may be amended from time to time, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover the costs of the proceeding and such reasonable attorney's fees as may be awarded by the court.

# 16.3 No Waiver of Rights

The failure of the Association or any unit owner to enforce a covenant, restriction or other provision of the Condominium Act, this Declaration or any of the exhibits attached hereto, shall not constitute a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

# 17. AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION

Except as elsewhere provided otherwise, this Declaration of Condominium may be amended in the following manner:

#### 17.1 Notice

Notice of the subject matter of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which a proposed amendment is considered.

# 17.2 Resolution of Adoption

A resolution adopting a proposed amendment may be proposed by either the Board of Directors of the Association or by the members of the Association. Directors and members not present in person or by proxy at the meeting considering the amendment may express their approval in writing, providing such approval is delivered to the Secretary at or prior to the meeting. Except as elsewhere provided, such approvals must be either by:

17.2.1 Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes of the entire membership of the Board of Directors and by not less than seventy-five (75%) of the votes of the entire membership of the Association; or

17.2.2 Not less than eighty percent (80%) of the votes of the entire membership of the Associaton; or

# 17.3 Resolution of Adoption for Errors or Omissions Not Materially Adversely Affecting Property Rights of the Unit Owners

A resolution adopting a proposed amendment may be proposed by either the Board of Directors of the Association or by members of the Association whenever it appears that there is an omission or error in this Declaration of Condominium, or any exhibit attached hereto, or amendment hereto, as follows:

17.3.1 Not less than fifty percent (50%) of the votes of the entire membership of the Board of Directors and by not less than fifty percent (50%) of the votes of the entire membership of the Association.

17.3.2 Any amendment adopted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 19.3 shall not materially adversely affect the property rights of unit owners.

17.3.3 Until the Developer has sold and conveyed all of the units in the condominium, any amendment adopted pursuant to this paragraph 19.3 must be approved and consented to by the Developer.

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### 17.4 Proviso

No amendment shall discriminate against any unit owner or against any unit, or class or group of units, unless the unit owners so affected and their institutional mortgagees shall consent; and no amendment shall change any unit or the share in the common elements, and other of its appurtenances or increase the owner's share of the common elements, and other of its

appurtenances or increase the owner's share of the common expenses, except as hereinabove provided, unless the owner of the unit concerned and all such mortgagees as first above recited, shall join in the execution of the amendment. Neither shall an amendment take any change in the section entitled "Insurance", nor in the section entitled "Reconstruction of Repair After Casualty", unless the record owner of all mortgages upon the condominium shall join in the execution of the amendment; nor shall any amendment of this Declaration make any change which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers and options of the Developer unless the Developer shall join in the execution of such amendment.

# 17.5 Execution and Recording

A copy of each amendment shall be attached to a certificate certifying that the amendment was duly adopted, which certificate shall be executed by the officers of the Association with the formalities of a deed. The amendment shall be effective when such certificate and a copy of the amendment are recorded in the public records of Bay County, Florida.

# 17.6 Amendments

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The section concerning termination cannot be amended without consent of all unit owners and all recorded owners of mortgages upon condominium parcels.

# 18. DEVELOPER'S UNITS AND PRIVILEGES

# 18.1 Developer

The Developer, at the time of filing of this Declaration, is the owner of all of the real property, individual units and appurtenances comprising this condominium. Therefore, the Developer, until all of the units have been sold and closed, shall be irrevocably empowered, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, to sell, lease or rent units to any person approved by the Developer. Said Developer shall have the right to transact upon the condominium property any business necessary to consummate the sale of units, including, but not limited to, the right to maintain models, have signs, staff employees, maintain offices, us the common elements and show units. Any sales office, signs, fixtures or furnishings or other tangible personal property belonging to the Developer shall not be considered common elements and shall remain the property of the Developer.

# 18.2 Amendment

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall not be subject to any amendment until the Developer has sold all of the units in VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV, a condominium.

### 19. MASTER ASSOCIATION

19.1 The ST. THOMAS SQUARE MASTER OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "Master Association") represents all of the residents of the entire ST. THOMAS SQUARE Development, including this Condominium, and its members are those persons designated in the Master Charter and Master By-Laws. The Master Association, acting through its board of directors, shall have the following powers, rights and duties with respect to the Condominium Property, all as more particularly set forth in the Master Charter, Master By-Laws and recorded Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions with respect to the ST. THOMAS SQUARE Development.

- 19.2 The Master Association is entitled to a lien upon a residential parcel for any unpaid assessment for expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Master Association in the fulfillment of its maintenance, operation and management responsibilities with respect to roadways, bridges, drainage facilities, rights-of-way, medians, bike-paths, entrance ways, irrigation systems, traffic control systems, street lighting, athletic fields, swimming pools, tennis courts, and other common areas used or to be used in common with all residents of the ST. THOMAS SQUARE Development, the payment of real esate ad valorem taxes assessed against such common areas and the provision of pest control, fire protection, garbage collection and other services, all of which is more particularly set forth in the Master By-Laws and the recorded Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.
- 19.3 If for any reason the Association refuses or fails to perform the obligations imposed on it hereunder and under the other Condominium Documents, the Master Association shall be, and is hereby, authorized to act for and in behalf of the Association in such respect that the Association has refused or failed to act. and any expenses thereby incurred by the Master Association shall be reimbursed by the Association.
- 19.4 Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this Declaration shall not be amended in any manner so as to affect the rights of the Master Association without the written approval of the board of directors of the Master Association. Any such approval shall be evidenced by a recordable instrument executed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Master Association.
- 19.5 Except as expressly permitted herein, without the prior written consent of the Master Association, no permanent improvements other than as set forth and shown in the exhibits to this Declaration shall be constructed on the Condominium Property and no substantial or material alterations of the exterior of any building or the topography of the Condominium Property shall be effected. The Master Association shall also have the reasonable right to ingress and egress to the Condominium Property for the purpose of preserving, maintaining or improving those areas and facilities specified in 19.2 above (whether within or without the Condominium Property.)

# 20. SPECIFIC RIGHTS OF INSTITUTIONAL MORTGAGEES

In addition to the rights and privileges expressly granted to the mortgagees of condominium units in other paragraphs of this Declaration of Condominium, each and every institutional mortgagee shall have the following rights and entitlements:

- 20.1 To be furnished with at least one (1) copy of the annual financial statement and a report of the Association, prepared by certified public accountants designated by the Association, including a detailed statement of annual carrying charges or income collected and operating expenses, such financial statement and report to be furnished within ninety (90) days following the end of each calendar year; and to inspect the books and records of the condominium during normal business hours.
- 20.2 To be given written notice by the Association of the call of a meeting of the membership and be permitted to designate a representative to attend all such meetings.
- 20.3 To be given notice of default by any member owing any unit encumbered by a mortgage held by such institutional mortgagee, such notice to be given in writing and to be sent to the principal office of such institutional mortgagee or to the

place which it or they may designate in writing to the Association.

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covering the common elements requiring that such institutional mortgagee be given any notice of cancellation provided for in such policy.

premiums when due, or should the Association fail to pay insurance premiums when due, or should the Association fail to comply with other insurance requirements of the mortgagee(s), said institutional mortgagee(s) shall have the right, at its option, to order insurance policies and to advance such sums as are required to maintain or procure such insurance, and to the extent of the money so advanced, said mortgagee shall be subrogated to the assessment and lien rights of the Association as against the individual unit owners for the payment of such item of common expense.

20.6 To receive, in reduction of its mortgage debt, that portion of insurance proceeds apportioned to its mortgaged apartment in the same share as the share in the common elements appurtenant to such apartment, in the event: (a) insurance proceeds are not sufficient to complete restoration, reconstruction or repair, and the Association has not made additional funds available for such purpose; or (b) it is determined to restore, repair or reconstruct the improvements in a manner or condition substantially different from that existing prior to the casualty and such mortgagee has not consented in writing to such change or alteration.

20.7 To a written notification from the Association thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of:

20.7.1 Any change in the condominium documents; and

20.7.2 Any change of manager (not including change in employees of a corporate manager) of the condominium.

20.8 To written notification from the Association of any default by the mortgagor of a unit in performance of the mortgagor's obligations under all condominium documents which is not cured within thirty (30) days.

20.9 Any institutional mortgagee that comes into possession of a unit pursuant to the remedies provided in the mortgage, foreclosure of the mortgage, or deed in lieu of foreclosure, shall take the property free of any claim for unpaid assessments or charges against the mortgaged unit which accrue prior to the time such institutional mortgagee comes into possession of the apartment (except for claims for a pro rata share of any tax or special assessment as provided for in this Declaration of Condominium).

20.10 In the event of substantial damage to or destruction of any apartment or any part of the common elements, the institutional holder of any first mortgage on a condominium unit will be entitled to timely written notice of any such damage or destruction.

20.11 No condominium unit in the project may be partitioned or subdivided without the prior written approval of at least the holder of any first mortgage lien on such unit.

# 21. TERMINATION

The condominium may be terminated in the following manner in addition to the manner provided in the Condominium Act:

# 21.1 Destruction

In the event that it is determined in the manner elsewhere provided that the condominium building shall not be reconstructed because of major damage, the condominium plan of ownership will be thereby terminated without agreement.

# 21.2 Agreement

The condominium may be terminated by the approval in writing of all the owners of the units therein and by all record owners of mortgages thereon. If the proposed termination is submitted to a meeting of the members of the Association, the notice of which meeting gives notice of the proposed termination, and if the approval of the owners of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the common elements, and of the record owners all mortgages upon the units, are obtained in writing not later than thirty (30) days from the date of such meeting, then the approving owners shall have an option to buy all of the units of the other owners for the period ending on the sixtieth (60th) day from the day of such meeting. Such approvals shall be irrevocable until the expiration of the option, and if the option is exercised, the approval shall be irrevocable. Such option shall be upon the following terms:

21.2.1 Exercise of Option. The option shall be exercised by delivery or mailing by certified mail, to each of the record owners of the units to be purchased, of an agreement to purchase, signed by the record owners of units who will participate in the purchase. Such agreement shall indicate which units will be purchased by each participating owner and shall provide for the purchase of all of the units owned by owners not approving the termination, and the effect of said agreement shall be to create a separate contract between each seller and his purchaser.

shall be the fair market value determined by agreement between the seller and purchaser within thirty (30) days from the delivery or mailing of such agreement and in the absence of agreement as to price, it shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the then existing rules of the American Arbitration Association, except that the arbitrators shall be two (2) appraisers appointed by the American Arbitration Association who shall base their determination upon an average of their appraisals of the unit; and a judgment of specific performance of the sale upon the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction. The expense of the arbitration shall be paid by the purchaser.

21.2.3 Payment. The purchase price shall be paid in cash.

21.2.4 <u>Closing</u>. The sale shall be closed within thirty (30) days following determination of the sale price.

# 21.3 Certificate

The termination of the condomonium in either of the foregoing manners shall be evidence by a certificate of the Association, executed by the President and Secretary, certifying as to the facts affecting the termination, which certificate shall become effective upon being recorded in the public records of Bay County, Florida.

# 21.4 Shares of Owners After Termination

After termination of the condominium, unit owners shall own the condominium property and all assets of the Association as tenants in common in undivided shares, and their respective mortgages and lienors shall have mortgages and liens upon the respective undivided shares of the unit owners. Such

undivided shares of the unit owners shall be the same as the undivided shares in the common elements appurtenant to the owners' units prior to the termination.

# 21.5 Amendments

This section concerning termination cannot be amended without consent of all unit owners and all recorded owners of mortgages upon condominium parcels.

# 22. SEVERABILITY AND INVALIDITY

The invalidity in whole or in part of any covenant or restriction or any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word, or other provision of this Declaration of Condominium and the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the Association, shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions which shall remain in full force and effect.

In the event any court shall hereafter determine that any provisions of this Declaration of Condominium, as originally drafted, or as amended, violates the rule against perpetuities or any other rules of law because of the duration of the period involved, the period specified in the Declaration shall not thereby become invalid, but instead shall be reduced to the maximum period allowed under such rules of law, and for such purpose measuring lives shall be those of the incorporators of the Association.

# 23. INTERPRETATION

The provisions of this Declaration of Condominium shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose of creating a uniform plan for the operation of a condominium in accordance with the laws made and provided for same; i.e., Chapter 718, Florida Statutes, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREON II, INC., a Florida corporation, Declaration of Condominium this	f, the Developer, R. T. BRINKLEY, has caused the execution of this day of, 1983.
WITNESSES:	R. T. BRINKLEY, II, INC., a Florida Corporation, Developer
	Ву:

# EXHIBIT A

UNDIVIDED SHARE OF COMMON ELEMENTS OF VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS IV, A CONDOMINIUM

The undivided share in the land and other common elements and in the common surplus of the condominium is as follows:

Unit Number	Share
401	.0525
402	.0525
403	.095
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405	.0525
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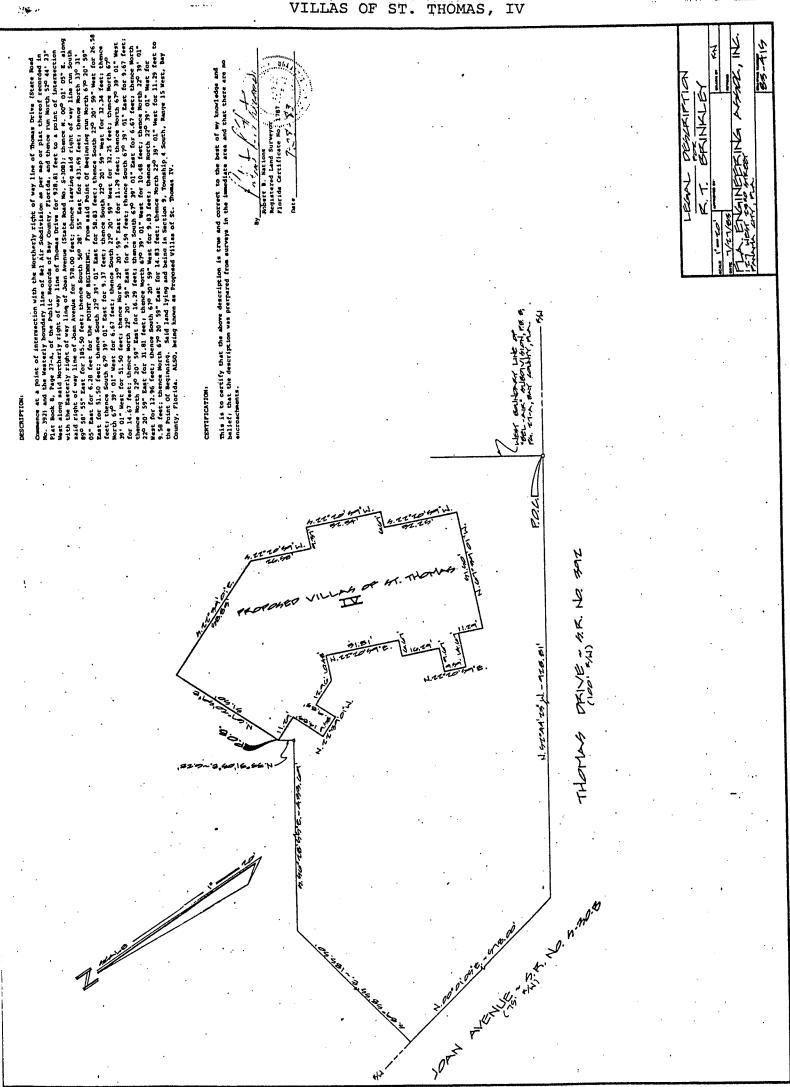
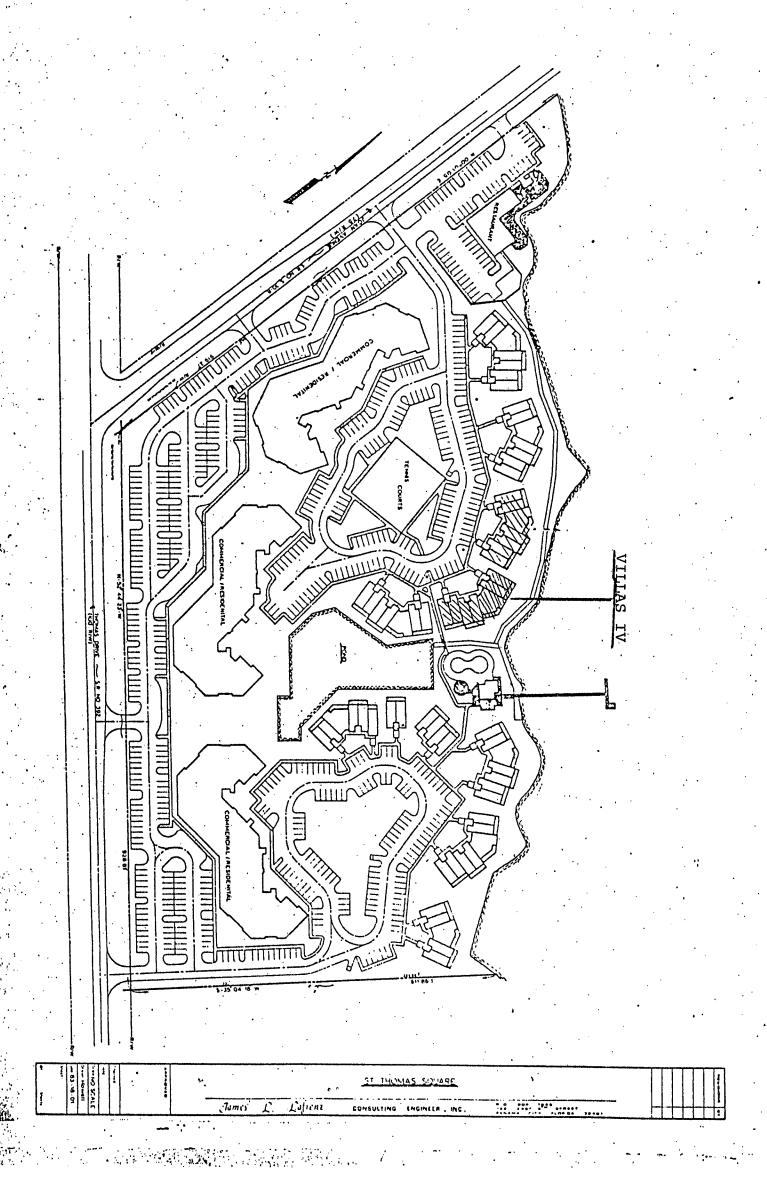
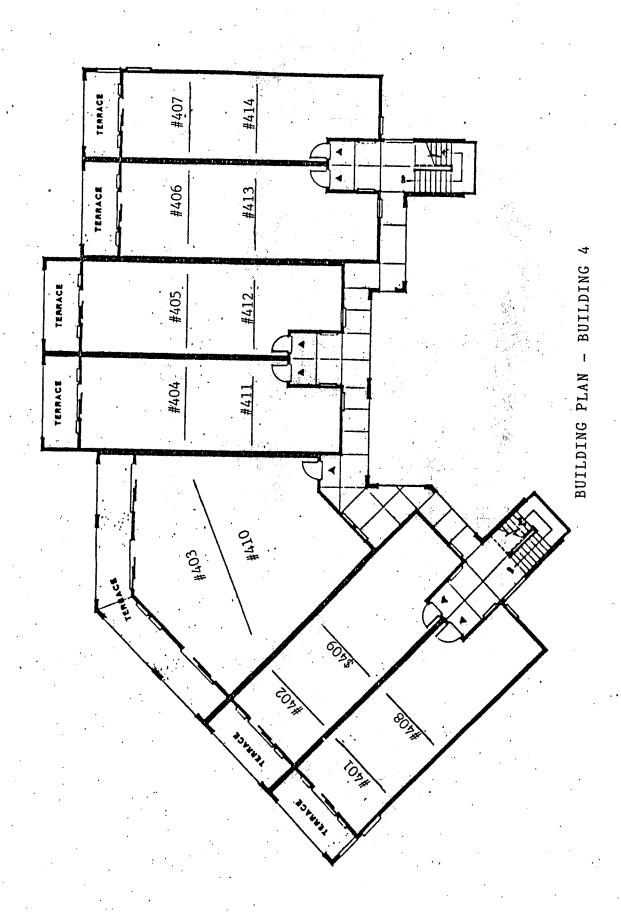
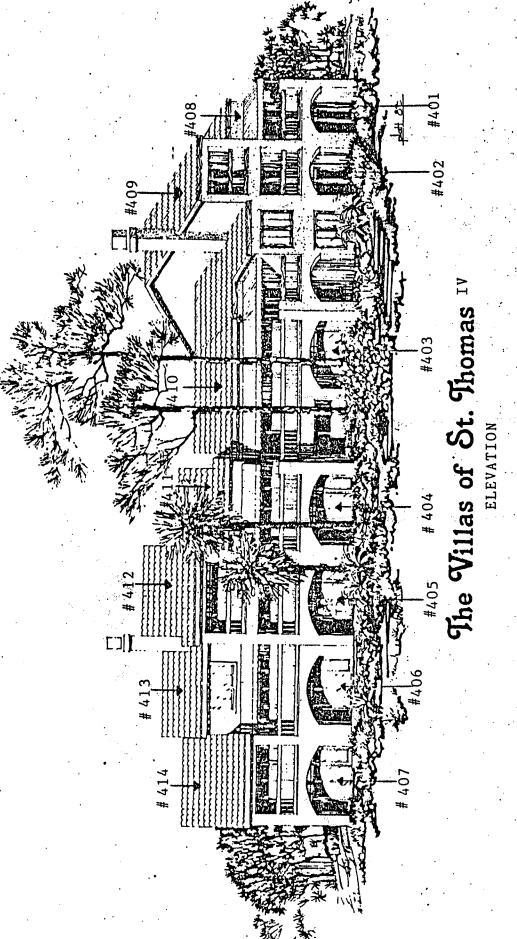


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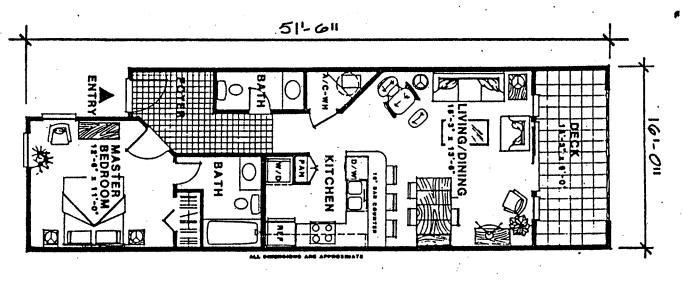




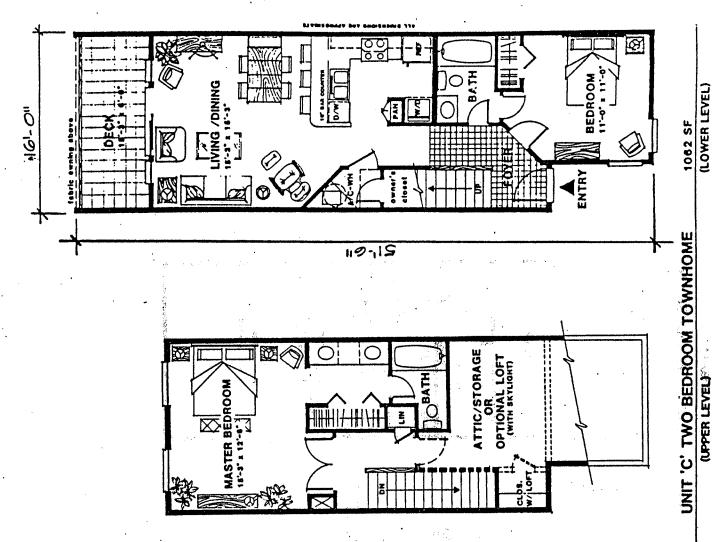


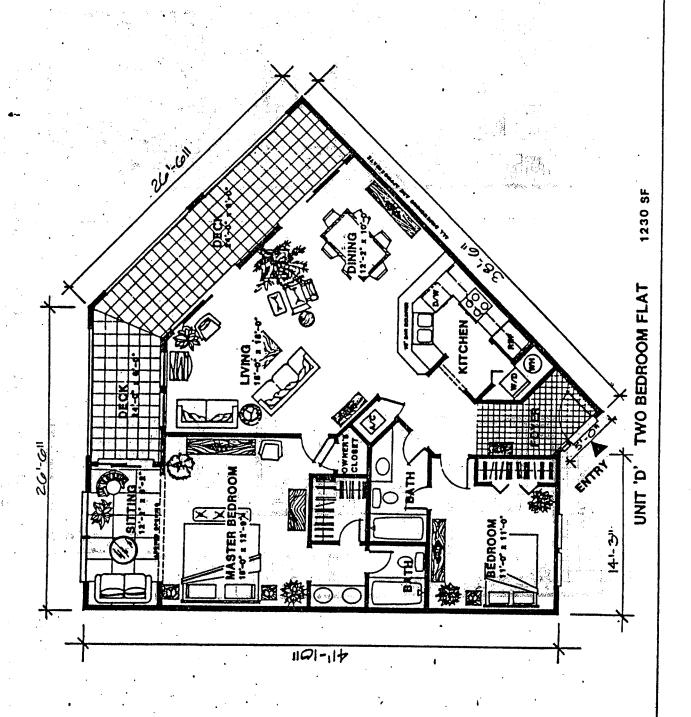


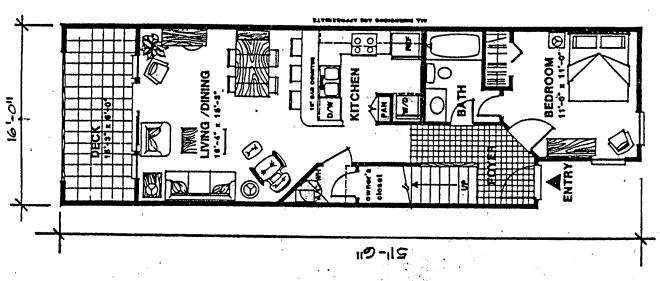
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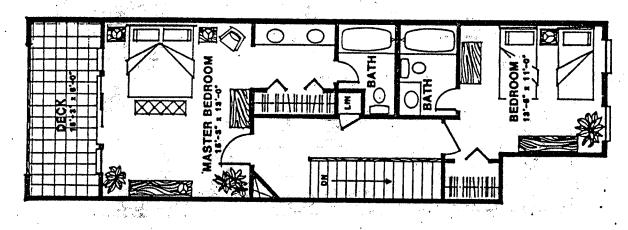


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UNIT 'E' THREE BEDROOM TOWNHOME (UPPER LEVEL)

1322 SF (LOWER LEVEL)

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

#### VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT

The undersigned incorporators by these articles associate themselves for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, and adopt the following articles of incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation is VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### ARTICLE II. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is organized for the purpose of providing an entity under the Florida Condominium Act (the Act) for the operation of a condominium located in Bay County, Florida, and known as Villas of St. Thomas, IV, Condominium, created pursuant to the declaration of condominium therefor.

# ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States of America and the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

The qualification of members and the manner of their admission shall be as regulated by the bylaws of the corporation.

# ARTICLE V. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 8600 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach, Florida 32407, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is R. T. Brinkley, II.

ARTICLE VI. FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of persons consitituting the first board of

directors shall be three and their names and addresses are as follows:

NAME **ADDRESS** 4341 Thomas Drive, D-16 Samuel G. Estok Panama City Beach, Florida 32407 Patricia Ann Estok 4341 Thomas Drive, D-16 Panama City Beach, Florida 32407 R. T. Brinkley, II 409 Spyglass Drive Panama City Beach, Florida 32407 ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATORS The name and address of the initial incorporators are as follows: NAME ADDRESS 4341 Thomas Drive, D-16 Samuel G. Estok Panama City Beach, Florida 32407 J. Robert Hughes 209 East Fourth Street Panama City, Florida 32401-0125 Benjamin W. Redding 209 East Fourth Street Panama City, Florida 32401-0125 IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned incorporators have executed these articles of incorporation on Samuel G. Estok Incorporator J. Robert Hughes Incorporator Benjamin W. Redding Incorporator STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BAY The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this by Samuel G. Estok, J. Robert Hughes day of and Benjamin W. Redding. Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, at the place designated in these articles, I agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

R. T. Regist	Brinkley, ered Agent	II	; ·
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#### BYLAWS

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# VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

#### ARTICLE I. IDENTITY

These are the bylaws of Villas of St. Thomas, IV, Condominium Association, Inc., (the association), a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, organized for the purpose of administering that certain condominium located in Bay County, Florida, and known as Villas of St. Thomas, IV, Condominium (the condominium).

#### 1.1 Principal office.

The principal office of the association shall be at 8600 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach, Florida 32407, or at such other place as may be designated by the board of directors.

#### 1.2 Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the association shall be the calendar year.

#### 1.3 Seal.

The seal of the association shall bear the name of the corporation, the word "Florida," the words "corporation not for profit" and the year of incorporation.

#### 1.4 <u>Definitions</u>.

For convenience, these bylaws shall be referred to as the "bylaws"; the articles of incorporation of the association as the "articles"; and the declaration of condominium for the condominium as the "declaration." The other terms used in these bylaws shall have the same definitions and meaning as those set forth in F.S. Chapter 718, The Condominium Act (the Act), as well as those set forth in the declaration and the articles, unless provided to the contrary in these bylaws, or unless the context otherwise requires.

### ARTICLE II. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND VOTING

## 2.1 Annual meeting.

The annual meeting of the members shall be held on the date and at the place and time as determined by the board of directors from time to time, provided that there shall be an annual meeting every calendar year and no later than 13 months after the last annual meeting. The purpose of the meeting shall be to elect directors and to transact any other business authorized to be transacted by the members.

# 2.2 Special meetings.

Special meetings of the members shall be held at such places as provided for annual meetings and may be called by the president or by a majority of the board of directors of the association, and must be called by the president or secretary on receipt of a written request from at least 10% of the members of the association entitled to vote at the meeting. Requests for a meeting by the members shall state the purpose for the meeting, and business conducted at any special meeting shall be limited to

the matters stated in the notice for it. The provisions of this section, as applicable, shall be modified by the provisions of the matters stated in the notice for it. F.S. 718.112(2)(f), concerning budget meetings; F.S. 718.112(g), concerning recall; F.S. 718.112(2)(k); concerning budget reserves; and F.S. 718.301(1) and (2), concerning election of directors by unit owners other than the developer.

## Notice of annual meeting.

Written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed to each unit owner not less than 14 and no more than 60 days before the annual meeting. A copy of the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the condominium property at least 14 days before the annual meeting. The post office certificate of mailing shall be retained as proof of the mailing. Unit owners may waive notice of the annual meeting.

#### 2.4 Notice of special meetings, generally.

Except as modified by the specific requirements for special kinds of members' meetings as set out in these bylaws, notice of special meetings, generally, shall be in writing, shall state the place, day and hour of the meeting and the purpose or state the place, day and hour of the meeting and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. The notice shall be delivered to each member entitled to vote at the meeting not less than 10 and no more than 60 days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by first class mail, by or at the direction of the president, the secretary, or the officer or persons calling the meeting. If mailed, the notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears in the records of the association, with postage prepaid. Payment of postage for notice of any special meeting, by whomever called, shall be an obligation of the association.

#### Notice of budget meeting.

The board of directors shall mail a notice and a copy of the proposed annual budget to the unit owners not less than 30 days before the meeting at which the board will consider the budget.

# 2.6 Notice of meeting to consider excessive budget.

If a budget adopted by the board of directors requires assessment against the unit owners for any calendar year exceeding 115% of assessment for the preceding year, the board, on written application of 10% of the unit owners to the board, shall call a special meeting of the unit owners within 30 days, on not less than ten days' written notice to each unit owner.

#### 2.7 Notice of meeting to consider recall of board members.

A special meeting of the unit owners to recall a member or members of the board of directors may be called by 10% of the unit owners giving notice of the meeting as required for a meeting of unit owners, stating the purpose of the meeting. Stating

### 2.8 Notice of meeting to elect nondeveloper directors. HIS MOUR OF

Notice of a meeting to elect a director or directors from unit owners other than the developer shall be given not less than 30 days nor more than 40 days before the meeting. meeting may be called and notice given by any unit towner if the association fails to do so. pasta ton with more present to the property of the property of

#### Quorum. 2.9

A quorum at meetings of members shall consist of persons entitled to cast, either in person or by proxy, a majority of the votes of the entire membership. Absentee ballots, alone, may not be counted in determining a quorum.

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#### (a) Number of votes.

In any meeting of members, the owners of units shall be entitled to cast one vote for each unit owned. The vote of a condominium unit is not divisible.

# (b) Majority vote.

The acts approved by a majority of the votes present in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be binding on all unit owners for all purposes unless the Act, the declaration, the articles, or these bylaws require a larger percentage of vote, in which case that larger percentage shall control.

## 2.11 Membership-designation of voting member.

Persons or entities shall become members of the association on the acquisition of fee title to a unit in the condominium. Membership shall be terminated when a person or entity no longer owns a unit in the condominium. If a unit is owned by more than one natural person, any record owner of the unit may vote in person or by proxy, provided that there shall be no more than one vote per unit. In the case of conflict among the owners of the unit, the vote for that unit shall not be counted as to the matter under consideration in which the conflict arose, whether the conflict appears by vote in person or by proxy. Ballots may be cast for units owned by corporations or partnerships by a president, vice president, a partner, or any other person designated in a written certificate filed with the secretary of the association and signed by a president or vice president of a corporation or a partner of a partnership.

#### 2.12 Proxies; Powers of Attorney.

Votes may be cast in person or by proxy. Each proxy shall set forth specifically the name of the person voting by proxy and the name of the person authorized to vote the proxy for him. Each proxy shall contain the date, time and place of the meeting for which the proxy is given. If the proxy is a limited proxy, it shall set forth those items that the holder of the proxy may vote and the manner in which the vote is to be cast. The proxy shall be effective only for the specific meeting for which originally given and any lawfully adjourned meetings. No proxy shall be valid for a period longer than 90 days after the date of the first meeting for which it was given, and it may be revoked at any time at the pleasure of the unit owner executing it. The proxy shall be signed by the unit owner or owners (if more than one) or by the appropriate officer or partner of a corporation of partnership or other designated person mentioned in 2.11, or the duly authorized attorney-in-fact of that person or persons (provided the power of attorney is filed with the secretary of the association). The proxy shall be filed with the secretary before or at the meeting for which the proxy is given. One holding a power of attorney from a unit owner, properly executed and granting such authority, may vote that unit.

#### 2.13 Adjourned meetings.

If any meeting of members cannot be organized because a quorum is not present, the members who are present, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present. The time and place to which the

meeting is adjourned shall be announced at the meeting at which the adjounment is taken and a notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the condominium property as soon thereafter may be practical stating the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned.

#### 2.14 Waiver of notice.

Unit owners may waive their right to receive notice of any meeting, whether annual or special, by a writing signed by them to that effect. The waiver shall be filed with the secretary of the association either before, at, or after the meeting for which the waiver is given.

# 2.15 Action by members without a meeting.

Unit owners may take action by written agreement without a meeting, as long as written notice is given to the unit owners in the manner prescribed elsewhere in these bylaws appropriate to the subject matter to be agreed on, unless that notice is waived as provided in these bylaws. The decision of a majority of the unit owners, or a larger percentge vote as otherwise may be required by the Act, the declaration, the articles, or these bylaws (the decision to be evidenced by written response to be solicited in the notice), shall be binding on the membership, provided a quorum submits a response. The notice shall set forth a time period within which responses must be made by the members.

# 2.16 Minutes of meetings.

The minutes of all meetings of unit owners shall be kept in a book available for inspection by unit owners or their authorized respresentatives, and board members at any reasonable time. The minutes shall be retained by the association for a period of not less than seven years. Unit owners and their authorized representatives shall have the right to make handwritten notations from the minutes.

#### 2.17. Order of business.

The order of business at annual meetings of members and as far as practical at other members' meetings, shall be:

- (a) Call to order
- (b) Election of a chairman of the meeting, unless the president or vice president is present, in which case he shall preside
- (c) Calling of roll, certifying of proxies, determination of a quorum
- (d) Proof of notice of the meeting or waiver of notice
- (e) Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes

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- (f) Reports of officers
- (g) Reports of committees
- (h) Appointment of inspectors of election
- (i) Determination of number of directors
- (j) Election of directors
- (k) Unfinished business

- (1) New business
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# Actions specifically requiring unit owners votes.

The following actions require approval by the unit owners and may not be taken by the board of directors acting alone:

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- (a) Amendments to the declaration, except those made by the developer adding a phase to the condominium and recording a certificate of surveyor.
- (b) Merger of two or more independent condominiums of a single complex to form a single condominium.
  - (c) Purchase of land or recreation lease.
- (d) Cancellation of certain grants or reservations made by the declaration, a lease or other document and any contract made by the association before the transfer of control of the association from the developer to unit owners other than the developer.
- (e) Exercise of Option to purchase recreational or other commonly used facilities lease.
- (f) <u>Providing no Reserves</u>, or less than adequate reserves.
  - (g) Recall of members of board of directors.
- (h) Other matters contained in the declaration, the articles or these bylaws that specifically require a vote of the members.

# 2.19 Secret ballots, proxy.

Any vote to amend the declaration to change the percentage of ownership in the common elements or the sharing of the common expense must be conducted by secret ballot. Unit owners wishing to vote a secret ballot by proxy shall be mailed a ballot slip on a paper separate from that containing the proxy and notice of meeting. The proxy shall be only for the purpose of establishing a quorum at the meeting at which the secret ballot is to be conducted, and shall not contain on its face instructions as to how the proxy holder should vote the secret ballot. Provision shall be made for the secret ballot slip to be returned to the secretary of the association in a sealed, unmarked envelope, separate from the proxy, which shall be placed in a larger envelope containing the sealed ballot. At the meeting at which the secret ballot is to be taken, the secretary will present the unopened envelopes to the inspectors of election, who will then examine and verify the proxies separately from the secret ballots in a manner that will ensure the integrity of the secret vote. The inspectors of election will then tally the secret ballots of those present at the meeting together with those of the unit owners voting by proxy and announce the results.

#### ARTICLE III. DIRECTORS

#### 3.1. Number and qualifications.

The affairs of the association shall be managed initially by a board of three directors selected by the developer. When unit owners other than the developer are entitled to elect a

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majority of the directors, the board shall be composed of any odd number of directors that the unit owners may decide. The number of directors, however, shall never be less than three. Other than those selected by the developer, directors must be either unit owners; tenants residing in the condominium; officers of a corporate unit owner; or partners of a partnership unit owner. No director (except those selected by the developer) shall continue to serve on the board after he ceases to be a unit owner or tenant residing in the condominium.

# 3.2 <u>Election of directors.</u>

Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of members by a plurality of the votes cast. Each voter shall be entitled to cast votes for each of as many nominees as there are vacancies to be filled. There shall be no cumulative voting. Not less than 60 days before the annual meeting of the members, a nominating committee of five members shall be appointed by the board of directors and the committee shall nominate one person for each directorship to be filled. Nominations for additional directorships created at the meeting shall be made from the floor. Other nominations also may be made from the floor.

#### 3.3 Term.

Each director's term of service shall extend until the next annual meeting of the members and thereafter until his succesor is duly elected and qualified or until he is removed in the manner provided in 3.5. The members, however, at any annual meeting after the developer has relinquished control of the association and in order to provide a continuity of experience, may vote to create classes of directorships having a term of one, two or three years so tht a system of staggered terms will be initiated.

### 3.4 Vacancies.

Except as to vacancies resulting from removal of directors by members, vacancies in the board of directors occuring between annual meetings of members shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining directors. Any director elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office only until the next election of directors by the members; irrespective of the length of the remaining term of the vacating director.

#### 3.5 Removal.

Any director, except those selected by the developer, may be recalled and removed from office with or without cause by the vote or agreement in writing of a majority of all unit owners. A special meeting of the unit owners to recall a member or members of the board of directors may be called by 10% of the unit owners giving notice of the meeting as required in these bylaws. The notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. Any vacancy on the board of directors thus created shall be filled by the members of the association at the same meeting. If more than one director is subject to recall, there shall be a separate vote on the question to remove each director.

# 3.6 Disqualification and resignation.

Any director may resign at any time by sending or personally delivering a written notice of resignation to the association, addressed to the secretary. The resignation shall take effect on receipt by the secretary, unless it states differently. Any board member elected by the unit owners who is absent from more than three consecutive regular meetings of the board, unless excused by resolution of the board, shall be deemed to have resigned from the board of directors automatically, effective when accepted by the board.

#### 3.7 Organizational meeting.

The organizational meeting of a newly elected board of directors shall be held within ten days of their election at a place and time that shall be fixed by the directors at the meeting at which they were elected and without further notice, except notice to unit owners required by F.S. 718.112(1)(c).

# 3.8 Regular meetings.

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The board of directors may establish a schedule of regular metings to be held at a time and place as a majority of them shall determine from time to time. Notice of regular meetings, however, shall be given to each director personally or by mail, telephone or telegraph, at least three days before the day named for the meeting with the notice of each meeting posted conspicuously on the condominium property at least 48 hours before the meeting, except in an emergency.

# 3.9 Special meetings.

Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president and, in his absence, by the vice president, and must be called by the secretary at the written request of one third of the directors. Notice of the meeting shall be given personally or by mail, telephone or telegraph. The notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting and shall be transmitted not less than three days before the meeting. A copy of the notice of any special meeting shall be posted conspicuously on the comdominium property at least 48 hours before the meeting, except in an emergency.

#### 3.10 Waiver of notice.

Any director may waive notice of a meeting before, at or after the meeting and that waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of notice. Attendance by any director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting, except when his attendance is for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called.

#### 3.11 Quorum.

A Quorum at the meetings of the directors shall consist of a majority of the entire board of directors. The acts approved by a majority of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the acts of the board of directors, except when approval by a greater number of directors is required by the declaration, the articles of these bylaws.

#### 3.12 Adjourned meetings.

If there is less than a quorum present at any meeting of the board of directors, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is present. At any adjourned meeting, any business that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called may be transacted without further notice.

#### 3.13 No proxy.

There shall be no voting by proxy at any meeting of the board of directors.

#### 3.14 Joinder in meeting by approval of minutes.

A director may join in the action of a meeting by signing and concurring in the minutes of that meeting. That concurrence, however, shall not constitute the presence of that director for the purpose of determining a quorum.

# 3.15 Meetings open to members.

Meetings of the board of directors shall be open to all unit owners to attend and observe. No unit owner, however, shall be entitled to participate in the meeting unless specifically invited to do so by the board. Notice of any meeting in which assessments against unit owners are to be considered for any reason shall specifically contain a statement that assessments will be considered and set out the nature of the assessments.

## 3.16 Presiding officer.

The presiding officer at board meetings shall be the president or, in his absence, the vice president, and in his absence, the directors present shall designate any one of their number to preside.

### 3.17 Minutes of meetings.

The minutes of all meetings of the board of directors shall be kept in a book available for inspection by unit owners or their authorized representative and board members at any reasonable time. The association shall retain these minutes for a period of not less than seven years. Unit owners and their authorized representatives shall have the right to make written notations from the minutes.

### 3.18 Executive committee.

The board of directors, by resolution, may appoint an executive committee to consist of three or more members of the board. The executive committee shall have and may exercise all of the powers of the board in the management of the business and affairs of the condominium during the intervals between the meetings of the board insofar as may be permitted by law. The executive committee, however, shall not have power to: (a) determine the common expenses required for the operation of the condominium; (b) determine the assessments payable by the unit owners to meet the common expenses of the condominium; (c) adopt or amend rules and regulations covering the details of the operation and use of the condominium property; (d) purchase, lease or otherwise acquire units in the condominium in the name of the association; (e) approve or recommend to unit owners any actions or proposals required by the Act, the declaration, the articles or these bylaws to be approved by unit owners; or (f) fill vacancies on the board of directors.

#### 3.19. Compensation.

Directors shall serve without pay but shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred in the discharge of their duties.

#### 3.20 Order of business.

The order of business at meetings of directors shall be:

- (a) Calling of roll
- (b) Proof of notice of meeting or waiver of notice
- (c) Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes

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- (d) Reports of officers and committees
- (e) Election of officers
- (f) Unfinished business
- (g) New business
- (h) Adjournment

# 3.21 Election of directors by unit owners other than the developer.

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When unit owners other than the developer own 15% or more of the units in any one condominium that will be operated ultimately by the association, they shall be entitled to elect no less than one third of the members of the board of directors.

#### (b) Majority.

Unit owners other than the developer are entitled to elect not less than a majority of the members of the board of directors at the earliest of:

(i) three years after 50% of the units that ultimately will be operated by the association have been conveyed to purchasers; or

(ii) three months after 90% of the units that ultimately will be operated by the association have been conveyed to purchasers; or

will be operated by the association have been completed, some of them have been conveyed to purchasers and none of the others are being offered for sale by the developer in the ordinary course of business; or

(iv) when some of the units have been conveyed to purchasers and none of the others are being constructed or offered for sale by the developer in the ordinary course of business.

#### (c) Developer member.

The developer is entitled to elect at least one member of the board of directors as long as the developer holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least 5% of the units that ultimately will be operated by the association.

#### (d) Election.

Within 60 days after the unit owners other than the developer are entitled to elect a member or members of the board of directors, the association shall call, and give not less than 30 days' nor more than 40 days' notice of a meeting of the unit owners to elect the member or members of the board of directors. The meeting may be called and the notice given by any unit owner if the association fails to do so.

# (e) Relinquishment of control.

Either before or not more than 60 days after the time that unit owners other than the developer elect a majority of the members of the board of directors, the developer shall relinquish control of the association and the unit owners shall accept control. Simultaneously, the developer shall deliver to the association all property of the unit owners and of the association held or controlled by the developer, including but not limited to those items specific in the Act.

# (f) Compelling compliance.

If any action brought to compel compliance with F.S. 718.301 regarding transfer of association control and election of directors by unit owners other than the developer, the summary procedure provided for in F.S. 51.011 may be employed, and the

prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees.

# 3.22 Failure to elect director quorum.

If the association or the board of directors fails to fill vacancies on the board of directors sufficient to constitute a quorum, any unit owner may apply to the circuit court within whose jurisdiction the condominium is situated for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the association, in the manner prescribed in the Act. If a receiver is appointed, the association shall be responsible for the salary of the receiver, court costs, and attorneys' fees. The receiver shall have all the powers and duties of a duly constituted board of directors and shall serve until the association fills vacancies on the board sufficient to constitute a quorum.

# ARTICLE IV. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All of the powers and duties of the association existing under the Act, the declaration, the articles and these bylaws shall be exercised exclusively by board of directors, or its duly authorized agents, contractors or employees, subject only to the approval by unit owners when that approval is specifically required. The powers and duties of the board shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

# 4.1 Maintenance, management and operation of the condominium property.

# 4.2 Contract, sue or be sued.

After control of the association is obtained by unit owners other than the developer, the association may institute, maintain, settle or appeal actions or hearings in its name on behalf of all unit owners concerning matters of common interest, including but not limited to the common elements and commonly-used facilities. The statute of limitations for any actions in law or equity that the association may have shall not begin to run until the unit owners have elected a majority of the members of the board of directors.

# 4.3 Right of access of units.

The association has the irrevocable right of access to each unit during reasonable hours as necessary for the maintenance, repair or replacement of any common elements or for making emergency repairs necessary to prevent damage to the common elements or to another unit or units.

# 4.4 Make and collect assessments.

# 4.5 Lease, maintain, repair and replace the common elements.

# 4.6 Lien and foreclosure for unpaid assessments.

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The association has a lien on each condominium parcel for any unpaid assessments with interest and for reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in the collection of the assessment or enforcement of the lien. It also has the power to purchase the condominium parcel at the foreclosure sale and to hold, lease, mortgage or convey it.

# 4.7 Purchase unit.

In addition to its right to purchase units at a lien foreclosure sale, the association generally has the power to purchase units in the condominium and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, and convey them.

# 4.8 Modify easements.

The association, without the joinder of any unit owner, may modify or move any easement for ingress or egress or for utilities purposes if the easement constitutes part of or crosses the condominium property.

#### 4.9 Purchase land or recreation lease.

Any land or recreation lease may be purchased by the association on the approval of two thirds of the unit owners of the association.

#### 4.10 Acquire use interest in recreational facilities.

The association may enter into agreements, acquire leaseholds, memberships and other prossessory or use interests in lands or facilities, such as country clubs, golf courses, marinas and other recreational facilities, whether contiguous to the condominium property or not if: (a) they are intended to provide enjoyment, recreation or other use or benefit to the unit owners and (b) if they exist or are created at the time the declaration was recorded, they are fully stated and described in the declaration.

#### 4.11 Authorize certain amendments.

If it appears that through a drafter's error in the declaration that the common elements, common expenses or common surplus has been stated or distributed improperly, an amendment to the declaration correcting that error may be approved by the board of directors or a majority of the unit owners. No unit owners except those directly affected must join in the execution of the amendment.

### 4.12 Adopt rules and regulations.

The association may adopt reasonable rules and regulations of the common elements, common areas and recreational facilities serving the condominium.

#### 4.13 Maintain accounting records.

### 4.14 Obtain insurance.

The association shall use its best efforts to obtain and maintain adequate insurance to protect the association and the common elements.

#### 4.15 Furnish annual financial reports to members.

#### 4.16 Give notice of liability exposure.

If the association may be exposed to liability in excess of insurance coverage in any legal action, it shall give notice of the exposure to all unit owners, who shall have the right to intervene and defend.

#### 4.17 Provide certificate of unpaid assessment

Any unit owner, mortgagee or other record lienholder has the right to require from the association a certificate showing the amount of unpaid assessments respecting the unit owner's condominium parcel.

- 4.18 Pay the annual fee to the division of Florida Land Sales and Condominiums for each residential unit operated by the association.
- 4.19 Contract for maintenance and management of the condominium.
- 4.20 Pay taxes or assessments against the common elements or association property.
- 4.21 Pay costs of utilities services rendered to the condominium and association property and not billed directly to individual owners.

## 4.22 Employ personnel.

The association may employ and dismiss personnel as necessary for the maintenance and operation of the condominium property and may retain those professional services that are required for those purposes.

### 4.23 Impose fines.

Pursuant to F.S. 617.10(3), the board of directors may impose fines on unit owners in such reasonable sums as they may deem appropriate, not to exceed \$150, for violations of the Act, the declaration, the articles, these bylaws and lawfully adopted rules and regulations, by owners or their guests or tenants. The board may collect those fines as an assessment in one or more installments. Each day of violation shall be a separate violation. No fine shall be imposed until the offending party (which always shall include unit owner) has been given written notice of the violation and an opportunity to appear and be heard before the board of directors.

# 4.24 Delinquent Unit Owners.

The board of directors may disapprove the prospective tenant of any unit owner delinquent in the payment of assessments for common expenses.

# 4.25 Authorize private use of the common elements.

The board of directors may authorize unit owners or others to use portions of the common elements, such as social rooms and meeting rooms for private parties and gatherings, for which reasonable charges may be imposed.

- 4.26 Repair or reconstruct improvements after casualties.
- 4.27 Lien for labor and materials furnished to the common elements.

#### ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

### 5.1 Executive officers.

The executive officers of the association shall be a president, who shall be a director, a vice president, who shall be a director, a treasurer, a secretary and an assistant secretary. The officers shall be elected annually by the board of directors and may be removed without cause at any meeting by a vote of a majority of all of the directors. A person may hold more than one office except that the president may not also be the secretary or assistant secretary. No person shall sign an instrument nor perform an act in the capacity of more than one office. The board

of directors from time to time shall elect other officers and designate their powers and duties as the board shall find to be required to manage the affairs of the association.

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### 5.2 President.

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the association. He shall have all the powers and duties that usually are vested in the office of president of an association, including but not limited to the power to appoint committees from among the members to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the association as he in his discretion may determine appropriate. He shall preside at all meetings of the board.

## 5.3 Vice president.

The vice president shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the president in the absence or disability of the president. He also shall assist the president and exercise those other powers and perform those other dutues as shall be prescribed by the directors.

#### 5.4 Secretary.

The secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the directors and the members. He shall attend to the serving of all notices to the members and directors and other notices required by law. He shall have custody of the seal of the association and shall affix it to instruments requiring the seal when duly signed. He shall keep the records of the association, except those of the treasurer, and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of the secretary of an association and as may be required by the directors of the president.

#### 5.5 Treasurer.

The treasurer shall have custody of all property of the association, including funds, securities and evidences of indebt-edness. He shall keep books of account for the association in accordance with good accounting practices, which together with substantiating papers, shall be made available to the board of directors for examination at reasonable times. He shall submit a treasurer's report to the board at reasonable intervals and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of treasurer. All money and other valuable effects shall be kept for the benefit of the association in such depositories as may be designated by a majority of the board.

#### 5.6 Compensation.

The compensation, if any, of all officers and other employees of the association shall be fixed by the board of directors. This provision shall not preclude the board from employing a director as an employee of the association or preclude the contracting with a director for the management of the condominium.

#### ARTICLE VI. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

#### 6.1 Board adoption of budget.

The board of directors shall adopt a budget for the common expenses of the association in advance of each fiscal year at a special meeting of the board called for that purpose at least 45 days before the end of each fiscal year.

#### 6.2 Budget requirements.

The proposed annual budget of common expenses shall be detailed and shall show the amounts budgeted by accounts and expense classifications, including, when applicable, but not limited to:

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- (a) Administration of the association
- (b) Management fees
- (c) Maintenance and repairs
- (d) Rent for recreational and other commonly used facilities
- (e) Taxes on association property
- (f) Taxes on leased areas
- (g) Insurance
- (h) Security provisions
- (i) Other expenses
- (j) Operating capital
- (k) Fees payable to the Division of Florida Land Sales and Condominiums
- (1) Reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance, including, but not limited to, roof replacement, building painting and pavement resurfacing. Reserves may be removed from the final budget if by vote of the majority of the unit owners present at a duly called meeting of the association they shall determine for a fiscal year to provide no reserves or reserves less adequate than required by F.S. 718.112(2)(k).

# 6.3 Notice of budget meeting.

The board of directors shall mail a meeting notice and copies of the proposed annual budget to the unit owners not less than 30 days before the meeting at which the budget will be considered. The meeting shall be open to all the unit owners.

# 6.4 Member rejection of excessive budget.

If a budget adopted by the board of directors requires assessment against the unit owners in any fiscal year exceeding 115% of the assessment of the previous year, the board, on written application of 10% of the unit owners shall call a special meeting of the unit owners within 30 days. The special meeting shall be called on not less than ten days' written notice to each unit owner. At the special meeting, unit owners shall consider and enact a budget by not less than a majority vote of all unit owners. Provisions for reasonable reserves for repair or replacement of the condominium property, nonrecurring expenses and assessments for betterments to the condominium property shall be excluded from the computation in determining whether assessments exceed 115% of similar assessments in the previous year.

# 6.5 Alternative budget adoption by members.

At its option, for any fiscal year, the board of directors may propose a budget to the unit owners at a meeting of members or in writing. If the proposed budget is approved by the unit owners at the meeting or by a majority of all unit owners in writing, the budget shall be adopted.



# 6.6 Budget restraints on developer.

As long as the developer is in control of the board of directors, the board shall not impose an assessments for any year greater than 115% of the previous year's assessment without approval of a majority of all unit owners.

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# 6.7 Accounting records and reports.

The association shall maintain accounting records in the county in which the condominium is located, according to good accounting practices. The records shall be open to inspection by unit owners or their authorized representatives at reasonable times. The records shall include, but are not limited to: (a) a record of all receipts and expenditures and (b) an account for each unit, designating the name and current mailing address of the unit owner, the amount of each assessment, the dates and amounts in which the assessments come due, the amount paid on the account and the balance due. Within 60 days after the end of each fiscal year, the board of directors shall mail or furnish by personal delivery to each owner a complete financial report of actual receipts and expenditures for the previous 12 months.

## 6.8 Depository.

The depository of the association shall be those banks or savings and loan associations, state or federal, located in Florida, as shall be designated from time to time by the board of directors and in which the money for the association shall be deposited. Withdrawal of money from those accounts shall be only by checks or other withdrawal instruments signed by those persons as are authorized by the directors.

# 6.9 Fidelity bonding.

Each officer and director of the association who controls or disburses its funds shall be bonded by a fidelity bond in the principal sum of not less than \$10,000. The cost of bonding shall be at the expense of the association.

# 6.10 Annual election of income reporting method.

The board of directors shall make a determination annually, based on competent advice, whether it shall cause the association's income to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service by the "regular" method (Federal Tax Form 1120) or the "alternative" method (Federal Tax Form 1120H), according to which method of reporting shall best serve the interests of the association for the reporting period under consideration.

#### ARTICLE VII. ASSESSMENTS AND COLLECTION

# 7.1 Assessments, generally.

Assessments shall be made against the unit owners not less frequently than quarterly in the discretion of the board of directors and shall be collected on a monthly basis. The assessments shall be made in an amount no less than required to provide funds in advance for payment of all of the anticipated current operating expenses and for all of the unpaid operating expenses previously incurred. The assessment funds shall be collected against unit owners in the proportions or percentages provided in the declaration of condominium. Unit owners' shares of common expenses shall be in the same proportions as their ownership interest in the common elements. Failure to pay any

monthly installment when due shall render the entire unpaid assessment immediately due and payable without notice.

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## 7.2 Emergency assessments.

Assessments for common expenses for emergencies that cannot be paid from the annual assessment for common expenses shall be made by the board of directors after 30 days' notice given to the unit owners. These assessments shall be paid at the times and in the manner that the board may require in the notice of assessment.

## 7.3 Assessment for charges.

Charges by the association against members for other than common expenses shall be payable in advance and may be collected by assessment in the same manner as common expenses. Charges for other than common expenses may be made only after approval of a member or when expressly provided for in the declaration or other condominium documents. These charges may include, without limitation, charges for the use of the condominium property or recreation area, maintenance services furnished at the expense of a member and other services furnished for the benefit of a members.

# 7.4 Liability for assessments.

Each unit owner, regardless of how title is acquired, shall be liable for all assessments coming due while he is the unit owner. The unit owner and his grantee in a voluntary conveyance shall be jointly and severally liable for all unpaid assessments due and payable up to the time of the voluntary conveyance. A first mortgagee who acquires title by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure, however, shall not be liable for unpaid assessments of previous owners unless those assessments are evidenced by a lien recorded before the foreclosed mortgage. The liability for assessments may not be avoided by waiver of the use or enjoyment of any common element or by abandonment of the unit for which the assessments are made.

# 7.5 Assessments, amended budget.

If the annual assessment proves to be insufficient, the budget and assessments may be amended at any time by the board of directors. Unpaid assessments for the remaining portion of the year for which an amended assessment is made shall be payable in as many equal installments as there are installment payment dates remaining in the budget year as of the date of the amended assessment. The budget shall not be amended for emergency or special nonrecurring expenses.

# 7.6 Collection: Interest, application of payment.

Assessments and installments on them, if not paid within ten days after the date they become due, shall bear interest at the highest rate allowed by law until paid. All assessment payments shall be applied first to interest and then to the assessment payment due.

#### 7.7 Lien for assessment.

The association has a lien on each condominium parcel for any unpaid assessments, with interest, and for reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the association incident to the collection of the assessment or enforcement of the lien. The lien is effective from and after recording a claim of lien in the public records in the county in which the condominium parcel is located. The claim of lien includes only those assessments that are due at the time the lien is recorded. The lien is subordinate to any mortgage on the condominium parcel recorded before it.

# 7.8 Collection: suit, notice.

The association may bring an action to foreclose any lien for assessment in the manner that a mortgage of real property is foreclosed. It also may bring an action to recover a money judgment for the unpaid assessment without waiving any claim of lien. The association shall give notice to the unit owner of its intention to foreclose its lien at least 30 days before the foreclosure action is filed. The notice shall be given by delivery of a copy of it to the unit owner or by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the unit owner.

## ARTICLE VIII. ASSOCIATION CONTRACTS, GENERALLY

#### 8.1 Fair and reasonable, cancellation.

Any contracts made by the association before the unit owners assume control from the developer must be fair and reasonable. All contracts for the operation, maintenance or management of the association or property serving the unit owners, made by the association, whether before or after assumption of control of the association by the unit owners, must not be in conflict with the powers and duties of the association or the rights of the unit owners. Contracts made by the association before the unit owners assume control may be canceled by the unit owners after assumption of control in the manner and under the circumstances as provided in the Act.

#### 8.2 Vending equipment.

The developer may obligate the association under lease agreements or other contractual arrangements for vending equipment. The leases or agreements for the vending equipment may not be subject to cancellation by unit owners other than the developer if the vending equipment leases or agreements contain certain provisions as prescribed by the Act.

# 8.3 Escalation clauses in management contracts prohibited.

No management contract entered into by the association shall contain an escalation clause, since they have been declared to be against the public policy of the State of Florida.

# 8.4 Requirements for maintenance and management contracts.

Written contracts for operation, maintenance and management entered into by the association must contain certain elements in order to be valid and enforceable. These include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Specification of the services, obligations and responsibilities of the service provider.
- (b) Specification of costs for services performed.
- (c) An indication of frequency of performance of services.
- (d) Specification of minimum number of personnel to provide the service contracted for.
- (e) The disclosure of any financial or ownership interest that the developer has in the service provider, if the developer is in control of the association.

# ARTICLE IX. ROSTER OF UNIT OWNERS AND MORTGAGEES

Each unit owner shall file with the association a copy of the deed or other instrument showing his ownership, together with a copy of any mortgage on his unit and any satisfaction of that mortgage. The association shall maintain these documents in a suitable binder for reference as required in the exercise of its powers an duties.

# ARTICLE X. COMPLIANCE AND DEFAULT

# 10.1 Violations, notice, actions.

In the case of a violation (other than the nonpayment of an assessment) by a unit owner of any of the provisions of the Act, the declaration, the articles, these bylaws or any lawfully adopted rules and regulations, the association by direction of its board of directors may transmit to the unit owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice of the violation. If the violation shall continue for a period of 30 days from the date of the notice, the association shall have the right to treat the violation as an intentional and material breach of the provision cited in the notice. It then, at its option, may take the following actions:

- (a) File an action to recover for its damages on behalf of the association or on behalf of other unit owners.
- (b) File an action for injunctive relief requiring the offending unit owner to take or desist from taking certain actions.
- (c) File an action for both damages and injunctive relief.

A unit owner may bring an action against the association for damages, injunctive relief, or both, if the association fails to comply with the provisions of the Act, the declaration, the articles, these bylaws or the rules and regulations.

The foregoing action may be taken in addition to the association's right to impose fines under 4.24 of these bylaws.

# 10.2 Attorneys' fees.

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In any action brought pursuant to the provisions of 10.1, the prevailing party is entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees.

# 10.3 No waiver of rights.

Neither a unit owner nor the association may waive a provision of the Act if that waiver would adversely affect the rights of a unit owner or the purposes of the provision, except that unit owners or board members may waive notice of specific meetings in writing. KHOD A

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# XI. ARBITRATION OF INTERNAL DISPUTES

Internal disputes arising from the operation of the condominium among unit owners, the association, their agents and assigns may be resolved by voluntary binding arbitration. Arbitrators shall be provided by the Division of Florida Land

Sales and Condominiums of the Department of Business Regulations pursuant to F.S. 718.112(2)(m). Each party to the dispute first must agree to the arbitration process and, in such case, the arbitrator's decision will be final. If judicial proceedings are taken after arbitration, the arbitrator's final decision will be admissible in evidence. Any party may seek enforcement of the arbitrator's final decision in a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this article shall preclude any party from proceeding alternatively in the manner prescribed in Article X above.

# ARTICLE XII. LIABILITY SURVIVES MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

Termination of membership in the association shall not relieve or release a former member from any liability or obligation incurred with respect to the condominium during the period of membership, nor impair any rights or remedies that the association may have against the former member arising out of his membership and his covenants and obligations incident to that membership.

# ARTICLE XIII. LIMITATIONS ON UNIT OWNER LIABILITY FOR USE OF COMMON ELEMENTS

Each unit owner may be personally liable for the acts or omissions of the association relating to the use of the common elements. That liability shall be shared with other unit owners in the same percentages as their respective interests in the common elements. No individual unit owner's liability shall exceed the value of his unit.

#### ARTICLE XIV. PARLIAMENTARY RULES

ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER (latest edition) shall govern the conduct of the association's meetings when not in conflict with the Act, the declaration, the articles or these bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XV. RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 15.1 Board may adopt.

The board of directors may adopt and amend, from time to time, reasonable rules and regulations governing the details of the use and operation of the common elements, common areas and recreational facilities serving the condominium.

## 15.2 Posting and furnishing copies.

A copy of the rules and regulations adopted from time to time by the board of directors, and any amendments to existing rules and regulations, shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the condominium property and a copy furnished to each unit owner. No rule, regulation or amendment shall become effective until 30 days after posting, except in the case of an emergency, in which case the rule, regulation or amendment shall become effective immediately on posting.

### 15.3 Limitations on authority.

The board of directors may not unreasonably restrict any unit owner's right to peaceably assemble or right to invite public officers or candidates for public office to appear and speak in common elements, common areas and recreational facilities. The board may not deny any resident of the condominium, whether tenant or owner, access to any available franchised or licensed cable television service or exact a charge or anything of value in excess of charges normally paid for like services by residents of single-family homes within the same franchise or license area.

# 15.4 Reasonableness test.

Any rule or regulation created and imposed by the board of directors must be reasonably related to the promotion of the health, happiness and peace of mind of the unit owners and uniformly applied and enforced.

ARTICLE XVI. RESTRICTIONS ON AND REQUIREMENTS FOR USE, MAINTENANCE AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNITS

# 16.1 Where contained.

Restrictions on the use, maintenance and appearance of the individual condominium units shall be as stated in the declaration and no amendments or additions shall be contained elsewhere than in the declaration as adopted by a vote of the unit owners in the manner prescribed elsewhere in these bylaws.

Restrictions contained in the declaration and any amendments duly adopted by a vote of the unit owners shall be valid and in the nature of covenants running with the land, unless it is shown that they: (1) are wholly arbitrary in their application; (2) are in violation of public policy; or (3) abrogate some fundamental constitutional rights.

# ARTICLE XVII. BYLAWS DEEMED AMENDED

These bylaws shall be deemed amended in those particulars as may be required to make them consistent with the provisions of the Act, as it may be amended from time to time.

# ARTICLE XVIII. PRIORITIES IN CASE OF CONFLICT

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In the event of conflict between or among the provisions of any of the following, the order of priorities shall be, from highest priority to lowest:

- (a) The Act
- (b) The declaration of condominium
- (c) The articles
- (d) These bylaws
- (e) The rules and regulations

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Thirder vidence ARTICLE XIX. INDEMNIFICATION

Every officer and director of the association shall be indemnified by the association against all expenses and liabilities, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred and imposed in connection with any proceedings to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved by reason of his being or having been an officer or director of the association, whether or not he is an officer or director at the time the expenses are incurred. The officer or director shall not be indemnified if he is adjudged guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct or shall have breached his fiduciary duty to the members of the association. The association shall not be liable, however, for payment of a voluntary settlement unless it is first approved by the board of directors. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which the director or officer may be entitled.

# ARTICLE XX. DEFECTIVE CONDOMINIUM DOCUMENTS, CURATIVE PROVISIONS

The association or a unit owner may petition the circuit court having jurisdiction in the county in which the condominium property is situated to correct an error or omission in the declaration or any other documents required to establish the condominium, affecting its valid existence, and which errors or omissions are not correctable by the amendment procedures in the declaration or the Act. In any case, after three years from the filing of the declaration, it shall be deemed to be effective under the Act to create a condominium, whether in fact it substantially complies with the mandatory requirements of the Act or not.

#### ARTICLE XXI. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

# 21.1 Notice.

Notice of the subject matter of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.

### 21.2 Adoption.

An amendment may be proposed either by a majority of the board of directors or by not less than one third of the members of the association. The amendment shall be adopted if it is approved either by: (a) not less than a majority of the votes of the entire membership of the association and by not less than two thirds of the board of directors; or (b) by not less than 75% of the votes of the entire membership of the association.

#### 21.3 Limitation.

No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Act or the declaration, now shall any amendment abridge, alter or amend the rights of the developer or mortgagees of units without their consent.

# 21.4 Recording.

A copy of each amendment shall be attached to a certificate certifying that the amendment was duly adopted as an amendment of the declaration and bylaws. The certificate shall be executed by the president or vice president and attested by the secretary or assistant secretary of the association with the formalities of a deed. The amendment shall be effective when the certificate and copy of the amendment are recorded in the public records of the county.

## 21.5 Format.

Proposals to amend existing bylaws shall contain the full text of the bylaws to be amended. New words shall be underlined and words to be deleted shall be lined through with hyphens. If the proposed change is so extensive that this procedure would hinder rather than assist understanding, a notation must be inserted immediately preceding the proposed amendment saying "SUBSTANTIAL REWORDING OF BYLAW. SEE BYLAW NUMBER FOR PRESENT TEXT."

### ARTICLE XXII. CONSTRUCTION

Whenever the context permits or requires, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular and the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all genders.

The foregoing were adopted as the bylaws of Villas of St. Thomas, IV, Condominium Association, Inc., on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1983.

VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, III, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

ATTEST:

By:

Samuel G. Estok President

Patricia Ann Estok Secretary

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR

VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Rules and Regulations hereinafter enumerated as to the condominium property, the common elements, the condominium units and the condominium in general shall be deemed in effect until amended by the Board of Directors of the Condominium Association, and shall apply to and be binding upon all condominium parcel owners. The condominium parcel owners shall, at all times, obey said Rules and Regulations and shall use their best efforts to see that they are faithfully observed by their families, guests, invitees, servants, lessees, persons for whom they are responsible and persons over whom they exercise control and supervision. Violation of these Rules and Regulations may subject the violator to any and all remedies available to the Condominium Association and other condominium parcel owners, pursuant to the terms of the Declaration of Condominium, the Articles of Incorporation of the Condominium Association, the By-Laws of the Condominium Association and Florida Law. Violations may be remedied by the Condominium Association by injunction or other legal means and the Association shall be entitled to recover in said actions, any and all court fees and costs incurred by it, together with reasonable attorney's fees, against any person violating the Rules and Regulations or the Declaration of Condominium and any of the Exhibits attached thereto. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt or amend previously adopted Rules and Regulations governing the details of the operation, use, maintenance, management and control of the common elements of the condominium parcel owners. Any waivers, consents or approvals given under these Rules and Regulations by the Board of Directors shall be revocable at any time and shall not be considered a waiver, consent or approval of identical or similar situations unless notified in writing by the Board of Directors. THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

# 1. VIOLATIONS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.1 Violations should be reported to the President of the Association in writing, not to the Board of Directors or to the Officers of the Association.
- 1.2 Violations will be called to the attention of the violating owner by the President of the Association and he will also notify the appropriate committee of the Board of Directors.
- 1.3 Disagreements concerning violations will be presented to and judged by the Board of Directors who will take appropriate action.

#### 2. FACILITIES

The facilities of the condominium are for the exclusive use of Association members, lessees, resident house guests and guests accompanied by a member. Any damage to the buildings, recreation facilities or other common areas or equipment caused by any resident or his guests shall be repaired at the expense of the condominium parcel owner causing such damage.

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#### 3. NOISE

Unless expressly permitted in writing by the Developer or the Board of Directors of VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., the installation of hard surface floors in any condominium parcel is prohibited. Should noise transmission create a disturbance or a nuisance after installation, the responsibility remains that of the unit owner to abate the noise transmission and not the Developer or the Association. In order to insure your own comfort and that of your neighbors, radio, hi-fi and television sets should be turned down to a minimum volume between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. All other unnecessary noises, such as bidding goodnight to departing guests and slamming of car doors between these hours should be avoided. Your neighbors will appreciate this.

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No bird, pet, reptile or animal shall be kept or harbored in the condominium unless the same in each instance be expressly permitted in writing by the Association, which permission may be conditioned on such terms as the Association, in its sole discretion, deems to be in the best interest of the condominium as a whole. Such permission in one (1) instance shall not be deemed to institute a blanket permission or permissions in any other instance; and any such permission may be revoked at any time in the sole discretion of the Association. In no event shall dogs be permitted in any of the public portions of the condominium building unless carried. The owner shall indemnify the Association and hold it harmless against any loss or liability of any kind or character whatsoever arising from or growing out of having any bird, pet, reptile or animal upon the condominium property.

- 4.1 No animals owned by members shall be allowed to commit a nuisance in any public portion of the buildings or grounds
- 4.2 An authorization in writing to keep pets will expire when a member's pet dies or is disposed of.
- 4.3 Pets shall include all types of animals, such as dogs, cats, parrots, frogs, reptiles, turtles, etc.
- 4.4 All pets should be carried in the arms of its owner. If this is not physically possible, they should be restrained and kept on a leash.
- 4.5 Lessees, resident house guests or visitors may not at any time have a dog or any other pet at Villas of St. Thomas, IV, a condominium.

#### 5. OBSTRUCTIONS

Sidewalks, entrances, driveways, passages, patios, courts, vestibules, stairways, corridors and halls must be kept open and shall not be obstructed in any manner. Rugs or mats must not be placed outside of doors in corridors. No sign, notice or advertisement shall be inscribed or exposed on or at any window or other part of the condominium, except such as shall have been approved in writing by the Association; nor shall anything be projected out of any window in the condominium without similar approval. No radio or television aerial or antenna shall be attached to or hung from the exterior of the condominium or the roof thereon without the express approval of the Association.

#### 6. CHILDREN

Children are not to play in public halls or stairways. Reasonable supervision must be exercised when children are playing on the grounds.

#### 7. DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Neither members, their dependants nor guests shall mark, mar, damage, destroy, deface or engrave any part of the building. Members shall be responsible for any such damage.

#### 8. EXTERIOR APPEARANCE

The exterior of the condominium and all other areas appurtenant to the condominium shall not be painted, decorated or modified by any owner in any manner without prior consent of the Association, which consent may be withheld on purely aesthetic grounds within the sole discretion of the Association. No awnings, window guards, light reflective materials, hurricane or storm shutters, ventilators, fans or air conditioning devices shall be used in or about the condominium except as shall have been approved by the Association, which approval may be withheld on purely aesthetic grounds within the sole discretion of the Association.

#### 9. CLEANLINESS

All garbage and refuse from the condominium shall be deposited with care in garbage containers intended for such purposes only at such times and in such manner as the Association will direct. All disposals shall be used in accordance with instructions given to the owner by the Association.

#### 10. BALCONIES

Plants, pots, receptacles and other movable objects must not be kept, placed or maintained on ledges or balconies. No objects shall be hung from balconies or window sills. No cloth, clothing, rugs or mops shall be hung up or shaken from windows, doors or balconies. Members shall remove all loose or movable objects from balconies during the hurricane season. Do not throw cigars, cigarettes or any other object from your balcony. No cooking shall be permitted on any balcony of a condominium parcel. Members shall not allow anything to be thrown or to fall from windows, doors, balconies or the interior of the building from hall doors.

#### 11. HALLWAYS

Garbage cans, laundry, dry cleaning, supplies or other articles shall not be placed in the halls or on staircase landings. No member shall allow doors to the corridor to remain open for any purpose other than for immediate ingress and egress.

#### 12. DOOR LOCKS

Members must abide by paragraph 13.5, "Right of Entry Into Private Condominium Parcels in Emergencies," of the Declaration of Condominium, which reads as follows:

"In case of emergency originating in or threatening any condominium parcel, regardless of whether the owner is present at the time of such emergency, the Board of Directors of the Association, or any other person authorized by it, or the building

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superintendent or managing agent, shall have the right to enter such condominium parcel for the purpose of remedying or abating the cause of such emergency, and such right of entry shall be immediate, and to facilitate entry in the event of any such emergency, the owner of each condominium parcel shall deposit under the control of the Association, a key to such condominium parcel."

#### 13. PLUMBING

Water Closets and other plumbing shall not be used for any other purpose than those for which they are constructed, and no sweepings, rubbish, rags or foreign substances shall be thrown therein. The cost of any damage resulting from misuse shall be borne by the member.

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### 14. ROOF

Members are not permitted on the roof for any purpose.

#### 15. SOLICITATION

There shall be no solicitation by any person anywhere in the building for any cause, charity or any purpose whatsoever, unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

#### 16. PARKING

The owners, their employees, servants, agents, visitors, licensees and the owner's family will obey parking requiations posted at the private streets, parking areas and drives and any other traffic regulations promulgated in the future for safety, comfort and convenience of the owners. No vehicle which cannot operate on its own power shall remain within the common area of St. Thomas Square for more than twenty-four (24) hours, and no repair of vehicles shall be made within the common areas. Parking space sizes are adequate. Please make certain that your vehicles are parked within the painted lines and are pulled up close to the bumper. As a security measure, keep your automobile doors locked.

#### 17. HURRICANE PREPARATIONS

Each member who plans to be absent from his condominium parcel during the hurricane season must prepare his condominium parcel prior to departure by designating a responsible firm or individual to care for his condominium parcel during his absence in the event that the condominium parcel should suffer hurricane damage, and furnish the President of the Association with the name of such firm or individual. The designated firm or individual shall contact the Association for permission to install or to remove hurricane shutters.

#### 18. LEASING

18.1 Any lease must contain a covenant stating that the lessee shall comply with all present and future rules and regulations of the Association.

18.2 Subleasing by lessee is  $\frac{\text{NOT}}{}$  permitted, except with the Association as the lessee.

18.3 Lessees are NOT permitted to bring a pet of any kind into the condominium property.

# 19. SWIMMING POOL AND BEACH

Members and their guests using the swimming pool do so at their risk. Members and their guests are requested to obey the posted swimming pool rules. Children under twelve (12) years using the pool and facilities of the recreation area must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult.

19.1 Swimming in the pool is permitted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Since the pool is not guarded, persons using this facility do so at their own risk. Persons using these facilities must be appropriately attired.

The following are the basic rules for persons using the pool:

19.1.1 Shower thoroughly each and every time before entering the pool.

19.1.2 Pneumatic floats or other items of similar nature, except swimming aids, are not permitted in the pool.

19.1.3 Pets are forbidden in the general pool area.

19.1.4 Running and/or ball playing or throwing objects is not permitted in the general pool area.

19.1.5 Beverages may be consumed within the pool areas, but extreme care must be taken that absolutely NO GLASS, GLASS bottles or other GLASS containers be allowed within the pool area. Anyone who hosts or participates in serving or consuming beverages will be held structly responsible for cleaning up after such refreshments have been consumed and will further be held strictly liable for any injury resulting from broken glass.

19.1.6 If suntan oils, creams or lotions are used, a towel or other form of protection must be placed on pool furniture to protect the attire of others who use the furniture.

The foregoing rules and regulations are designed to make living for you and your neighbors pleasant and comfortable. The restrictions that we impose upon ourselves are for the mutual benefit of all. Violations of these rules are to be reported to the President of the Association, who will call the matter to the attention of the violating owner, lessee or guest for corrective action. Any disagreement over the violation will be reported to the appropriate committee for subsequent judgment by the Board of Directors. If any irreconcilable conflict should exist with respect to the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations and the Declaration of Condominium, the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium shall prevail.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VILLAS OF ST. THOMAS, IV, CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

Samuel G. Estok President

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