

BYLAWS  
OF  
THE GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I  
NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the Corporation is THE GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as the "Association." The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 2301 Executive Park Circle, Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina 27834, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of North Carolina, County of Pitt, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II  
DEFINITIONS

Section 1: "Association" shall mean and refer to THE GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, its successors and assigns.

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

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

Section 4: "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the properties with the exception of the common area.

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

Section 6: "Declarant" shall mean and refer to THE GATES DEVELOPMENT CO., a North Carolina general partnership, its successors and assigns, if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

Section 7: "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the properties recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, North Carolina.

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

Section 9: "Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to persons, firms or corporations holding a recorded lien appearing of record in the Pitt County Registry against any lot as defined in Section 4 thereof.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1: Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation of the Association, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held on the same day and the same month of each year thereafter, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock p.m. If the day for the annual meeting of the members

is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2: Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the president or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the members who are entitled to vote one-fourth (1/4) of all of the votes of the Class A membership.

Section 3: Notice of Meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the members shall be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least 15 days before such meeting to each member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by such member to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4: Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-tenth (1/10) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these Bylaws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be represented.

Section 5: Proxies. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the secretary. Every proxy shall be

revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of his lot.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of three (3) directors, who need not be members of the Association.

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

Section 3: Removal. Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 4: Compensation. No director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Association. However, any director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Section 5: Action Taken Without a Meeting. The directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the directors. Any action so approved

shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

ARTICLE V

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among members or non-members.

Section 2: Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the members of their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly without notice at

such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2: Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the president of the Association or by any two directors after not less than three (3) days notice of each director.

Section 3: Quorum. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

(a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the common area and facilities, and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;

(b) suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed 60 days for infraction of published rules and regulations;

(c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not

reserved to the membership by other provisions of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;

(d) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and

(e) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties, provided always, any contract for professional management must contain a clause requiring not more than ninety (90) days termination notice.

(f) Procure, maintain and pay premiums on a master policy of hazard insurance on the buildings standing on the lots on the properties in an adequate amount, and to equitably assess the owners of the same for their pro-rata portion of such expense.

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

(a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the members at the annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by one-fourth (1/4) of the Class A members who are entitled to vote;

(b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;

(c) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:

(1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;

(2) send written notice of each assessment to every owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period; and

(3) foreclose the lien against any property for which assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay same;

(d) issue, or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board of the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;

(e) procure and maintain, at all times, adequate hazard insurance on the property owned by the Association and sufficient liability insurance to adequately protect the Association.

(f) cause all officers or employees, including officers and employees of professional management, having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;

(g) cause the common area to be maintained;

(h) cause the exterior of the dwellings to be maintained;



ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6: Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to

such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaced.

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

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

President

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

Vice President

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

Secretary

(c) The secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the members; keep appropriate current records showing the members of the Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board. He shall maintain a registry for mortgagees of properties of members of the Association, and upon satisfactory

arrangements for reimbursement of expenses incurred, advise such mortgagees of an owner of any delinquency of as much as thirty (30) days of the payment of such owner's annual assessment, and to furnish to such mortgagee annual reports and other financial data, and he shall notify such mortgagee of any condemnation procedures filed against the Association and to advise them if such action results in an award for damages for the Association's property of \$10,000.00 or more.

Treasurer

(d) The treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the members.

ARTICLE IX

MORTGAGEES OR LIENHOLDERS

Any mortgagee of or lienholder on any lot may file with the Homeowners Association a declaration of his interest therein. Thereafter, the consent of seventy-five (75%) percent of the mortgagees or lienholders on all lots in THE GATES TOWNHOUSE development then under mortgage or lien, shall be required in order for the Association to:

(a) remove, abandon, or substantially alter any property taken under its control for the use and benefit of the

owners of properties in THE GATES TOWNHOUSE development from its original use and purpose or from its status for common use;

(b) diminish the voting interest of any lot owner to less than one vote for each lot in THE GATES TOWNHOUSE development or increase the total votes to a larger number than the total number of lots in THE GATES TOWNHOUSE development.

(c) dedicate any common areas to any public agencies other than for normal utility easements;

(d) substantially alter the terms of the Bylaws of The Gates Homeowners Association or the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of the THE GATES TOWNHOUSE development.

(e) abridge the right of a mortgagee of lots in THE GATES TOWNHOUSE development to protect the common area from jeopardy for unpaid taxes, liens and assessments, and in the event any mortgagee shall pay overdue taxes, insurance premiums, or assessments on common property, impair the right of such mortgagee to immediate reimbursement from the Association for all sums so expended in the protection of the common elements.

#### ARTICLE X

#### COMMITTEES

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

ARTICLE XI

BOOKS AND RECORDS

The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any member or a mortgagee of any member. The Declaration, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

ARTICLE XII

ASSESSMENTS

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each member is obligated to pay to the Association annual and special assessments which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the assessment is made. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of ten (10%) percent per annum, and the Association may bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property and interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessment provided for herein by nonuse of the common area or abandonment of his lot.

ARTICLE XIIICORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: "THE GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION" and the words: "CORPORATE SEAL" in the center thereof.

ARTICLE XIVAMENDMENTS

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of members present in person or by proxy, except that the Federal Housing Administration or Veterans Administration shall have the right to veto amendments while there is Class B membership.

Section 2: In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XVMISCELLANEOUS

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, being all of the incorporators of the THE GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1987.

[Signature] (SEAL)

Lee F. Ball (SEAL)

Janet A. Frutiger (SEAL)

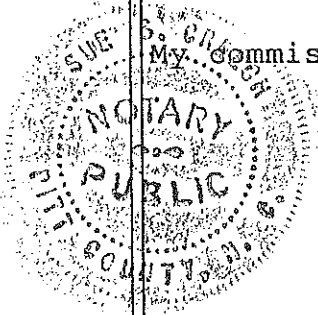
NORTH CAROLINA  
PITT COUNTY

I, Sue S. Creech, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that Richard B. Fox, Lee F. Ball AND Janet A. Frutiger personally appeared before me this day, and after being duly sworn, acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Bylaws of THE GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION and certify that the same is true.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1987.

Sue S. Creech  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 2-4-92




NORTH CAROLINA: PITT COUNTY  
The foregoing certificate of Sue S. Creech N. P. of Pitt Co., NC  
is certified to be correct.  
Filed for registration at 8:37 o'clock A M this 27th day of April, 1987

ELVIRA T. ALLRED, Register of Deeds  
By Elvira T. Allred

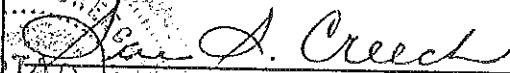
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify: That I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of THE GATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a North Carolina corporation, and,

That the foregoing Bylaws constitute the original Bylaws of said Association, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1987.

  
Secretary (SEAL)

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 17 day of April, 1987.

  
Notary Public

Commission expires: 2-4-92

