

**BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**RIDGETOP COMMONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**

Name and Location

The name of the corporation is Ridgetop Commons Homeowners Association, Inc., a Virginia non-stock corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Association." The initial principal office of the corporation shall be located at 8521 Leesburg Pike, Suite 200, Vienna, VA 22182 but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the Commonwealth of Virginia as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE II**

Definition

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Ridgetop Commons Homeowners Association, Inc., a non-stock, non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Board of Directors" shall mean the executive organ of the Association elected or appointed pursuant to these Bylaws.

Section 3. "Common Area" shall mean any real property (including any improvements thereon) owned and maintained by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners including entrance features and all private streets within the Property.

Section 4. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Coscan Washington, Inc., so long as it shall own any part of the Property, its successors and assigns if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development, but only to the extent that any of the rights, reservation, easements, interests, exemptions, privileges and powers of the Declarant are specifically assigned or transferred to such successors or assigns.

Section 5. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to that Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Property recorded among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Section 6. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision plat of the Property with the exception of the Common Areas.

Section 7. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to membership as provided in the Declaration.

Section 8. "Mortgagee" shall mean the holder of any recorded mortgage, or the party secured or beneficiary of any recorded deed of trust, encumbering one or more of the Lots. "Mortgage," as used herein, shall include deeds of trust. "First Mortgage," as used herein, shall mean a mortgage with priority over other mortgages. As used in this Declaration, the term "Mortgagee" shall mean any mortgagee and shall not be limited to institutional mortgagees. As used in this Declaration, the term "institutional mortgagee" or "institutional holder" shall include banks, trust companies, insurance companies, mortgage insurance companies, savings and loan associations, trusts, mutual savings banks, credit unions, pension funds, mortgage companies, Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC"), all corporations and any agency or department of the United States Government or of any state or municipal government. As used in this Declaration, the term "holder" or "mortgagee" shall include the parties secured by any deed of trust or any beneficiary thereof.

Section 9. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 10. "Participating Builder" shall mean any entity or individual owning a Lot(s) for the purpose of constructing a dwelling unit(s) and identified by Declarant as a Participating Builder.

Section 11. "Property" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described on Exhibit "A" to the Declaration, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 12. "Recreation Association" shall mean the Fairfax Center Recreation Association which is the organization of adjacent residential subdivisions including Ridgetop Commons which shall own and operate the swimming pool recreation facility in the Westcott Ridge subdivision. Covenants for the association are recorded among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia. All Lot Owners are subject to these covenants.

## ARTICLE III

### Meetings of Members

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the Members shall be held within twelve (12) months from the date of filing of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the Members shall be held in the same month of each year thereafter.

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 the 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 fifteen (15) days (but not more than sixty (60) 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 the 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, ten percent (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. Voting. At every meeting of the Members, each Class A Member shall have the right to cast one (1) vote for each Class A membership which he owns on each question. Each of the Class B Members shall have the right to cast three (3) votes for each Class B membership which he owns on each question. The vote of the Members representing fifty-one percent (51%) of the total of the votes of all of the memberships at the meeting, in person or by proxy, calculated as aforesaid, shall be necessary to decide any question brought before such meeting, unless the question is one upon which, by the express provision of law or of the Articles of Incorporation, or of the Declaration or of these By-laws, a different vote is required, in which case such express provision shall govern and control. The vote for any membership which is owned by more than one person may be exercised by any of the co-owners present at any meeting unless any objection or protest by any other owner of such membership is

noted at such meeting. In the event all of the co-owners of any membership who are present at any meeting of the Members are unable to agree on the manner in which the votes for such membership shall be cast on any particular question, then such vote shall not be counted for purposes of deciding that question. In the event any membership is owned by a corporation, then the vote for any such membership shall be cast by a person designated in a certificate signed by the President or any Vice President of such corporation and attested by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of such corporation and filed with the Secretary of the Association, prior to or during the meeting. The vote for any membership which is owned by a trust or partnership may be exercised by any trustee or partner thereof, as the case may be, and, unless any objection or protest by any other such trustee or partner is noted at such meeting, the Chairman of such meeting shall have no duty to inquire as to the authority of the person casting such vote or votes. No Class A Member shall be eligible to vote, either in person or by proxy, or to be elected to the Board of Directors, who is shown on the books or management accounts of the Association to be delinquent in any payment due the Association.

Section 6. 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. No proxy shall be valid after eleven (11) months from its date, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

Section 7. Rights of Mortgagees. Any institutional mortgagee of any Lot who desires notice of the annual and special meetings of the Members shall notify the Secretary to that effect by Registered Mail - Return Receipt Requested. Any such notice shall contain the name and post office address of such institutional mortgagee and the name of the person to whom notice of the annual and special meetings of the Members should be addressed. The Secretary of the Association shall maintain a roster of all institutional mortgagees from whom such notices are received and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to mail or otherwise cause the delivery of a notice of each annual or special meeting of the Members to each such institutional mortgagee, in the same manner, and subject to the same requirements and limitations as are otherwise provided in this Article III for notice to the Members. Any such institutional mortgagee shall be entitled to designate a representative to attend any annual or special meeting of the Members and such representative may participate in the discussion at any such meeting and may, upon his request made to the Chairman in advance of the meeting, address the Members present at any such meeting. Such representative shall have no voting rights at any such meeting. Such representative shall be entitled to copies of the minutes of all meetings of the Members upon request made in writing to the Secretary.

## ARTICLE IV

### Board of Directors: Selection: Term of Office

Section 1. Number. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of at least three (3) natural persons who shall be initially designated by the Declarant and who shall hold office until the election of their successors at the first annual meeting of the Members of the Association after Class B membership terminates. Commencing with the first annual meeting of the Association after Class B membership terminates, the Board of Directors shall consist of at least three (3) but not more than five (5) members who shall be elected by the Members of the Association. The number of Directors shall be determined by the Members of the Association at each annual meeting.

Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting after Class B membership terminates, the Members shall elect one (1) Director for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Director for a term of two (2) years, and the remaining Director(s) for a term of one (1) year; and at each annual meeting thereafter, the Members shall elect a Director to each vacancy for a term of three (3) years.

Section 3. Removal. After the first annual meeting of the Members after Class B membership terminates, any Director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Members of the Association. Any Director appointed by the Declarant may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by the Declarant. 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 and such approval is filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as through 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, commencing with the first annual meeting of Members after Class B membership terminates, shall be made in writing in advance of the annual meeting or from the floor at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the Members or 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 may be held at such time and place as shall be determined, from time to time, by a majority of the Directors, but at least one (1) such meeting shall be held during each fiscal year. Notice of regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given to each Director, personally or by mail, telephone or telegraph, at least six (6) days prior to the date named for such meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President on three (3) days' notice of each Director, given personally or by mail, telephone or telegraph, which notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President or Secretary in like manner and on like notice on the written request of any two (2) of the Directors.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number 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.

Section 4. Rights of Mortgagees. Any institutional mortgagee of any Lot who desires notice of the regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall notify the Secretary to that effect by Registered Mail - Return Receipt Requested. Any such notice shall contain the name and post office address of such institutional mortgagee and the name of the person to whom notice of the regular and special meetings of the

Board of Directors should be addressed. The Secretary of the Association shall maintain a roster of all institutional mortgagees from whom such notices are received and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to mail or otherwise cause the delivery of a notice of each regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors to each such institutional mortgagee, in the same manner and subject to the same requirements and limitations, as are otherwise provided in this Article VI for notice to the Members of the Board of Directors. Any such institutional mortgagee shall be entitled to designate a representative to attend any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors and such representatives may participate in the discussion at any meeting and may, upon his request made to the Chairman in advance of the meeting, address the Members of the Board of Directors present at any such meeting. Such representative shall be entitled to copies of the minutes of all the meetings of the Board of Directors upon request made in writing to the Secretary.

Section 5. Fidelity Bonds. The Board of Directors may require that all officers, Directors and employees of the Association regularly handling or otherwise responsible for the funds of the Association shall furnish adequate fidelity bonds or equivalent insurance against acts of dishonesty. The premiums on such bonds or insurance shall be paid by the Association.

## 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 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 Common Area of a Member for an infraction of published rules and regulations or during any period in which such Member will be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association pursuant to Section 55-513 of the Virginia Property Owners Association Act.

(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.

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 sixty (60) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same.

(d) issue, or 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 for 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 adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;

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

(g) cause the Common Area to be maintained;

(h) select a member of the Association to represent the Association as the "Coscan Property Owner" in accordance with the Recreation Association governing documents;



(i) collect from the Owners the assessments due the Recreation Association;

(j) otherwise perform or cause to be performed the functions and obligations of the Board and the Association as provided for in the Declaration and Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.

### Section 3. Management Agent.

The Board of Directors may but shall not be required to employ for the Association a professional management agent or manager (the "Management Agent") at a rate of compensation established by the Board of Directors to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall from time to time authorize in writing. Any management agreement entered into by the Association shall provide, inter alia, that such agreement may be terminated for cause by either party upon written notice.

## 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 and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create, all of which officers are to be elected by the Board of Directors.

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; provided that the initial Board of Directors shall elect the first group of officers at its first organizational meeting.

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 duly 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, have 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 replaces.

Section 7. Multiple Offices. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one (1) of any of the offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article VIII.

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 Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

## 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, if required by the Board; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be represented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the Members.

## ARTICLE IX

### Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors

Section 1. Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors. The Association shall indemnify every officer and Director of the Association against any and all expenses, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by, or imposed upon, an officer or Director in connection with any action, suit or other proceeding (including the settlement of any such suit or proceeding if approved by the then Board of Directors of the Association) to which he may be made a party by reason of being or having been an officer or Director of the Association, whether or not such person is an officer or Director at the time such expenses are incurred. The officers and Directors of the Association shall not be liable to the Members of the Association for any mistake of judgment, negligence, or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misconduct or bad faith. The officers and Directors of the Association shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold such officer and Director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or Director of the Association or former officer or Director of the Association may be entitled.

## ARTICLE X

### Committees

The Board of Directors shall appoint such committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

## ARTICLE XI

### Insurance

Section 1. Insurance. The Board of Directors of the Association shall obtain and maintain, to the extent reasonably available, at least the following:

(a) A comprehensive policy of public liability insurance with a "Severability of Interest Endorsement" or its equivalent in such amounts and in such forms as may be considered appropriate by the Board of Directors (but not less than One Million and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) covering all claims for bodily injuries and/or property damage arising out of a single occurrence) including, but not limited to, legal liability, hired automobile liability, non-owned automobile liability, liability for property of others and, such other risks as shall customarily be covered with respect to projects similar in construction, location and use, including any and all other liability incident to the ownership and use of the Common Area and facilities or any portion thereof; and

(b) Workers' compensation insurance to the extent necessary to comply with any applicable law; and

(c) A "Legal Expense Indemnity Endorsement," or its equivalent, affording protection for the officers and Directors of the Association for expenses and fees incurred by any of them in defending any suit or settling any claim, judgment or cause of action to which any such officer or Director shall have been made a party by reason of his or her services as such; and

(d) Such other policies of insurance, including insurance for other risks of a similar or dissimilar nature and fidelity coverage as required by these Bylaws, as are or shall hereafter be considered appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Limitations. Any insurance obtained pursuant to the requirements of this Article shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) All policies shall be written or reinsured with a company or companies licensed to do business in the State where the project is located and holding a rating of "A + AA" or better in the current edition of Best's Insurance Guide.

(b) Exclusive authority to negotiate losses under said policies shall be vested in the Board of Directors of the Association, or its authorized representative.

(c) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained pursuant to the requirements of this Article XI be brought into contribution

with insurance purchased by the owners of the Lots or their mortgagees, as herein permitted, and any "no other insurance" or similar clause in any policy obtained by the Association pursuant to the requirements of this Article XI shall exclude such policies from consideration.

(d) All policies shall provide that such policies may not be cancelled or substantially modified (including cancellation for non-payment of premium) without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to any and all insureds named thereon, including any mortgagee of any Lot who requests such notice in writing.

(e) All policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any and all claims against the Association, the Board of Directors, the Members of the Association and their respective agents, employees or tenants, and of any defenses based upon co-insurance or invalidity arising from the acts of the insured.

## ARTICLE XII

### Casualty Damage -- Reconstruction or Repair

Section 1. Use of Insurance Proceeds. In event of damage or destruction to the Common Area by fire or other casualty, the same shall be promptly repaired, replaced or reconstructed in substantial conformity with the original plans and specifications for the Common Area with the proceeds of insurance available for that purpose, if any. The Association shall not use the proceeds of casualty insurance received as a result of damage or destruction of the Common Area for purposes other than the repair, replacement or reconstruction of the Common Area without the prior written consent and approval of the holders of all First Mortgagees.

Section 2. Proceeds Insufficient. In the event that the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to repair damage or destruction of the Common Area caused by fire or other casualty not insured against, then and in either of those events, upon resolution of the Board of Directors, the repair, replacement and reconstruction of the damage shall be accomplished promptly by the Association at its common expense.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Books and Records -- Fiscal Management

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January every year, except for the first fiscal year of the Association which shall begin at the date of recordation of the Declaration among the Land Records for Fairfax County, Virginia. The commencement date of the fiscal year herein established

shall be subject to change by the Board of Directors should the practice of the Association subsequently dictate.

Section 2. Principal Office - Change of Same. The principal office of the Association shall be set forth in Article II of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association. The Board of Directors, by appropriate resolution, shall have the authority to change the location of the principal office of the Association from time to time.

Section 3. Books and Accounts. Books and accounts of the Association shall be kept under the direction of the Secretary and Treasurer or in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, consistently applied. The same shall include books with detailed accounts, in chronological order, of receipts and of the expenditures and other transactions of the Association and its administration and shall specify the maintenance and repair expenses of the Common Area, services required or provided with respect to the same and any other expenses incurred by the Association. The amount of any assessment or portion of any assessment, required for payment of any capital expenditure or reserves of the Association shall be credited upon the books of the Association to the "Paid-in-Surplus" account as a capital contribution by the Members.

Section 4. Auditing. At the close of each fiscal year, upon the decision of the Board of Directors, the books and records of the Association may be audited by an independent Public Accountant whose report shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, consistently applied. Based upon such report, the Association shall furnish the Members and any mortgagee requesting the same with an annual financial statement, including the income and disbursements of the Association, within ninety (90) days following the end of each fiscal year.

Section 5. Inspection of Books. The books and accounts of the Association, vouchers accrediting the entries made thereupon and other records maintained by the Association pursuant to the Virginia Property Owners Association Act, shall be available for examination by the Members and their duly authorized agents or attorneys, and to the institutional holder of any first mortgage on any Lot and its duly authorized agents or attorneys, during normal business hours and for purposes reasonably related to their respective interests and after reasonable notice. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the 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 XIV

### 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 be assessed a late fee and bear interest from the date of delinquency as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against his Lot, and interest, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

## ARTICLE XV

### Corporate Seal

The Association may have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: Ridgetop Commons Homeowners Association, Inc., a Virginia corporation.

## ARTICLE XVI

### Amendments

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.

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

## ARTICLE XVII

### Interpretation -- Miscellaneous

Section 1. Conflict. These Bylaws are subordinate and subject to all provisions of the Declaration and to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of the

Association. All of the terms hereof, except where clearly repugnant to the context, shall have the same meaning as they are defined to have in the Declaration. In the event of any conflict between these Bylaws and the Declaration, the provisions of the Declaration shall control; and in the event of any conflict between these Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation shall control.

Section 2. Notices. Unless another type of notice is herein elsewhere specifically provided for, any and all notices called for in these Bylaws shall be given in writing.

Section 3. Severability. In the event any provision or provisions of these Bylaws shall be determined to be invalid, void or unenforceable, such determination shall not render invalid, void or unenforceable any other provisions hereof which can be given effect.

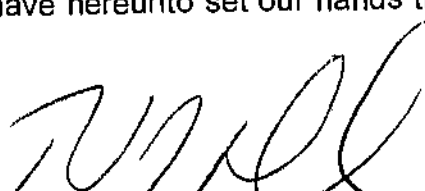
Section 4. Waiver. No restriction, condition, obligation or provisions of these Bylaws shall be deemed to have been abrogated or waived by reason of any failure or failures to enforce the same.


Section 5. Captions. The captions contained in these Bylaws are for convenience only and are not a part of these Bylaws and are not intended in any way to limit or enlarge the terms and provisions of these Bylaws or to aid in the construction thereof.

Section 6. Gender, etc. Whenever in the Bylaws the context so requires, the singular number shall include the plural and the converse, and the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all genders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we being all of the Initial Directors of Ridgetop Commons Homeowners Association, Inc., have hereunto set our hands this 2nd day of March, 2001.

WITNESS:

  
Richard J. Dengler, Director

  
Kimberly Mackmin, Director

  
Christopher Folley, Director



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

THAT I am the duly elected and acting secretary of Ridgetop Commons Homeowners Association, Inc., a Virginia non-stock, non-profit corporation, and

THAT the foregoing Bylaws constitute the original Bylaws of said Association, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors hereof, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this 2nd day of March, 2001.



Secretary Kimberly S. Mackmin

(CORPORATE SEAL)