# $\frac{\text{RESTATED AND AMENDED BY-LAWS}}{\text{OF}}$ WILLIAMSBURG SETTLEMENT MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

#### ARTICLE I

# NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the Corporation is WILLIAMSBURG SETTLEMENT MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION. The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 1602 Hoyt Lane, Katy, Harris County, Texas 77449, but meetings of the Members and Directors may be held at any place within Harris County, Texas, as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE II

# **DEFINITIONS**

<u>Section 1</u>. "Corporation" where used herein shall mean and refer to Williamsburg Settlement Maintenance Association, its successors and assigns.

<u>Section 2</u>. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain residential subdivision known as Williamsburg Settlement, Section One, Section Two and Section Three according to the plats thereof recorded in the Map Records of Harris County, Texas.

<u>Section 3</u>. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any residential building lot shown upon the recorded plat of any subdivision included in the Properties, or any residential building site resulting from re-subdividing or consolidating of lots as permitted by the Restrictions applicable to any such subdivision, but shall not include any tract which may be designated on any subdivision plat as an "Unrestricted Reserve".

<u>Section 4</u>. "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, but excluding parties having an interest in any Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

<u>Section 5</u>. "Restrictions" shall mean and refer to any instrument recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas, which sets forth restrictions, reservations, conditions and easements applicable to the residential subdivision or subdivisions constituting the Properties (as Properties are defined under Section 2 above).

<u>Section 6</u>. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to Membership in this Corporation, as provided in its Articles of Incorporation.

<u>Section 7.</u> "Director" shall mean and refer to a duly elected member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE III

# **MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

<u>Section 1. Annual Meetings.</u> Regular meetings of the Members shall be held on a date set by the Board between January 1 and December 1 of each year at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

<u>Section 2. Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President, or by a majority of the Members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, (as determined by the board of Directors no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the special meeting) or upon the written request of at least 10% of all of the Members.

<u>Section 3. Notice of Meetings</u>. 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, no less than ten (10) days and no 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 Corporation, or supplied by such Member to the Corporation 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.

<u>Section 4. Quorum.</u> The presence at the meetings of Members entitled to cast, or of proxies of Members entitled to cast, at least 10% of the votes of the Membership shall constitute a quorum for any action. 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 Members entitled to cast, or proxies of Members entitled to cast, at least 5% of the votes of the Membership are present or represented.

<u>Section 5. Proxies</u>. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person, by proxy, or by electronic or absentee ballot. All non-electronic 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 SELECTION TERM OF OFFICE

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Number</u>. The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors having no fewer than three (3) members, the majority of whom shall be Members of the Corporation. No person shall be eligible to serve as a Director who has been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude.

Section 2. Board of Directors - Term of Office. The term of each Director elected to the Board

shall be three (3) years. These three (3) year terms are effective upon expiration of current terms.

The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to the By-Laws of this Corporation, provided the number of Directors shall never be less than three (3).

In the event of the resignation, death or incapacity to serve of any of the Directors of the Corporation, the remaining Directors shall by a majority vote elect a successor to serve the remaining balance of the term of said Director.

<u>Section 3. Removal.</u> On receiving proof of a felony or crime of moral turpitude by any Director, the Board shall remove and permanently bar that Director from future Board Membership. Any Director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of a quorum of Members of the Corporation at an annual meeting or special meeting of the Corporation called for such purpose, and in the event of such removal of a Director, a successor shall be appointed by the remaining Directors to serve until the next annual meeting at which time an election shall be held to elect a new Director to serve the unexpired term of said Director.

<u>Section 4. Compensation</u>. No Director shall receive compensation for any service rendered to the Corporation. However, any Director may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties.

#### ARTICLE V

# NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

<u>Section 1. Nomination</u>. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors as provided herein shall be made in the manner set forth from time to time by the Directors. In addition, nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Election</u>. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by written ballot. At such election the Members or their proxies may cast, with respect to each vacancy, one vote for each Lot owned by one or more Members. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to fill the vacancies. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

#### ARTICLE VI

# **MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held no less than once every three (3) months at such date and hour as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall prepare a tentative schedule of meeting dates for each year in December of the preceding year and shall post the schedule on the Association web site. At least 72 hours prior to each meeting the meeting agenda shall be posted on the Association web site and notice of such posting emailed to all owners who have registered their email addresses with the Corporation.

<u>Section 2. Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held from time to time when called by the President of the Corporation, or by a majority of the Directors, after not less than three (3) days' notice to each Director.

# Section 3. None-Noticed Meetings

None-noticed meetings of the Board of Directors can be called at any time by a majority of the Officers of the Corporation to discuss issues on which a delay until the next regularly scheduled meeting would be detrimental. Such meetings shall not include the following subjects: fines, damage assessments, initiation of foreclosure actions, initiation of enforcement actions (excluding temporary restraining orders or violations involving a threat to health or safety), increases in assessments, levying of special assessments, appeals from a denial of architectural control approval, a suspension of a right of a particular owner before the owner has an opportunity to attend a board meeting to present the owner's position, including any defense, on the issue, lending or borrowing money, the adoption of an amendment of a dedicatory instrument, the approval of an annual budget or the approval of an amendment of an annual budget that increases the budget by more than 10 percent, the sale or purchase of real property, the filling of a vacancy on the board, the construction of capital improvements other than the repair, replacement, or enhancement of existing capital improvements, or the election of an officer. Decisions can be voted on and approved by a majority of the Directors using electronic or telephonic means and must be conveyed orally and documented in the minutes of the next regular or special board meeting.

<u>Section 4. Quorum.</u> 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

<u>Section 1. Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall have power to:

- (a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of any facilities made available to the Members, and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereat, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) suspend any Member's right to use any facilities which may be made available to Members during any period in which such Member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Corporation and, after notice and hearing, to suspend such rights until each infraction has been remedied.
- (c) exercise for the Corporation all powers, duties, and authority vested in or delegated to this Corporation and not reserved to the Membership by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the applicable Restrictions;

- (d) declare the office of an elected member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such Director shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and
- (e) employ a manager, independent contractors, employees, and such agents as the Board of Directors deems necessary to carry out the function of the Corporation.

# <u>Section 2. Duties</u>. 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 at least one-fourth (1/4) of the Members who are entitled to vote;
- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Corporation, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
- (c) enforce the annual maintenance charge on all Lots, as more fully provided in the Restrictions, and in connection therewith to:
  - (1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot as provided in the Restrictions;
  - (2) send written notice of the annual assessment on each Lot to the Owner addressed to the last known address of such Owner as shown on the records of the Corporation, as soon as practicable after fixing the amount of such assessment; 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 or take any other appropriate action against the Owner personally obligated to pay the 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 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 or under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate; and
- (g) cause any area or facility under the jurisdiction of the Corporation to be adequately maintained.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Enumeration of Offices</u>. The officers of this Corporation shall be a president (who shall at all times be a member of the Board of Directors), a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Election of Officers.</u> The election of officers shall take place at a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held immediately following each annual meeting of the Members.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Term</u> The officers of this Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless such officer shall sooner resign, or be removed from office, or otherwise be disqualified to serve.

<u>Section 4. Special Appointments</u>. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Corporation 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.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Resignation and Removal</u>. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by 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.

<u>Section 6. Vacancies</u>. 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 replaced.

<u>Section 7.</u> <u>Multiple Offices</u>. 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 at which he or she is present; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all contracts, leases, mortgages, promissory notes, deeds and other written instruments.

# Vice-President

(b) The vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of his

or her absence, inability or refusal to act, shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required by the Board.

#### Secretary

(c) The secretary shall record the votes and keep minutes and proceedings of the Board and of the Members; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the Members; keep appropriate current records showing the Members of the Corporation together with their addresses, shall perform other duties as required by the Board.

#### Treasurer

(d) The treasurer shall supervise the receipt and deposit in appropriate bank accounts of all monies of the Corporation and shall supervise the disbursal of such funds as directed by resolution of the Board; supervise the keeping of proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Corporation books and records to be made by an independent certified public accountant at the end of each fiscal year; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the Members at the regular annual meeting or at a special meeting.

All checks shall be signed by two of the officers of the Corporation, one of whom must be the President or Vice President.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **COMMITTEES**

The Board of Directors shall appoint such committees as may be deemed appropriate in carrying out the purpose of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE X

#### BOOKS AND RECORDS

The books and records of the Corporation shall be made available and produced in accordance with the Association's records production and retention policies.

#### ARTICLE XI

### **ASSESSMENTS**

As more fully provided in the Restrictions, each Owner of record of a Lot on the date of assessment is obligated to pay the Corporation annual maintenance fund assessments, which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the assessment is made. If the assessment is not paid within thirty-one (31) days after due date, the assessment shall be considered delinquent and shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of ten per

cent (10%) per annum, and the Corporation may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the Lot affected. Accrued unpaid interest and all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Corporation with respect to the collection of such unpaid charges may be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by abandonment of his Lot or house or non-use of any facility made available to Owners.

#### ARTICLE XII

# **AMENDMENTS**

<u>Section 1</u>. These By-Laws may be amended from time to time at a regular or special meeting of the Members of the Corporation by a majority of the votes of a quorum of Members present in person, by proxy or electronic or absentee ballot.

<u>Section 2</u>. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation and these By-Laws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Restrictions and these By-Laws, the Restrictions shall control.

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year.

# WILLIAMSBURG SETTLEMENT MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, being the President of Williamsburg Settlement Maintenance Association (WSMA), hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Members					
of the Corporation on the _	19 th	_day of	_April	, 2016.	
BY: Sloyd PRINT NAME:Floyd		_, President	DATE:	grul 22, 2	016

STATE OF TEXAS \$

COUNTY OF HARRIS \$

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the <u>Alameday</u> of April <u>Ao16</u>, 2016, by FLOYD BALL, as President of Williamsburg Settlement Maintenance Association, A Texas non-profit corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the STATE OF TEXAS

