STATE OF ALABAMA BALDWIN COUNTY

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BYLAWS
OF
VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM
OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION
FORMED PURSUANT TO
THE PROVISIONS OF
THE ALABAMA NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT
AND
THE ALABAMA CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP ACT

PREAMBLE

These are the bylaws of Village Condominium Owners' Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation formed pursuant to the provision of The Alabama Non Profit Corporation Act, Sections 10-3A-1 to 10-3A-225, CODE OF ALABAMA 1975, and The Alabama Condominium Ownership Act, Section 35-8-1 to 35-8-22, CODE OF ALABAMA 1975. These are also the bylaws of Village Condominium. These bylaws, the Declaration of Condominium of Village Condominium, Gulf Shores, Baldwin County, Alabama, and the Articles of Incorporation of Village Condominium Owners' Association, Inc., are hereby simultaneously filed in the Probate Office of Baldwin County, Alabama, pursuant to the various requirements of the aforementioned statutes. Village Condominium Owners' Association, Inc., has been formed pursuant to the provisions of the said statutes for the purpose of administering Village Condominium, Gulf Shores, Alabama, which condominium is and shall be located on the following real property located in Baldwin County, Gulf Shores, Alabama, to wit:

Lot 34, Block 2, Unit 2, Gulf Shores, Alabama,
According to the map or plat thereof recorded in
Map Book 1, page 166, in the records of the
Office of the Judge of Probate, Baldwin County, Alabama.

OFFICES

1. The principal office and mailing address of Village Condominium Owners' Association, Inc., shall be 1144 West Beach Blvd, Gulf Shores, AL 36542. The corporation may also have office in such other places as the Board of Directors may from time appoint or the business of the corporation may require.

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

- 2. All meetings of the members shall be held at Village Condominium, 1144 West Beach Blvd, Gulf Shores, Baldwin County, Alabama; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that meetings of the members may be held at such other places within the State of Alabama as may be selected by the Board of Directors upon notice, as required by law, to all members of record of the time and place of holding such meetings.
- 3. At all meetings of the members of the corporation there shall be recognized 7.596 votes for each of the nine two bedroom condominium units of Village Condominium, and 5.273 votes for each of the six one bedroom condominium units of Village Condominium. Each unit owner, or group of owners of a unit, if more than one, shall advise the secretary of the corporation of the name of the person entitled to exercise such vote and the secretary shall enter such name in a book kept for the purpose. The corporation shall be entitled to rely on such advice and shall recognize as entitled to cast unit votes only those persons who have been so designated as voters, notwithstanding that persons other than those so designated shall have various interests of ownership in the individual units from time to time. The majority of the owners of a unit may redesignate, at any time, any person, whether or not an owner, as the person entitled to exercise the votes of that unity, by so notifying the secretary of the corporation, in writing. The corporation shall recognize only the votes of the last person so designated, in writing, by a majority of the owners of each unit.
- 3.(a) The granting of a mortgage on a unit by its owner(s) shall be conferring upon the mortgagee a conditional proxy to cast the votes attributable to such unit at any regular or special meeting of the association. The condition of such proxy shall be notice by such mortgagee to the association, in writing, of its intent to exercise the conditional proxy rights granted to it, as mortgagee, by the terms of this subparagraph. In the absence of such written notice, the association shall be entitled to recognize the unit owner(s) of mortgaged units as

fully entitled to cast the votes attributable to their unit. However, once such written notice is received by the association, the mortgagee's exclusive right to cast the votes attributable to that unit shall be recognized by the association until the mortgagee withdraws its intent to cast such votes, in writing, or until the mortgage is paid in full and satisfied or record, whichever first occurs.

- 4. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the corporation held each year during the month of January, the date of which shall be set by the Board of Directors. There will also be a mid-year meeting held each year during the month of August, the date of which shall be set by the Board of Directors. Notice of the date, place and time of both the January annual meeting and the August mid-year meeting shall be mailed to each member (whether or not designated as a voting member) by the secretary, by first class mail, not less than ten (10) days nor more that sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. Notice mailed to a member's last known address as shown in the corporate records shall be deemed sufficient. The members shall have and assume the responsibility to notify the corporation's secretary of their current mailing addresses.
- 5. At the annual meeting, the voting members shall elect officers and directors and transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.
- 6. The majority of the voting representatives of the members of Village Condominium, present in person or by proxy, shall be requisite and shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the members for the transaction of business, except as otherwise provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, by the Declaration of Condominium, or by these Bylaws. If, however, such majority shall not be present or represented at any meeting of the members, the voting representatives entitled to vote thereat, present in person, or by proxy, shall have the power to adjourn the meeting, from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until the requisite number of voting representatives shall be present. At such adjourned meeting, at which the requisite number of voting representatives shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally noticed.
- 7. At each meeting of the members, every voting representative shall be entitled to cast the votes attributable to the unit he represents, to be cast in person, or by proxy appointed by instrument in writing, subscribed by each member owner of the unit in

question, and bearing a date not more than three (3) years prior to such meeting, unless said instrument provides for a longer period. *Upon the demand of any member, the vote upon any question before the meeting shall be by secret ballot*. All elections shall be had and all questions decided by a majority vote, except as otherwise specifically provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, by the Declaration of Condominium, or by these Bylaws. Members who are not voting representatives shall be recognized and allowed to participate in the discussion regarding all questions which may come before the meeting.

8. Between the annual and mid-year members' meetings, the Board of Directors may determine that there are issues that need to be addressed and voted on by the members. In lieu of scheduling a meeting, the Board of Directors may use mail or email to coordinate these issues with all members, and members must cast their vote on the issue via a signed ballot returned to the secretary via mail, facsimile or email (scan). The issue will be decided by a majority vote, except as otherwise specifically provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, by the Declaration of Condominium, or by these Bylaws. The secretary shall tally the votes and maintain a record of the voting results in the condominium files. Owners shall have and assume responsibility to notify the corporation's secretary of their current mailing and email addresses and phone number.

DIRECTORS

- 9. The property and <u>business of this corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors</u>, which shall never be less than three in number. Directors need not be members, but must be either members, voting representatives, or both. The directors shall consist of the corporation's president, vice-president, *secretary*, *treasurer*, and three directors-at-large. All other directors shall serve for terms as directors coextensive with their terms as officers.
- 10. The directors shall not receive any salary for their services except that the *Treasurer* shall receive *a* \$75.00 per month *stipend for expenses*, and except that by resolution of the Board of Directors, directors may be reimbursed for their expenses of attendance, if any, at each regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 11. Any one or more of the directors may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time by a vote of more than two thirds (2/3) of the directors then holding office, but such removal shall be null void and of no effect unless and until the same shall be ratified by

a majority of the voting representatives voting at the next meeting of the members following such vote of removal by the directors. In the event of such removal, the removed director or directors shall be so notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, and his, her or their successor or successors shall be chosen in the manner prescribed by paragraph 27 of these Bylaws.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 12. There shall be regular meetings of the Board of Directors at least once each quarter, or once each month if the directors so elect, and immediately prior to and following all meetings of the members.
- 13. At their first meeting, the directors shall designate the time, place and frequency of their regular meetings, and no further notice thereof shall be required so long as the time and place remains unchanged. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called upon three days' notice to each director, either personally, by mail, *or by email*, unless such notice is waived by each director in writing. *The Board of Directors shall ensure that each board member has received the notice of special meeting prior to any vote at such meeting.*
- 14. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors shall be present in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and an act of the majority of the directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except as may be otherwise provided by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration of Condominium, or these Bylaws. (Craven note: cannot use proxies for BOD meetings-must have a majority present to conduct business). The Board of Directors may conduct business between meetings via mail or email, and members must cast their vote on the issue via a signed ballot returned to the secretary via mail, facsimile or email (scan). The issue will be decided by a majority vote, except as otherwise specifically provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, by the Declaration of Condominium, or by these Bylaws. The secretary shall tally the votes and maintain a record of the voting results in the condominium files.
- 15. The Board of Directors may by resolution appoint one or more standing committees, consisting of two or more of their number, for the handling of routine business. Such committees may negotiate for and on behalf of the corporation, but only a quorum of

the Board of Directors, meeting in the manner set forth herein, or the President, acting pursuant to instructions of the Board of Directors, shall have the authority to bind the corporation on any contract.

16. The Board of Directors shall assess and collect funds (dues) from the members on a monthly basis and shall utilize such funds to pay for the common expenses (and limited common expenses, if any) of Village Condominium. Such expenses shall include, but shall not be limited to, *property and liability insurance*, garbage service, sewer service, water service, the lighting of common areas and grounds, and the regular maintenance and service of all of the common recreational and mechanical components of the condominium property. If the common elements (or limited common elements, if any) are ever required to be listed for taxation, the Board of Directors shall be responsible for doing all things necessary for compliance with such law. The corporation shall not arrange or be responsible for utilities or services benefiting solely private individual units of Village Condominium. Condominium dues are due by the first of each month and late after the tenth. Condominium assessments are due on the date specified in assessment notice and are late the day after. Fines, that are assessed against any member for violations of the rules set forth by the association, shall be payable within 30 days of notification, and considered to be late the day after. A late fee of \$25 for one bedroom units and \$35 for two bedroom units will be levied on unpaid accounts after the due date, and thereafter 1.5% per month shall be charged on all unpaid amounts, and thereafter 1.5% of the unpaid balance will be charged per month, Accounts that are 60 days delinquent on their dues or assessments will have a lien placed against the unit as provided for by the Condo Law (Section 35-8A-316 Code of Alabama 1975) which provides for the establishment and enforcement of liens in favor of the Association. In addition to the lien, satellite service will be cut off and will not be reestablished until the unit becomes current. Any costs incurred by the association in an attempt to enforce the association's right to collect unpaid balances due to the association will be charged to the unit owner. Legal action may be initiated against units that are six (6) months delinquent on their dues, assessments, or fines. All attorney fees and service fees incurred to process these legal actions will be charged to the unit owner and a 1.5%per month finance charge will be levied on those charges. Any surplus of funds so assessed in excess of such expenses at the end of any accounting period shall be retained by the

corporation or refunded pro rata to the owners of the private individual units of Village Condominium, as the Board of Directors may elect, as determined by the needs of the corporation.

OFFICERS

- 17. The directors shall consist of the Corporation's President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors-At-Large. All candidates for Officer or Director of the Board must be members in good standing, and current in payment of all dues, assessments, and fines. The offices of President and Secretary may not be held by the same individual, but all other offices may be combined in any manner the members see fit. The officers may be, but need not be, members of Village Condominium Owners' Association, Inc., or owners of all or part of any unit of Village Condominium. They must, however, be among those designated as voters pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5.2 of the Articles of Incorporation of Village Owners' Association, Inc., and paragraph 3 and 7 of these Bylaws.
- 18. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as they shall deem necessary, who shall hold their offices for such times and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board.
- 19. The officers of the corporations shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualify in their stead. Any officers elected by the members may be removed at any time by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors. In the case of such removal of one or more officers, their successor or successors shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 27 *and 28* of these Bylaws.

THE PRESIDENT

- 20. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the members and directors; shall have general supervision and management of the business of the corporation; and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect.
- 21. The President shall have authority to execute contracts, notes, mortgages, bonds, and other conveyances of the property of the corporation only upon resolution of the Board

of Directors, and the seal of the corporation may be affixed to such instruments and attested by the secretary.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT

22. The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

THE SECRETARY

23. The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the Board of Directors and meetings of the members, and shall record all votes and minutes of all meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose. He or she shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, as may be required by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or the laws of the State of Alabama. The secretary shall keep and file the member's designations of the names of their voting *representatives in* separate file folders corresponding to each unit of Village Condominium, and shall also keep a separate file or book listing all current voting representatives and proxy holders, to the end that the names of all persons currently entitled to vote at members' meetings may be ascertained by reference to a single file or book. The Secretary shall be custodian of the corporate seal, and when authorized by the Board of Directors, shall affix the seal of the corporations to any instrument requiring it, attesting the same by his or her signature. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

THE TREASURER

24. The treasurer shall have custody of all of the corporation's funds, securities and other property, and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the corporation, and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that sums of money may be set up to be exempt from the above provision by the Board of Directors, to be known as petty cash funds for the office of the corporation, and the Board of Directors shall prescribe the amount to be so

exempt from this provision. Such funds so deposited *that* are not subject to the above petty cash exemption shall be subject to withdrawal on checks signed by the President *or*Treasurer, or such other persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

The Treasurer shall render to the Board of Directors at regular meetings of the Board of Directors, whenever required, an account of all financial transactions of the corporation and a report of the financial conditions of the corporation. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

- 25. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping those certain records required to be kept by the Alabama Condominium Act, namely those specified by Section 35-8-10 CODE OF ALABAMA 1975, which requires:
- (4) Provision for the maintenance of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, open to inspection by unit owners at reasonable times. Such records shall include:
 - a. A record of all receipts and expenditures.
- b. An account for each unit, setting forth any shares of common expenses or other charges due, the due dates thereof, the present balance due and any interest in common surplus of limited common surplus.

THE REGISTERED AGENT

26. The registered agent shall maintain the corporations mailing address, shall report the same to the Alabama Secretary of State, as required by law, and shall report all corporate communications received by him or her to the corporation's Board of Directors. The registered agent must be a resident of the State of Alabama. The name and address of the registered agent of Village Condominium Owners' Association, Inc., as of the date of these Bylaws, is:

Daniel H. Craven, P.C.
PO Box 4489
Gulf Shores, AL 36547

VACANCIES

- 27. If the office of any director or officer, one or more, becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office, or otherwise, the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, by a majority vote may choose a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred.
- 28. Whenever under the provisions of these Bylaws notice is required to be given to any director, officer or member, it shall not be construed to require personal notice, but such notice may be given in writing, by mail *or email*.

RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 29. Rules for use of the condominium property have been established as a separate document under the provisions of paragraph 3, Article 12, and paragraph 6, Article 13, Declaration of Condominium of Village Condominium, and shall be provided to all owners. Owners shall post these rules within their unit and provide to their management companies, renters and guests to ensure compliance. Fines for noncompliance have also been established as a separate document and provided to all owners
- 30. Unit owners are financially responsible for their acts, and the acts of their renters or guests under the provisions of paragraph 7, Article 13, Declaration of Condominium of Village Condominium. Each unit owner shall be responsible for all damages to The Village Condominium property caused by themselves, renters and guests of their unit. Responsible unit owner shall be assessed the full cost to repair or clean up the damage. If assessment is not paid, a lien will be filed under the provisions of paragraph H, Article 15, Declaration of Condominium and may be subject to legal action as set forth in paragraph 16 of these Bylaws.
- 31. Renters and guests are NOT allowed to bring pets onto the premises. However, owners may have their pets on the premises, but are responsible for restraint of their pets while in common areas, and clean up after their pets.

WAIVERS

32. The notices of meetings herein required may be waived by the members, in writing, and the members may act for and on behalf of the corporation by written agreement without meetings; however, in all such, cases, whether with respect to waivers of notice or with respect to action by agreement without meetings, the decisions of the members to proceed must be based on a majority vote unless otherwise specified by statute, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration of Condominium, or these Bylaws.

AMENDMENTS

33. These Bylaws may be altered or amended by the affirmative vote of three fourths (3/4) of the units of membership of Village Condominium Owners' Association, Inc., PROVIDED, that notice of the proposed alteration or amendment be contained in the notice of the meeting at which such alteration or amendment is proposed; and these Bylaws may also be altered or amended by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors by resolution adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors; PROVIDED. HOWEVER, that no change in the time or place for the election of directors or officers shall be made within thirty days next before the day on which such election is to be held; and in case of any change of such time or place, notice thereof shall be given to each member in person or by letter mailed to his last known address at least ten (10) days before the election is held. No amendment may change, alter, or eliminate any private individual unit, or effect any change in the percentage or fraction of the common elements of that unit, unless and until all of the owners and record mortgage holders of such unit shall have agreed to such amendment, in writing. In the event of conflict between the members and the Board with respect to the passage of bylaw, the members shall prevail. No amendment to these Bylaws shall be of any force of effect until it shall have been filed for record in the Probate Office of Baldwin County, Alabama, at which time it shall become and be of full force and effect.

LIMITATION ON POWERS

34. The corporation shall not serve as advertising agent or rental agent for the owners in the ordinary course of its business. This provision shall not prevent the corporation from referring prospective renters to the various owners on a rotating or some other equal basis, but under no circumstances shall the corporation receive and pool rental income for

distribution to the owners on any basis other than according to the actual rental income generated by each individual unit. The paragraph may not be amended except by unanimous vote of the owners. In the event of such amendment, each owner, whether or not a designated voting member of the corporation, shall sign a certificate to be held in the corporate files acknowledging that the pooling of rental income may subject their interests of ownership in Village Condominium to registration under the federal securities acts and the Alabama Blue Sky Laws.

RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS

35. In the event of conflict between the provisions of the Bylaws, the Declaration of Condominium of Village Condominium, or the Articles of Incorporation of Village Condominium Owners' Association, Inc, the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium of Village Condominium shall be controlling.

36. These Bylaws supersede bylaws dated August 21, 1999.

ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2010

JANA PHILLIPS - President

NANCY CARTER – Secretary

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