

**BY-LAWS
OF
COUNTRYSIDE IMPERIAL RIDGE HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND LOCATIONS**

The name of the corporation is COUNTRYSIDE IMPERIAL RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, INC., hereinafter referred to as the “Association”. The principal office of the Association shall be located in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Florida, county of Pinellas, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. “Association” shall mean and refer to COUNTRYSIDE IMPERIAL RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., its successors and assigns.

Section 2. “Properties” shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinafter described IN THE Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for IMPERIAL RIDGE, 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 a fee simple title to any Lot which is part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 6. “Declaration” shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of IMPERIAL RIDGE applicable to the Properties recorded in the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

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

Section 8. “Assessments” shall mean and refer to monthly maintenance assessment or other charges and special assessments for capital improvements.

ARTICLE III MEETING 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 in November at a time and place specified by the Board. 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 ($\frac{1}{4}$) of all of the votes of the 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 to such notice, postage prepaid, at least fifteen (15) days before such meeting, to each member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the member’s address last appearing in the books of the Association, or supplied by such member to the Association for the purposed 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 case, 30% 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 By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have the 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 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: SELECTION: TERM OF OFFICE**

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this association shall be managed by a Board of five (5) directors, who need be members of the Association.

Section 2. Term of Office. Directors shall serve three (3) year terms. The terms shall be staggered. One (1) director shall be elected to a three (3) term once every three (3) years. Two directors shall be elected for a three (3) year term in each of the interim years.

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 services 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 Chairperson, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) 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 closed of the next annual meeting, and such

appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. Alternatively, the Board may appoint the Nominating Committee no less than ninety (90) days prior to 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 person 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 (2) directors, after not less than three (3) days' notice to each director.

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.

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 of 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 sixty (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 By-Laws, 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 ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the 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;
 - (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 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 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.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Offices. 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.

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 members.

Section 3. Term. The officers of this Association shall be appointed annually by the Board and each shall hold office at the discretion of the Board 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 by giving written notice to the Board, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the 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 of 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. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held simultaneously 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:

- (a) President. 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.
- (b) Vice President. 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.
- (c) Secretary. The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; serve notice of meetings of the Board and 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.
- (d) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall assist the Property Manager in the financial matters and at the discretion of the Board may 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 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 COMMITTEES

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

ARTICLE X 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. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws 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 XI 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 eighteen percent (18%) per annum, an administrative late fee shall be charged in the amount of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for each delinquent installment¹ 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 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 of abandonment of his Lot.

¹ Amended via vote at November 14, 2015 Annual Membership Meeting
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**ARTICLE XII
CORPORATE SEAL**

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words:

**COUNTRYSIDE IMPERIAL RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.
FLORIDA
“NOT FOR PROFIT”
1984**

**ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These By-Laws 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 By-Laws, the Articles shall control; and in case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

**ARTICLE XIV
MISCELLANEOUS**

The foregoing was adopted as the By-Laws of COUNTRYSIDE IMPERIAL RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, Inc., a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, at the first meeting of the Board of Directors on the 31st day of August, 1984.²

COUNTRYSIDE IMPERIAL RIDGE
HOMEOWNERS ASSOICATION, INC.

By: Signature on File
Secretary

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² Amended November 15, 2015 at Annual Membership Meeting
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