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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned, JEFFREY R. SMERKO, a natural person of th age of eighteen (18) years or more hereby forms a non-proficorporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, a contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina entitled "Non-Profit Corporation Act", and the several amendment thereto, and to that end does hereby set forth:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation is the SCOTTS HILL BLUF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

ARTICLE II

DURATION

This period of duration of the Association shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE AND POWERS

The Association does not contemplate a pecuniary gain or profit to its members, and the purposes for which the Association is organized are:

- (a) To manage, maintain, operate, care for and administer condominium units within the SCOTTS HILL BLUFF, a planned unit development established in accordance with of the General Statutes of North Carolina upon certain property located in New Hanover and Pender Counties, North Carolina by means of declarations of covenants, restrictions and easements for SCOTTS HILL BLUFF which has been recorded in the New Hanover and Pender Counties, North Carolina Public Registries.
- (b) To undertake the performance of the acts and duties incident to the administration of the operation and management of SCOTTS HILL BLUFF in accordance with the terms, provisions, conditions and authorization contained in the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the Association and the Declaration

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ARTICLE IV

FINANCE

The Association is not organized for pecuniary profit, no shall it have any power to issue Certificates of stock or padividends, and no part of the net earnings or assets of the Association shall be distributed, upon dissolution or otherwise, tany member, director or officer of the Association.

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MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

- (a) Each person or entity who is a record owner of a fee o undivided fee interest in any Unit which is subject by covenants o record to assessment by the Association. The foregoing is no intended to include persons or entities who had an interest merel as security for the performance of an obligation. Membership shal be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of an Unit which is subject to assessment by the Association.
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ARTICLE VI

REGISTERED OFFICE AND INITIAL AGENT

The address of the initial registered and principal office of the Association is Scotts Hill Bluff Homeowners Association, c/c JEFFREY R. SMERKO, 105 QUAIL RIDGE ROAD, WILMINGTON, NC 28409, NEV HANOVER COUNTY, and the initial registered agent of the Association at such address is JEFFREY R. SMERKO.

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ARTICLE XI

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows: JEFFREY R. SMERKO, 105 QUAIL RIDGE ROAD, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28409.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned has set his hand and affixed his seal, this the 19TH day of MAY, 1997.

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