## BY-LAWS

### OF

## BELMONT PARK ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION. The name of the corporation is BELMONT PARK ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as the "Association." The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 8400 Ariel,

Houston, Texas, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Texas, County of Harris, as may be deisgnated by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE II

### **DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to BELMONT PARK ASSOCIATION, a Texas Non-Profit Corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, 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. "Building Plot" or "Lot" shall mean and refer to each of the individual tracts of land or resubdivision of same, into which the property (including any added or annexed property), excepting the Common Area, has been divided for the construction of townhouses thereon for individual use and ownership.

Section 5. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Building Plot which is a part of the properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to HARRY W. REED, his heirs and assigns if such heirs or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Building Plot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

Section 7. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the Properties recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas.

Section 8. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to membership as provided in the Declaration.

#### ARTICLE III

### MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one year from date of incorporation of the Association, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held during the same month of each year thereafter, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. If the day of 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 (1/4) of all the votes of the Class A membership. Special meetings will be held no fewer than three (3) times each year, normally during the months of January, April, and July.

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 delivering a copy of such notice, at least 15 but not more than 30 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 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 the members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-tenth (1/10) 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 power to adjourn the meeting from time to time,

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without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be 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 Building Plot.

### ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION: TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) directors. The number of directors may be changed by amendment of the By-Laws of the Association. Until the election of directors at the first annual meeting of the members, the initial board of directors shall so serve.

Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting, the members shall elect one director for a term of one (1) year, two directors for a term of two (2) years and two directors for a term of three (3) years; and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect directors for a term of two (2) years, as needed. Directors elected at special meetings shall be elected for a term to end at the second annual meeting subsequent to their election. Directors elected to terms of three (3) years prior to the date of this amendment shall serve their full term of three (3) years from the date of their election.

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 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. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

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### · 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 Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors thirty (30) days prior to each annual meeting of the members. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election, the members or their proxies may east, 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 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 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 to use of any 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) may 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, independent contractors, 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 which 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 Building Plot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period; and
    - (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 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 responsibilitiesto be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;
  - (g) cause the Common Area to be maintained; and
  - (h) cause the exterior of the dwellings to be maintained.

### ARTICLE VII

## 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.

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.

Section 3. Term. The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year 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 without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time giving written notice to the Board, the president or 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. 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; 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, except as may be otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.

## 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 Board and of 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.

### 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; 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

#### COMMITTEES

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

### ARTICLE X

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 ten percent (10%) per annum, and the Association or the Board of Directors 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's fees of any such action

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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 Building Plot.

### ARTICLE XII

### CORPORATE SEAL

The Associations hall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: BELMONT PARK ASSOCIATION.

#### 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 the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

### ARTICLE XIV

### MISCELLANEOUS

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.

### ARTICLE XV

## FNMA AND FHLMC LOAN REQUIREMENTS

- (1) To qualify the residence Building Plots within all Sections of Belmont Park, a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, for Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation loans, the Association shall:
  - (a) notify a first mortgagee in writing, upon request of such mortgagee, of any default by the mortgagor in the performance of such mortgagor's obligations as set forth in the Declaration which is not cured within thirty (30) days;
  - (b) immediately reimburse first mortgagees who may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default

and which may or have become a charge against the Common Area; or who may pay overdue premiums on hazard insurance policies; or who may secure new hazard insurance coverage on the lapse of a policy;

- (c) permit first mortgagees to examine the books and records of the Association during normal business hours;
- (d) establish an adequate reserve fund for replacement of the Common Area property fund the same by regular monthly payments rather than by special assessments;
- (e) furnish each first mortgagee an annual audited financial statement of the Association within ninety (90) days following the end of each fiscal year of the Association;
- (f) furnish each first mortgagee, upon request of such mortgagee, prior written notice of all meetings of the Association and permit the designation of a representative of such mortgagee to attend such meetings, one such request to be deemed to be a request for prior written notice of all subsequent meetings of the Association;
- (g) furnish each first mortgagee prior written notice for the following: (i) abandonment or termination of Belmont Park as a planned unit development; (ii) any material amendment to the Declaration, By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation of the Association; and (iii) the termination of any professional management contract for the planned unit development;
- (h) require that all leases of any townhouse units must:

  (i) be in writing, and (ii) provide that such leases are specifically subject in all respects to the provisions of the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association, and that any failure by the lessee to comply with the terms and conditions of such documents shall be a default under such leases. Other than the foregoing, there shall be no restriction on the right of any townhouse owner to lease his unit;

- (i) furnish the first mortgagees timely written notice of any substantial damage or destruction of townhouse units and of any part of the Common Area and facilities;
- (j) furnish the first mortgagees timely written notice of any condemnation, or eminent domain proceeding regarding all or any portion of a townhouse unit or of the Common Areas and facilities and of any proposed acquisition of all or any part of such properties through condemnation or eminent domain proceedings.
- (2) Unless all of the first mortgagees of residential lots in Belmont Park have given their prior written approval, the Association shall not be entitled to:
  - (a) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, alienate, release, encumber, hypothecate, sell or transfer, real estate or improvements thereon which are owned, directly or indirectly, by such Association, for the benefit of the owners of residential lots in the subdivision; the granting of easements for public utilities or for other public purposes consistent with the intended use of such property by the subdivision shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this clause;
  - (b) change the ratio of assessment or the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues or other charges which may be levied against a residential lot owner.
- (3) Unless at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the first mortgagees (based upon one vote for each mortgagee) of residential lots in Belmont Park have given their prior written approval, the Association shall not be entitled to:
  - (a) by act or omission change, waive or abandon any scheme or regulations, or enforcement thereof, pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance of units, the exterior maintenance of units, the maintenance of party walls or common fences and drive-ways, or the upkeep of lawns and plantings in the subdivision;

- (b) fail to maintain fire and extended coverage on insurable Common Area property on a current replacement cost basis in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the insurable value (based on current replacement cost);
- (c) use hazard insurance proceeds for losses to any Common Area property for other than the repair, replacement or reconstruction of such improvements.
- (4) Any management agreement entered into by the Association will be terminable by the Association for cause upon not more than thirty (30) days' written notice, and the term of such management agreement will not exceed the period of one (1) year, renewable by agreement of the parties to such agreement for successive one (1) year periods.
- (5) Regarding an owner's delegation of his rights of enjoyment to the Common Areas and facilities as provided for in Article II, Section 2 of the Declaration, no such delegation shall work a severance of the rights of enjoyment of the Common Areas and facilities from the ownership of a building plot, and any such delegation by any owner shall automatically terminate upon conveyance of legal title to such building plot by said owner.
- (6) The Association hereby accepts conveyance to it of the Common Areas by deeds dated November 6, 1972, and April 15, 1975, recorded under County Clerk's File No. D-732367 and File No. E-412663, respectively, subject to the Declaration.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the President and Secretary of the Association are hereby authorized, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association, to execute and deliver on behalf of the Association such instruments as they deem necessary or proper in order to effectively secure and perform all of the obligations and agreements expressed to be kept and performed by the Association pursuant to the resolution set forth above; and that, all action of every kind heretofore or hereafter taken by officers of the Association necessary to qualify the residence Building Plots in Belmont Park for Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation loans, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the

Association, be and is hereby authorized, adopted, approved, ratified and confirmed.

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

THAT I, am the duly elected and acting Secretary of the BELMONT PARK ASSOCIATION, a Texas non-profit corporation, and

> Julianne D. Krause, Secretary BELMONT PARK ASSOCIATION

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF HARRIS :

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the day of Mark Association, a Texas Non-Profit Corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

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## \*\*NOTE:

The original magnetic cards are in the office of James T. Mullins, for future revision of these By-Laws.