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BY-LAWS

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OF
SIMONTON COURT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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OF
SIMONTON COURT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

1. **Name and Location.** The name of the corporation is Simonton Court Homeowners Association, Inc. ("**Association**"). The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 22190 Fairmont Court, Estero, Florida 33928, or at such other location determined by the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") from time to time.

2. **Definitions.** The definitions contained in the Declaration for Simonton Court (the "**Declaration**") relating to the residential community known as Simonton Court, recorded, or to be recorded, in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. In addition to the terms defined in the Declaration, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"**Annual Members Meeting**" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.2 of these By-Laws.

"**Articles**" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation for Association, as amended from time to time.

"**By-Laws**" shall mean these By-Laws, together with all amendments and modifications thereof.

"**Declaration**" shall mean the Declaration as modified from time to time.

"**Developer**" shall mean ACF 10-A Simonton L.L.C., and any of its designees, successors and assigns who receive a written assignment of all or some of the rights of Developer hereunder. Such assignment need not be recorded in the Public Records in order to be effective. Any such assignment may be made on a non-exclusive basis.

"**Director**" shall mean a director elected or appointed to the Board

"**Member**" shall mean a member of Association.

"**Minutes**" shall mean the minutes of all Member and Board meetings, which shall be in the form required by the Florida Statutes. In the absence of governing Florida Statutes, the Board shall determine the form of the minutes.

"**Official Records**" shall mean all records required to be maintained by Association pursuant to Section 720.303(4) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

"**Special Members Meeting**" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.3 of these By-Laws.

"**Turnover Date**" shall have the meaning set forth in the Declaration.

"**Voting Interests**" shall mean the voting rights held by the Members.

3. **Members.**

3.1 **Voting Interests.** Each Owner and Developer shall be a Member of Association. No person who holds an interest in a Lot only as security for the performance of an obligation shall be a Member of Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of any Lot. There shall be one vote appurtenant to each Lot. For the purposes of determining who may exercise the Voting Interest associated with each Lot, the following rules shall govern:

3.1.1 **Lot Owned By Husband and Wife.** Either the husband or wife (but not both) may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to a Lot. In the event the husband and wife cannot agree, neither may exercise the Voting Interest.

3.1.2 Trusts. In the event that any trust owns a Lot, Association shall have no obligation to review the trust agreement with respect to such trust. If the Lot is owned by Robert Smith, as Trustee, Robert Smith shall be deemed the Owner of the Lot for all Association purposes. If the Lot is owned by Robert Smith as Trustee for the Laura Jones Trust, then Robert Smith shall be deemed the Member with respect to the Lot for all Association purposes. If the Lot is owned by the Laura Jones Trust, and the deed does not reference a trustee, then Laura Jones shall be deemed the Member with respect to the Lot for all Association purposes. If the Lot is owned by the Jones Family Trust, the Jones Family Trust may not exercise its Voting Interest unless it presents to Association, in the form of an attorney opinion letter or affidavit reasonably acceptable to Association, the identification of the person who should be treated as the Member with respect to the Lot for all Association purposes. If Robert Smith and Laura Jones, as Trustees, hold title to a Lot, either trustee may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot. In the event of a conflict between trustees, the Voting Interest for the Lot in question cannot be exercised. In the event that any other form of trust ownership is presented to Association, the decision of the Board as to who may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to any Lot shall be final. Association shall have no obligation to obtain an attorney opinion letter in making its decision, which may be made on any reasonable basis whatsoever.

3.1.3 Corporations or Limited Liability Companies. If a Lot is owned by a corporation or limited liability company, the corporation or limited liability company shall designate a person, an officer, employee, or agent who shall be treated as the Member who can exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot.

3.1.4 Partnerships. If a Lot is owned by a limited partnership, any one of the general partners may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot. By way of example, if the general partner of a limited partnership is a corporation, then the provisions hereof governing corporations shall govern which person can act on behalf of the corporation as general partner of such limited partnership. If a Lot is owned by a general partnership, any one of the general partners may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot. In the event of a conflict among general partners entitled to exercise a Voting Interest, the Voting Interest for such Lot cannot be exercised.

3.1.5 Multiple Individuals. If a Lot is owned by more than one individual, any one of such individuals may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to such Lot. In the event that there is a conflict among such individuals, the Voting Interest for such Lot cannot be exercised.

3.1.6 Liability of Association. Association may act in reliance upon any writing or instrument or signature, whether original or facsimile, which Association, in good faith, believes to be genuine, may assume the validity and accuracy of any statement or assertion contained in such a writing or instrument, and may assume that any person purporting to give any writing, notice, advice or instruction in connection with the provisions hereof has been duly authorized to do so. So long as Association acts in good faith, Association shall have no liability or obligation with respect to the exercise of Voting Interests, and no election shall be invalidated (in the absence of fraud) on the basis that Association permitted or denied any person the right to exercise a Voting Interest. In addition, the Board may impose additional requirements respecting the exercise of Voting Interests (e.g., the execution of a Voting Certificate).

3.2 Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the members (the "**Annual Members Meeting**") shall be held at least once each calendar year on a date, at a time, and at a place to be determined by the Board.

3.3 Special Meetings of the Members. Special meetings of the members (a "**Special Members Meeting**") may be called by the President, a majority of the Board, or upon written request of ten percent (10%) of the Voting Interests of the members. The business to be conducted at a Special Members Meeting shall be limited to the extent required by Florida Statutes.

3.4 Notice of Members Meetings. Written notice of each members meeting shall be given by, or at the direction of, any officer of the Board or any management company retained by Association. A copy of the notice shall be mailed to each Member entitled to vote, postage

prepaid, not less than ten (10) days before the meeting (provided, however, in the case of an emergency, two (2) days' notice will be deemed sufficient). The notice shall be addressed to the member's address last appearing on the books of Association. The notice shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a Special Members Meeting, the purpose of the meeting. Alternatively, and to the extent not prohibited by the Florida Statutes, the Board may adopt from time to time, other procedures for giving notice to the members of the Annual Members Meeting or a Special Members Meeting. By way of example, and not of limitation, such notice may be included in a newsletter sent to each Member.

3.5 Quorum of Members. Until and including the Turnover Date, a quorum shall be established by Developer's presence, in person or by proxy, at any meeting. After the Turnover Date, a quorum shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast twenty percent (20%) of the Voting Interests, except as otherwise provided in the Articles, the Declaration, or these By-Laws. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event that technology permits members to participate in members meetings and vote on matters electronically, then the Board shall have authority, without the joinder of any other party, to revise this provision to establish appropriate quorum requirements.

3.6 Adjournment of Members Meetings. If, however, a quorum shall not be present at any members meeting, the meeting may be adjourned as provided in the Florida Statutes. In the absence of a provision in the Florida Statutes, the members present shall have power to adjourn the meeting and reschedule it on another date.

3.7 Action of Members. Decisions that require a vote of the members must be made by a concurrence of a majority of the Voting Interests present in person or by proxy, represented at a meeting at which a quorum has been obtained unless provided otherwise in the Declaration, the Articles, or these By-Laws.

3.8 Proxies. At all meetings, members may vote their Voting Interests in person or by proxy. All proxies shall comply with the provisions of Section 720.306(6) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, be in writing, and be filed with the Secretary at, or prior to, the meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable prior to the meeting for which it is given.

4. Board of Directors.

4.1 Number. The affairs of Association shall be managed by a Board comprised of an odd number of directors which shall be no less than three (3) persons and no more than nine (9) persons. The initial Board shall consist of three (3) directors. Following the Turnover Date, the Board shall consist of five (5) directors unless otherwise determined by a majority of the Board from time to time. Board members appointed by Developer need not be Members of Association or Owners. Board members elected by the other Members must be Owners.

4.2 Term of Office. The election of Directors shall take place after Developer no longer has the authority to appoint the Board and shall take place on the Turnover Date. Directors shall be elected for a term ending upon the election of new Directors at the following Annual Members Meeting (except that the term of the Board appointed by the Developer shall extend until the date designated by Developer, or until the Turnover Date).

4.3 Removal. Any vacancy created by the resignation or removal of a Board member appointed by Developer may be replaced by Developer. Developer may replace or remove any Board member appointed by Developer in Developer's sole and absolute discretion. In the event of death or resignation of a Director elected by the members, the remaining Directors may fill such vacancy. Directors may be removed with or without cause by the vote or agreement in writing of members holding a majority of the Voting Interests.

4.4 Compensation. No Director shall receive compensation for any service rendered as a Director to Association; provided, however, any Director may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred as a Director.

4.5 Action Taken Without a Meeting. Except to the extent prohibited by law, the Board shall have the right to take any action without a meeting by obtaining the written approval

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

4.6 Appointment and Election of Directors. Until the Turnover Date, the Developer shall have the unrestricted power to appoint all Directors of Association. From and after the Turnover Date, or such earlier date determined by Developer in its sole and absolute discretion, the members shall elect all Directors of Association at or in conjunction with the Annual Members Meeting of the members.

4.7 Election. Election to the Board shall be by secret written ballot, unless unanimously waived by all members present. The persons receiving the largest numbers of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

5. Meeting of Directors.

5.1 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on a schedule adopted by the Board from time to time. Meetings shall be held at such place and hour as may be fixed, from time to time, by resolution of the Board.

5.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by the President, or by any two (2) Directors. Each Director shall be given not less than two (2) days' notice except in the event of an emergency. Notice may be waived. Attendance shall be a waiver of notice. Telephone conference meetings are permitted.

5.3 Emergencies. In the event of an emergency involving immediate danger of injury or death to any person or damage to property, if a meeting of the Board cannot be immediately convened to determine a course of action, the President or, in his absence, any other officer or director, shall be authorized to take such action on behalf of Association as shall be reasonably required to appropriately respond to the emergency situation, including the expenditure of Association funds in the minimum amount as may be reasonably required under the circumstances. The authority of officers to act in accordance herewith shall remain in effect until the first to occur of the resolution of the emergency situation or a meeting of the Board convened to act in response thereto.

5.4 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, or in writing in lieu thereof, shall be action of the Board.

5.5 Open Meetings. Meetings of the Board shall be open to all members.

5.6 Voting. Board members shall cast votes in the manner provided in the Florida Statutes. In the absence of a statutory provision, the Board shall establish the manner in which votes shall be cast.

5.7 Notice of Board Meetings. Notices of meetings of the Board shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the Common Areas at least 48 hours in advance, except in an event of an emergency. Alternatively, notice may be given to members in any other manner provided by Florida Statute. By way of example, and not of limitation, notice may be given in any newsletter distributed to the members. Notices of any meetings of the Board at which Assessments against Lots are to be established shall specifically contain a statement that Assessments shall be considered and a statement of the nature of such Assessments.

6. Powers and Duties of the Board.

6.1 Powers. The Board shall, subject to the limitations and reservations set forth in the Declaration and Articles, have the powers reasonably necessary to manage, operate, maintain and discharge the duties of Association, including, but not limited to, the power to cause Association to do the following:

6.1.1 General. Exercise all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to Association by law and in these By-Laws, the Articles, and the Declaration, including, without

limitation, adopt budgets, levy Assessments, enter into contracts with Telecommunications Providers for Telecommunications Services.

6.1.2 Rules and Regulations. Adopt, publish, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of Simonton Court by the members, tenants and their guests and invitees, and to establish penalties and/or fines for the infraction thereof subject only to the requirements of the Florida Statutes, if any.

6.1.3 Enforcement. Suspend the right of use of the Common Areas (other than for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and for utilities) of a Member during any period in which such Member shall be in default in the payment of any Assessment or charge levied, or collected, by Association.

6.1.4 Hire Employees. Employ, on behalf of Association, managers, independent contractors, or such other employees as it deems necessary, to prescribe their duties and delegate to such manager, contractor, etc., any or all of the duties and functions of Association and/or its officers.

6.1.5 Common Areas. Dedicate, grant, license, lease, concession, create easements upon, sell or transfer all or any part of, the Common Areas to any public agency, entity, authority, utility or other person or entity for such purposes as subject to such conditions as it determines and as provided in the declaration; and acquire, sell, operate, lease, manage and otherwise trade and deal with property, real and personal, including the Common Areas, as provided in the Declaration, and with any other matters involving Association or its Members, on behalf of Association or the discharge of its duties, as may be necessary or convenient for the operation and management of Association and in accomplishing the purposes set forth in the Declaration.

6.1.6 Granting of Interest. Grant licenses, easements, permits, leases, or privileges to any individual or entity, which affect Common Areas and to alter, add to, relocate or improve the Common Areas as provided in the Declaration.

6.1.7 Financial Reports. Prepare all financial reports required by the Florida Statutes.

6.2 Vote. The Board shall exercise all powers so granted except where the Declaration, Articles or these By-Laws specifically require a vote of the members.

6.3 Limitations. Until the Turnover Date, Developer shall have and is hereby granted a right to disapprove or veto any such action, policy, or program proposed or authorized by Association, the Board, the ACC, any committee of Association, or the vote of the members. This right may be exercised by Developer at any time within ten (10) days following a meeting held pursuant to the terms and provisions hereof. This right to disapprove may be used to veto proposed actions but shall not extend to the requiring of any action or counteraction on behalf of Association, the Board, the ACC or any committee of Association.

7. Obligations of Association. Association, subject to the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, and these By-Laws, shall discharge such duties as may be necessary in order to operate Association pursuant to the Declaration, including, but not limited to, the following:

7.1 Official Records. Maintain and make available all Official Records.

7.2 Supervision. Supervise all officers, agents and employees of Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed.

7.3 Assessments and Fines. Fix and collect the amount of the Assessments and fines; take all necessary legal action; and pay, or cause to be paid, all obligations of Association or where Association has agreed to do so, of the members.

7.4 Enforcement. Enforce the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, these By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations.

8. Officers and Their Duties.

8.1 Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

8.2 Election of Officers. Except as set forth below, the election of officers shall be by the Board and shall take place at the first meeting of the Board following each Annual Members Meeting.

8.3 Term. The officers named in the Articles shall serve until their replacement by the Board. The officers of Association shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected unless such officer shall sooner resign, be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

8.4 Special Appointment. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of 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.

8.5 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. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein. Acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

8.6 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the replaced officer.

8.7 Multiple Offices. The office of President and Vice-President shall not be held by the same person. All other offices may be held by the same person.

8.8 Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

8.8.1 President. The President shall preside at all meetings of Association and Board, sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board. The President shall be a member of the Board.

8.8.2 Vice President. The Vice President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of the absence, inability or refusal to act of the President, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.

8.8.3 Secretary. The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the Minutes of all meetings and proceedings of Association and the Board; keep the corporate seal of Association and affix it on all papers required to be sealed; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of Association; keep appropriate current records showing the names of the members of Association together with their addresses; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.

8.8.4 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall cause to be received and deposited in appropriate bank accounts all monies of Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by the Board; sign, or cause to be signed, all checks, and promissory notes of Association; cause to be kept proper books of account and accounting records required pursuant to the provisions of Section 720.303 of the Florida Statutes cause to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles all financial reports required by the Florida Statutes; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.

9. Committees.

9.1 General. The Board may appoint such committees as deemed appropriate. The Board may fill any vacancies on all committees.

9.2 ACC. Developer shall have the sole right to appoint the members of the ACC until the Turnover Date. Upon expiration of the right of Developer to appoint members of the ACC, the Board shall appoint the members of the ACC. As provided under the Declaration,

Association shall have the authority and standing to seek enforcement in courts of competent jurisdiction any decisions of the ACC.

10. Records. The official records of Association shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of Association. Copies may be purchased, by a Member, at a reasonable cost.

11. Corporate Seal. Association shall have an impression seal in circular form.

12. Amendments.

12.1 General Restrictions on Amendments. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to these By-Laws shall affect the rights of Developer unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of Developer which may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to these By-Laws, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.

12.2 Amendments Prior to and Including the Turnover Date. Prior to and including the Turnover Date, Developer shall have the right to amend these By-Laws as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever. Developer's right to amend under this provision is to be construed as broadly as possible. In the event that Association shall desire to amend these By-Laws prior to and including the Turnover Date, Association must first obtain Developer's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. Thereafter, an amendment identical to that approved by Developer may be adopted by Association pursuant to the requirements for amendments after the Turnover Date. Thereafter, Developer shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records.

12.3 Amendments After the Turnover Date. After the Turnover Date, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, these By-Laws may be amended with the approval of (i) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board; and (ii) seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of Association at which there is a quorum. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these By-Laws may be amended after the Turnover Date by sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board acting alone to change the number of directors on the Board. Such change shall not require the approval of the Members. Any change in the number of directors shall not take effect until the next Annual Members Meeting.

13. Conflict. In the case of any conflict between the Articles and these By-Laws, the Articles shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

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

15. Miscellaneous.

15.1 Florida Statutes. Whenever these By-Laws refers to the Florida Statutes, it shall be deemed to refer to the Florida Statutes as they exist on the date these By-Laws are recorded except to the extent provided otherwise as to any particular provision of the Florida Statutes.

15.2 Severability. Invalidation of any of the provisions of these By-Laws by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, and the remainder of these By-Laws shall remain in full force and effect.