By-Laws

Of

MEADOWLAKE FARMS CLUSTER HOMES ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Name and Location The name of the corporation is MEADOWLAKE FARMS CLUSTER HOMES ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as the "Cluster Association". The mailing address of the corporation shall be 113H Heather Way, Yorktown, Virginia 23693, but meetings of members and directors shall be held at places within the Commonwealth of Virginia, reasonably convenient as may be designated by the Board of Directors. There is incorporated by reference these certain "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions" dated December 1, 1985 applicable to Meadowlake Farms and the terms used therein shall have the same meaning herein.

ARTICLE II

- <u>Section 1</u>. <u>Annual Meetings.</u> Each regular annual meeting of the members shall be held during the he month of November at 7:00 o'clock, P.M.
- 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 of the votes of the Class A 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 of such notice, postage prepaid, at least 15 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 members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-tenth (1/10) 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 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 be represented.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION: TERM OF OFFICE

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Number.</u> The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a <u>Board of five (5) Directors</u>, who need not be members of the Association.

Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting, the members shall elect two (2) directors for a term of three (3) years, two (2) directors for a term of two (2) years and one (1) director for a term of one (1) year; and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect one (1) director for a term of three (3) 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 Cluster 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.

<u>Section 4. Compensation.</u> No director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Cluster Association. However, any director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

<u>Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting.</u> 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 IV

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 (2) or more members of the ClusterAssociation. 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 close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. 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 or non-members.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Election.</u> 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 persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

- <u>Section 1.</u> 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.
- <u>Section 2.</u> <u>Special Meetings.</u> Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President of the Cluster 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 VI POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Powers.</u> The Board of Directors shall have power to:

- (a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Cluster 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 the recreational facilities within the Cluster Common Area of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Cluster 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 Cluster Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Cluster Association with respect to the Cluster Common Area 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 (1/4) of the Class A members who are entitled to vote;
- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Cluster 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; 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 Cluster Association. The Cluster Association shall have fire and extended coverage insurance for no less than one hundred percent (100%) of replacement cost of insurable common property. Such insurance must name as the insured the Meadowlake Farms Cluster Homes Association for the benefit of the lot owners in Meadowlake Farms.
- (f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded. The Cluster Association shall have fidelity coverage against dishonest acts on the part of directors, managers, trustees, employees or volunteers responsible for handling funds collected and held for the benefit of the lot owners. The fidelity bond or insurance must name the Meadowlake Farms Cluster Homes Association as the named insured and shall be written in an amount sufficient to provide protection which is in no event less than one and one-half times the insured's estimated annual operating expenses and reserves. In connection with such coverage, an appropriate endorsement to the policy to cover any persons who serve without compensation shall be added if the policy would not otherwise cover volunteers.
- (g) The Cluster Association shall have a comprehensive policy of public liability insurance covering all of the common property. Such insurance policy shall contain a "severability of interest" clause or endorsement which shall preclude the insurer from denying the claim of a lot owner because of negligent acts of the Cluster Association, or

other unit owners. Coverage shall be for at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal injury and/or property damage.

(h) cause the Cluster Common Area to be maintained.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

- <u>Section 1</u>. <u>Enumeration of Officers.</u> The officers of this Cluster 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.
- <u>Section 2.</u> <u>Election of Officers.</u> The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the members.
- <u>Section 3.</u> <u>Term.</u> The officers of this Cluster Association shall be elected annually by the Board 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 Cluster 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 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.
- <u>Section 6.</u> <u>Vacancies.</u> A vacancy in any office may be filled appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.
- <u>Section 7.</u> <u>Multiple Offices.</u> The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than 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) <u>President.</u> The president shall preside at all meetings of Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the board carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other writ instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

- (b) <u>Vice President.</u> The vice president shall act in the place stead of the president in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to a and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him the Board.
- (c) <u>Secretary.</u> The secretary shall record the votes and keep minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; keep corporate seal of the Cluster 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 Cluster Association together with the addresses; receive requests, process, bill and deliver disclosure packages provided for by the Virginia Property Owners' Association Act (Virginia CI Section 55-512), and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board
- (d) <u>Treasurer.</u> The treasurer shall receive and deposit appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Cluster 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 annual audit of the Cluster Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; cause to be filed all Local, State and Federal Tax Returns required by law; 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 VIII

COMMITTEES

The Cluster Association through its Board of Directors shall appoint such committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

ARTICLE IX

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 Cluster Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at a reasonable cost.

ARTICLE X

<u>ASSESSMENTS</u>

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each member is obligated to pay to the Cluster 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 eight (8%) percent per annum, and the Cluster 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's fees of any such action 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 Lot.

ARTICLE XI

CORPORATE SEAL

The Cluster Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: MEADOWLAKE FARMS CLUSTER HOMES ASSOCIATION, a Virginia Corporation.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the members, by a vote of a majority or a quorum of members present in person or by proxy.

<u>Section 2</u>. 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 XIII

MISCELLANEOUS

The fiscal year of the Cluster 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.