BYLAWS OF

RIVERSTONE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Article I

Name, Principal Office and Definitions

- 1.1. <u>Name.</u> The name of the corporation is Riverstone Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association").
- 1.2. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Association shall be located in Wake County, North Carolina. The Association may have such other offices, either within or outside the State of North Carolina, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require.
- 1.3. <u>Definitions</u>. The words used in these Bylaws shall be given their normal, commonly understood definitions. Capitalized terms shall have the same meaning as set forth in that Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Riverstone Estates Homeowners Association filed in the Registry of Deeds of Wake County, North Carolina, as it may be amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), unless the context indicates otherwise.

Article II Association: Membership, Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies

- 2.1. <u>Membership.</u> The Association shall have two classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B", as more fully set forth in the Declaration, the terms of which pertaining to membership are incorporated by this reference.
- 2.2. <u>Place of Meetings.</u> Meetings of the Association shall be held at the Principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Members as the Board may designate, either within the Properties or as convenient as possible and practical.
- 2.3. <u>Annual Meetings.</u> The first meeting of the Association, whether a regular or special meeting, shall be held within one year from the date of incorporation of the Association. Subsequent regular annual meetings shall be set by the Board so as to occur during the third quarter of the Association's fiscal year on a date and at a time set by the Board.
- 2.4. <u>Special Meetings.</u> The President may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting if so directed by resolution of the Board.

2.5. <u>Notice of Meeting.</u> Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of the Members shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than 10 nor more than 60 days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting.

In the case of a special meeting or when otherwise required by statute or these By-Laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Member at its address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage prepaid.

- 2.6 <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the Members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Member may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a Member or the Member's proxy shall be deemed waiver by such Member of notice of the time, date, and place thereof, unless such Member or proxy specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting also shall be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted at such meeting unless an objection on the basis of lack of proper notice is raised before the business is put to a vote.
- 2.7 Adjournment of Meetings. If any meeting of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, Members or their proxies holding a majority of the votes represented at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than 5 nor more than 30 days from the time the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called.
- 2.8. <u>Voting</u>. The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration and in these By-Laws, and the voting rights provisions and restrictions described in the Declaration are specifically incorporated by this reference.
- 2.9. Proxies. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person (if a corporation, partnership or trust through any officer, director, partner or trustee duly authorized to act on behalf of the Member) or by proxy, subject to the limitations of North Carolina law. Each proxy shall be in writing, dated, signed by the Member or its duly authorized attorney-in fact, dated and filed with the Secretary of the Association prior to any meeting for which it is to be effective. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the proxy, a proxy shall be presumed to cover all votes which the Member giving such proxy is entitled to cast, and in the event of any conflict between two or more proxies purporting to cover the same voting rights, the later dated proxy shall prevail, or if dated as of the same date, both shall be deemed invalid. Every proxy shall be revocable

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and shall automatically cease upon conveyance of the Member's Unit, or upon receipt of notice by the Secretary of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a Member who is a natural person, or of written revocation, or upon the expiration of 11 months from the date of the proxy, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

- 2.10. <u>Majority</u>. As used in these By-Laws, the term "majority" shall mean those votes, owners, or other group, as the context may indicate, totaling more than 50% of the total eligible number.
- 2.11. Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws or in the Declaration, the presence, in person or by proxy, of Members representing 20% of the total Class "A" and Class "B" votes in the Association, that are entitled to vote on any matter to be decided at said meeting shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association.
- 2.12. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at such meetings, as well as maintain a record of all transactions occurring at such meetings.
- 2.13. Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted by law to be taken at a meeting of the Members may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if written consent specifically authorizing the proposed action is signed by all Members holding at least the minimum number of votes necessary to authorize such action at a meeting if all Members entitled to vote thereon were present. Such consents shall be signed within 60 days after receipt of the earliest dated consent, dated and delivered to the Association at its principal place of business in North Carolina. Such consent shall be filed with the minutes of the Association, and shall have the same force and effect as a vote of the Members at a meeting. Within 10 days after receiving authorization for any action by written consent, the Secretary shall give written notice to all Members entitled to vote who did not give their written consent, fairly summarizing the material features of the authorized action.
- 2.14. <u>Action by Members.</u> Except as may be otherwise specifically set forth in the Declaration, the Articles or these By-Laws, the vote of a majority of all votes entitled to be cast by the Members, present or represented by legitimate proxy at a legally constituted meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be the act of the Members.

Article III Board of Directors: Number, Powers, Meetings

A. <u>Composition and Selection.</u>

3.1. Governing Body; Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, each of whom shall have one equal vote. Directors need not be Members. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to delegate any of its duties to agents, employees, committees, or others; provided, however, in the event of

such delegations, the Board of Directors shall remain responsible for any action undertaken by such delegate.

- 3.2. <u>Number of Directors</u>. The number of directors shall be three, as provided in Sections 3.3 and 3.5 below.
- 3.3. <u>Directors During Class "B" Control Period</u>. Until termination of the Class "B" Control Period, all of the directors shall be selected by the Class "B" Member acting in its sole discretion and shall serve at the pleasure of the Class "B" Member.
- 3.4. <u>Nomination of Directors</u>. Except with respect to directors selected by the Class "B" Member, nominations for election to the Board shall be made from the floor. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the Members and to solicit votes.
- 3.5. Election and Term of Office After Termination of the Class "B" Control Period. At the first annual meeting of the membership after the termination of the Class "B" Control Period, the Class "A" Members shall elect all three members of the Board of Directors.

Each Class "A" Member shall be entitled to cast, with respect to each vacancy to be filled by the votes of the same, the total number of votes to which each Member is entitled under the Declaration. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted. The candidate(s) receiving the most votes shall be elected. The directors shall hold office until the respective successors have been elected. Directors may be elected to serve any number of consecutive terms, but no more than one term per election.

3.6. Removal of Directors and Vacancies. Any director elected by the Class "A" Members may be removed, with or without cause, by Members holding a majority of the votes entitled to be cast the election of such director. Any director whose removal is sought shall be given notice prior to any meeting called for that purpose. Upon removal of a director, a successor shall be elected by the Members entitled to elect the director so removed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of such director.

In the event of the death, disability, or resignation of a director, the Board may declare a vacancy and appoint a successor to serve until the next annual meeting, at which time a successor shall be elected to serve the remaining portion, if any, of the term of the director who created the vacancy.

This Section shall not apply to directors appointed by the Class "B" Member. The Class "B" Member shall be entitled to appoint a successor to fill any vacancy on the Board resulting from the death, disability or resignation of a director appointed by the Class "B" Member.

B. Meetings.

- 3.7. Organizational Meetings. The first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the membership shall be held within 10 days thereafter at such time and place as the Board shall fix.
- 3.8. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place as a majority of the directors shall determine, but at least four such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year with at least one per quarter.
- 3.9. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by written notice signed by the President, Vice President or by any two directors.

3.10. Notice; Waiver of Notice.

- (a) Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors shall specify the time and place of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each director by: (a) personal delivery; (b) first class mail, postage prepaid; (c) telephone communication, either directly to the director or to a person at the director's office or home who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the director; or (d) facsimile with confirmation of transmission.
- (b) The transactions of any meeting of the Board, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if (i) a quorum is present and (ii) either before or after the meeting each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting also shall be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.
- 3.11. Quorum of Board of Directors; Telephonic Participation. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Directors may establish a quorum by use of a telephone conference provided all directors participating in the meeting can hear each other. The votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board, unless otherwise specifically provided in these By-Laws or the Declaration. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this subsection shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

If any meeting of the Board cannot be held because a quorum is not present, the director present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than 5 nor more than 30 days from the date of the original meeting. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.

- 3.12. Compensation. Directors shall not receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such unless approved by the Members representing a majority of the total Class "A" and Class "B" votes in the Association at a regular or special meeting of the Association. Any director may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association upon approval of a majority of the other directors. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Association from compensating a director, or any entity with which a director is affiliated, for services or supplies furnished to the Association in a capacity other than as a director pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Association, provided that such director's interest was made known to the Board prior to entering into such contract and such contract was approved by a majority of the Board of Directors, excluding the interested director.
- 3.13. Conduct of Meetings. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of Board meetings, recording all Board resolutions and all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings.
- 3.14. Notice to Owners; Open Meetings. Notice of any meeting at which assessments are to be established shall state that fact and the nature of the assessment. Subject to the provisions of Section 3.15, all meetings of the Board shall be open to all Members and their representatives, but Members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless permission to speak is expressly authorized by a vote of a majority of a quorum of the Board. Notwithstanding the above, the President may adjourn any meeting of the Board and reconvene in executive session, excluding Members and their representatives, to discuss employment or personnel matters, legal advice from an attorney for the Board or the Association, pending or contemplated litigation, or pending or contemplated matters relating to enforcement of the Declaration, By-Laws or rules of the Association.
- 3.15. Action Without a Formal Meetings. Any action to be taken at a meeting of the directors or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken Without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

C. Powers and Duties.

- 3.16 Powers. The Board of Directors shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and for performing all responsibilities and exercising all rights of the Association as set forth in the Declaration, these By-Laws, the Articles and as provided by law, including without limitation, the power/authority to appoint committees to assist the Board in carrying out its responsibilities. The Board may do or cause to be done all acts and things as are not by the Declaration, Articles, these By-Laws, or North Carolina law directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the Members.
- 3.16. Duties. The duties of the Board shall include, without limitation:

- (a) preparing and adopting annual budgets in which there shall be established each Owner's share of the Common Expenses;
 - (b) assessing and collecting such assessments from the Owners;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of the Area of Common Responsibility;
- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary to carry out the rights and responsibilities of the Association and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and materials to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;
- (e) depositing all funds received on behalf of the Association in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using such funds to operate the Association; provided, any reserve fund may be deposited, in the directors' best business judgment in depositories other than banks;
- (f) making and amending Use Restrictions and Rules and Regulations in accordance with the Declaration, if delegated to the Beard by the Declarant:
- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to or alterations of property of the Association in accordance with the Declaration and these By Laws;
- (i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws and the rules adopted by it and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association;
- (i) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, paying the cost of the premium thereof, and filing and adjusting claims, as appropriate;
- (k) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its Members, which are not directly chargeable to the Owners;
- (1) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Association and its administration and specifying maintenance, repair and other expenses incurred;
 - (m) indemnifying a director, officer or committee member, or

former director, officer or committee member of the Association to the extent such indemnity is required under North Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation or the Declaration; and

- (n) appointing an architectural review committee in accordance with the terms of the Declaration.
- 3.18 Right of Class "B" Member to Disapprove Actions. So long as the Class "B" membership exists, the Class "B" Member shall have a right to disapprove any action, policy or program of the Association, the Board and any committee which, in the sole judgment of the Class "B' Member, would tend to impair rights of the Declarant under the Declaration or these By-Laws, or interfere with development of or construction on any portion of the Properties, or diminish the level of services being provided by the Association.
- (a) The Class "B" Member shall be given written notice of all meetings and proposed actions approved at meetings (or by written consent in lieu of a meeting) of the Association, the Board or any committee. Such notice shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery at the address it has registered with the Secretary of the Association, and shall comply as to Board meetings with Sections 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10, and which notice shall, except in the case of the regular meetings held pursuant to the By-Laws, set forth in reasonable particularity the agenda to be followed at such meeting; and
- (b) The Class "B" Member shall be given the opportunity at any such meeting to join in or to have its representatives or agents join in discussion from the floor of any prospective action, policy, or program which would be subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein.

No action, policy or program subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein shall become effective or be implemented until and unless the requirements of subsections (a) or (b) above have been met.

The Class "B" Member, its representatives or agents shall make its concerns, thoughts, and suggestions known to the Board and/or the members of the subject committee. The Class "B" Member, acting through any officer or director, agent or authorized representative, may exercise its right to disapprove at any time within 10 days following the meeting at which such action was proposed or, in the case of any action taken by written consent in lieu of a meeting, at any time within 10 days following receipt of written notice of the proposed action. This right to disapprove may be used to block proposed actions but shall not include a right to require any action or counteraction on behalf of any committee, or the Board or the Association. The Class "B" Member shall not use its right to disapprove to reduce the level of services which the Association is obligated to provide or to prevent capital repairs or any expenditure required to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

- 3.19. <u>Management.</u> The Board of Directors may retain for the Association a professional management agent or agents at such compensation as the Board may establish, to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize.
- 3.20. <u>Borrowing</u>. The Association shall have the power to borrow money for any legal purpose; provided, the Board shall obtain the approval of Class "A" and Class "B" Members holding at least 51% of the votes in the Association represented in person or by proxy at a duly constituted meeting if the proposed borrowing, together with all other debt incurred within the previous 12-month period, exceeds or would exceed 5% of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year.
- 3.21. Right to Contract. The Association shall have the right to contract with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions. This right shall include, without limitation, the right to enter into common management, operational, or other agreements with trusts, condominiums, cooperatives, or property owners or similar associations, within and outside the Properties; provided, any common management agreement shall require the consent of a majority of the total number of directors of the Association.
- 3.22. <u>Enforcement.</u> In addition to such other rights as are specifically granted under the Declaration, the Board shall have the power to impose monetary fines, which shall constitute a lien upon the Unit of the violator, and to suspend an Owner's right to vote for violation of any duty imposed under the Declaration, these By-Laws, or the Association rules. In addition, the Board may suspend any services provided by the Association to an Owner or the Owner's Unit if the Owner is more than 30 days delinquent in paying any assessment or other charges owed to the Association. The failure of the Board to enforce any provision of the Declaration, By-Laws, or any rule shall not be deemed a waiver of the right of the Board to do so thereafter.
- (a) Notice. Prior to imposition of any sanction hereunder or under the Declaration, the Board or its delegate shall serve the alleged violator with written notice describing (i) the nature of the alleged violation, (ii) the proposed sanction to be imposed, (iii) a period of not less than 10 days within which the alleged violator may present a written request for a hearing to the Board; and (iv) a statement that the proposed sanction shall be imposed as contained in the notice unless a challenge is begun within 10 days of the notice. If a timely challenge is not made, the sanction stated in the notice shall be imposed; provided, the Board may, but shall not be obligated to, suspend any proposed sanction if the violation is cured within the 10 day period. Such suspension shall not constitute a waiver of the right to sanction future violations of the same or other provisions and rules by any Person.
- (b) <u>Hearing</u>. If a hearing is requested within the allotted 10 day period, the hearing shall be held before the Board in executive session. The alleged violator shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing and the sanction, if any, imposed.
 - (c) <u>Additional Enforcement</u> Rights. Notwithstanding anything

to the contrary in this Article, the Board may elect to enforce any provision of the Declaration, these By-Laws, or the rules of the Association by self-help, or by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both, without the necessity of compliance with the procedure set forth above. In any such action, to the maximum extent permissible, the Owner or occupant responsible for the violation of which abatement is sought shall pay all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred. Any entry onto a Unit for the purpose of exercising this power of self-help shall not be deemed a trespass.

Article IV Officers

- 4.1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Secretary shall be elected from among the members of the Board; other officers may, but need not be members of the Board. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.
- 4.2. <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. The Board shall elect the officers of the Association at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the Members, to serve until their successors are elected.
- 4.3. <u>Removal and Vacancies</u>. The Board may remove any officer whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association will be served, and may fill any vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, for the unexpired portion of the term.
- 4.4. <u>Duties</u>. The duties of the officers, unless otherwise stated by a resolution of the Board, are as follows:
- (a) <u>President:</u> The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Association, and subject to the control of the Board, shall supervise and control the management of the Association. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds, promissory notes and other written instruments and may co-sign all checks.
- (b) <u>Vice President:</u> 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) <u>Secretary:</u> The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members, shall keep the corporate seal of the Association and shall affix it on all papers requiring said seal, shall serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the Members, shall 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. The Secretary shall also prepare, execute, certify and record amendments to the Declaration, with respect to any such amendments which, under the terms of the Declaration, are required to be prepared, executed, certified, or recorded by the Association.

- (d) <u>Treasurer:</u> 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, shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association, shall keep proper books of account, and shall prepare an annual report to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy to each of the Members.
- 4.5. Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, 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.
- 4.6. <u>Compensation.</u> Compensation of officers shall be subject to the same limitations as compensation of directors under Section 3.12.

Article V

Miscellaneous

- 5.1. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be set by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of a resolution, the fiscal year shall be the calendar year.
- 5.2. <u>Parliamentary Rules</u>. Except as may be modified by Board resolution, <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> (current edition) shall govern the conduct of Rules Association proceedings when not in conflict with North Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-Laws.
- 5.3. <u>Conflicts</u>. If there are conflicts between the provisions of North Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, and these By-Laws, the provisions of North Carolina law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws (in that order) shall prevail.

5.4 Amendment; Effective Date of Amendments.

- (a) The Class "B" Member shall have the right to unilaterally amend these By-Laws for any purpose during the Class "B" Control Period.
- (b) Except as provided above, these By-Laws may be amended only by the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Members representing

51% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association. However, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause.

(c) Amendments to these By-Laws shall become effective upon recordation in the Registry of Deeds of Wake County, North Carolina, unless a later effective date is specified therein. Any procedural challenge to an amendment must be made within six months of its recordation or such amendment shall be presumed to have been validly adopted. In no event shall a change of conditions or circumstances operate to amend any provisions of these By-Laws.

If an Owner consents to any amendment to the Declaration or these By-Laws, it will be conclusively presumed that such Owner has the authority so to consent and no contrary provision in any Mortgage or contract between the Owner and a third party will affect the validity of such amendment.

No amendment may remove, revoke or modify and right or privilege of, nor impose any obligation upon, the Class "B" Member without the written consent of the Class "B" Member, or the assignee of such right or privilege.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby, certify:

That I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of Riverstone Estates Homeowners Association, Inc., a North Carolina corporation;

That the foregoing By-Laws constitute the original By-Laws of said Association, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof held on the 22 day May, 2017

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this 22 day of May, 2017.

Riverstone Estates Homeowners Assocation, Inc.

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Name: Deepakraj Narayana

Title: Secretary

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

RIVERSTONE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pursuant to Section § 55A-2-02 of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, the undersigned, being a natural person of full age, does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation.

- 1. The name of the corporation is RIVERSTONE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "Association"). The Association is the same association contemplated by that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Riverstone Estates Subdivision recorded or to be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, North Carolina, executed by Riverstone Estates, LLC, as Developer (the "Declaration"). The terms "Developer," "Common Property," "Lot," "Owner," and "Member" as used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Declaration.
- 2. The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.
- 3. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:
 - a. To maintain, repair and replace certain common areas located in the Township of New Hope, County of Chatham, State of North Carolina, and shown on that certain Plat for Riverstone Estates Subdivision recorded in the Chatham County Register of Deeds at Book 2017 Page 149-150;
 - b. To own, purchase, manage, maintain, repair and replace any or all of the equipment or other property of any type, used in connection with the functions described in Article 3(a) above;
 - c. To establish an orderly, equitable and efficient system of billing to pay for the expenses incurred in the furtherance of the aforesaid purposes;
 - d. To promulgate such rules and regulations and perform such deeds and acts as are deemed necessary to achieve the aforesaid objectives and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the members of this corporation; and
 - e. The transaction of any lawful activity which a corporation organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Act (North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 55A) of the State of North Carolina by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.
- 4. The powers of the corporation in furtherance of the purposes set out in Article 3 above are as follows:
 - a. To exercise all of the powers and privileges and perform all of the duties and obligations of things reasonably necessary or desirable for carrying

- out the purposes set forth herein or as set forth in the Declaration and for protecting the lawful rights and interests of its members in connection therewith;
- b. To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment, by any lawful means, of all charges or assessments to members and to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the corporation, including all license fees, taxes or governmental charges levied thereon;
- c. To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of the real property subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members as provided in the bylaws;
- d. borrow money and mortgage, pledge, convey by deed of trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- e. To dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of its property to any public agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members as provided in the bylaws;
- f. To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act (North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 55A) by law may now or hereafter have or exercise; and
- g. To participate in mergers and consolidations with other nonprofit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional property and open space.
- 5. The corporation shall have members with such designations, rights, powers and privileges as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.
- 6. The directors of the corporation shall be elected by the members in the manner provided in the bylaws.
- 7. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director or member of the corporation; and upon dissolution of the corporation the assets thereof shall, after all of its liabilities and obligations have been discharged or adequate provision made therefor, be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which the corporation was created or, in the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, distributed to any association or associations organized for purposes similar to those set forth in Article 3 hereinabove, all as more particularly provided in the bylaws of the corporation.
- 8. The corporation may be dissolved only with the assent in writing and signed by all members.

- 9. The mailing address for the registered agent office is: 4020 WestChase Blvd, Ste 530 Wake County, NC 27607; and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is PSL Services, LLC.
- 10. The street and mailing address of the principal office of the corporation is c/o REIT Place, LLC, 4004 NC HWY 55, Cary, Wake County, NC 27519.
- 11. Every director and officer of the Association shall have no personal liability for monetary damages arising out of an action whether by or in the name of the Association or otherwise for breach of any duty as director or officer, except for liability with respect to (i) acts or omissions that the director or officer at the time of the breach new or believed were clearly in conflict with the best interest of the Association; (ii) any liability under NC Gen Stat§ 55A-8-32 or 55A-8-33; or (iii) any transaction from which the director or officer derived an improper personal benefit. If the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act as amended to authorize corporate action for further eliminating or limiting personal liability of directors and officers, when the liability of a director or officer of the Association shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act, as so amended.

Any repeal or modification of the foregoing paragraph shall not adversely affect any right or protection of the director of the Association existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

- 12. The name and address of the incorporator is: Norman D. Praet at 4020 WestChase Blvd, Ste 530, Raleigh, NC 27607
- 13. Amendment of these Articles shall require the assent of the holders of two-thirds of the votes of Members present in person or by proxy at the meeting at which the vote is taken. The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by the holders of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes of each class of the Members; provided, so long as the Declaration is in effect, the Association cannot be dissolved unless a successor corporation of Lot Owners is organized to assume the duties and responsibilities of the Association. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger on consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of May 2017.

, Incorporator

Norman D. Praet