**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION** 

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# OASIS RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, In Corporations Section

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or more and a citizen of the State of Texas, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### ARTICLE ONE

The name of the Corporation is Oasis Ranch Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

#### **ARTICLE TWO**

The Association is a non-profit corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. No part of the income of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any of its members or any other individual. The Association shall not carry on any activity for the profit of its members, or distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to any of its members or engage, except to an insubstantial degree, in any activities which are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE THREE**

The period of duration of the Association is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE FOUR

The street address of the initial registered office of the Association is Suite 106, 7500 Viscount, El Paso, Texas 79925, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is James Tobin.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

The primary purpose for which the Association is formed is to be and constitute the corporation to which reference is made in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Oasis Ranch (hereinafter called the "Declaration") recorded or to be recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of El Paso County, Texas, as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof, to exercise all rights and powers specified in the Declaration, in the Association's By-Laws (the "By-Laws"), and as provided by law, and to further the interests of the owners of the property subject to the Declaration, and such other property as may hereafter be annexed to the jurisdiction of the Association.

In furtherance of its purposes, the Association shall have the following powers, which, unless indicated otherwise by the Declaration or the By-Laws, may be exercised by the Association's Board of Directors:

- A. all of the powers conferred upon non-profit corporations by common law and the statutes of the State of Texas in effect from time to time;
- B. all of the powers necessary or desirable to perform the obligations and duties and to exercise the rights and powers set out in these Articles, the Declaration, or the By-Laws, including, without limitation, the following:
  - (i) preparing and adopting annual budgets of the Association's expenses;
  - (ii) making assessments to defray the Association's expenses as set forth in the Declaration and collecting such assessments:

- (iii) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all of the property and facilities owned by the Association and the property and facilities within or in the vicinity of the property within the jurisdiction of the Association not owned by the Association as set forth in the Declaration;
- (iv) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and the maintenance, operation, repair, and replacement of its property 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:
- (v) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to operate the Association;
  - (vi) making and amending rules and regulations;
- (vii) opening bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (viii) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to or alterations of the Association's property in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty;
- (ix) enforcing the covenants, conditions, and restrictions created by the Declaration and the rules and regulations adopted by the Association, and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the owners of property subject to the Declaration;
- (x) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities as provided in the Declaration, including directors and officers liability insurance, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- (xi) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its members and not chargeable directly to specific property owners;
- (xii) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred;

- (xiii) making available (for a reasonable charge) to any prospective purchaser of a portion of the property subject to the Declaration or any mortgagee, and the holders, insurers, and guarantors of a mortgage, current copies of the Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws, the rules governing such property and all other books, records, and financial statements of the Association;
- (xiv) permitting utility suppliers and suppliers of other services to use portions of the Association's property;
- (xv) engaging in activities which will foster, promote, and advance the common interests of the owners of property within the jurisdiction of the Association;
- (xvi) buying or otherwise acquiring, selling, or otherwise disposing of, mortgaging, or otherwise encumbering, exchanging, leasing, holding, using, operating, and otherwise dealing in and with real and personal property of all kinds and any right or interest therein for any purpose of the Association, which shall include the power to foreclose its lien on any property subject to the Declaration, by judicial or nonjudicial means;
- (xvii) borrowing money for any purpose subject to such limitations as may be contained in the Declaration or the By-Laws;
- (xviii) entering into, making, performing, and enforcing contracts of every kind and description, and doing all other acts necessary, appropriate, or advisable in carrying out any purpose of the Association, with or in association with any other association, corporation, or other entity or agency, public or private;
- (xix) acting as agent, trustee, or other representative of other corporations, firms, or individuals, and as such to advance the business or ownership interests in such corporations, firms, or individuals:
- (xx) adopting, altering, and amending or repealing such By-Laws as may be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Association; provided, however, such By-Laws may not be inconsistent with or contrary to any provisions of the Declaration; and
- (xxi) providing or contracting for services benefitting the property subject to the Declaration, including, without limitation, electric services, telecommunication services, cable television

services, garbage removal and other services as may be necessary or desirable.

The foregoing enumeration of powers shall not limit or restrict in any manner the exercise of other and further rights and powers which may now or hereafter be allowed or permitted by law; and the powers specified in each of the paragraphs of this Article are independent powers, not to be restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other paragraph or provisions of this Article.

#### ARTICLE SIX

The Association shall be a membership corporation without certificates or shares of stock. Each and every person or entity who owns a Lot (as defined in the Declaration) within the property subject to the jurisdiction of the Association, including contract sellers, but excluding any person or entity who holds an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation or those owning an easement right, a mineral interest, or a royalty interest, shall be a member of the Association (each of such persons or entities being hereinafter referred to as an "Owner"). Membership in the Association shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a Lot.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN

The Association shall have two classes of membership:

(a) <u>CLASS A</u>. Class "A" Members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Declarant (as defined in the Declaration). Class "A" Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot of which they are the Owner. In the event the Owner of a Lot is one or more persons or entities, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Members among themselves determine but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to each Lot in which such Members own undivided interests. The vote for such Lot shall be suspended in the event more than one Member seeks to exercise it. The voting rights of a Lot owned by a

corporation, a partnership or other entity shall be exercised by the individual designated from time to time by the Owner in a written instrument provided to the Secretary of the Association.

(b) <u>CLASS B.</u> The Class "B" Member shall be the Declarant who shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot of which it is the Owner.

The Class "B" membership shall cease and be converted to Class "A" membership on the earlier of (i) the date that the number of Class "A" votes equals the number of Class "B" votes or (ii) on December 31, 2010 or on such earlier date that the Declarant, in its discretion, determines and specifies in an instrument recorded in the real property records of El Paso County, Texas.

#### **ARTICLE EIGHT**

The Association shall act through a board of directors (the "Board of Directors" or the "Board") containing a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members which shall manage the affairs of the Association as specified in the By-Laws.

Members of the Board need not be members of the Association. The initial Board shall contain three (3) members and the names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors who are to serve until their successors are appointed or elected are:

- (1) Alberto Medina Suite 106, 7500 Viscount El Paso, Texas 79925
- (2) Norberto Barcenas Suite 106, 7500 Viscount El Paso, Texas 79925
- (3) Leslie James Suite 106, 7500 Viscount El Paso, Texas 79925

The number of directors may be changed at any time, within the above specified minimum and maximum numbers, by the Board of Directors provided that a reduction

in the number of directors shall not shorten the term of any director. The method of election of appointment or members of the Board, removal and filling of vacancies, and the term of office of directors shall be as set forth in the By-Laws. The Board may delegate such operating authority to such companies, individuals, or committees as it, in its discretion, may determine.

#### **ARTICLE NINE**

The By-Laws of the Association may be amended at any time by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE TEN

The Association reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision of these Articles in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law; provided, however, any amendment of these Articles must be approved by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of each class of the members of the Association who are voting, in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for such purpose.

#### ARTICLE ELEVEN

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which the Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

#### ARTICLE TWELVE

The name and address of the incorporator of the Association is:

Richard L. Rose

800 First City Tower 1001 Fannin Street Houston, Texas 77002

#### ARTICLE THIRTEEN

The Association shall indemnify any person who is or was a director of the Association against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses actually incurred by such person in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil or criminal in nature, in which he is made a party by reason of being or having been a director or serving at the Association's request to the fullest extent permitted by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act or the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act.

#### ARTICLE FOURTEEN

As long as there is a Class "B" membership in the Association, the amendment of the Association's Articles of Incorporation, the merger, consolidation or dissolution of the Association, the mortgaging of Common Area (as defined in the Declaration), and the annexation of property by the Association shall require the approval of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or the Veterans Administration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Texas, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this III day of MAY, 1999.

Richard L. Rose

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# The State of Texas Secretary of State

# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

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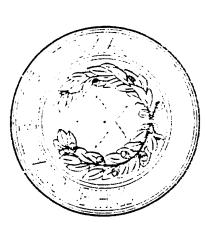
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VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE SECRETARY BY LAM, HEREBY ISSUES THIS AND BY STATE ACCORDINGLY, THE UNDERSIGNED, AS SECRETARY OF CERTIFICATE OF INCURPURATION.

ANOTHER UNDER THE FEDERAL TRADLMARK ACT OF 1946, THE TEXAS TRADEMARK LAW, 90 **AUTHURI 2E** THE USE OF A CORPORATE NAME IN THIS STATE IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS COMMON LAM. ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION DOES NOT ASSUMED BUSINESS OR PRUFESSIONAL HAME ACT OR THE THE

DATED MAY 14, 1999

EFFECTIVE MAY 14, 1991



Elton Bomer, Secretary of State

#### BY-LAWS

OF

#### OASIS RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### ARTICLE I

#### NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation is Oasis Ranch Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"). The principal office of the Association shall be located at such place as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. Meetings of Members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Texas as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE II

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to Oasis Ranch Homeowners Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

<u>Section 2</u>. "Common Area" shall mean and refer to all properties, real or personal, owned, leased or used by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Members of the Association.

<u>Section 3</u>. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Geo-Beazer, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership doing business as Premier Communities, its successors and assigns, provided that an assign is designated in writing by such partnership as an assign of all, or part, of its rights under the Declaration.

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Section 4. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Oasis Ranch executed by the Declarant and recorded or to be recorded in the Official Public Records of Real Property of El Paso County, Texas, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided.

Section 5. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any of the numbered lots shown on the recorded plat of a subdivision within the Properties, intended for the construction of a residence.

Section 6. "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity which holds a Membership in the Association.

Section 7. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot, including contract sellers, but excluding those having an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation or those owning an easement right, a mineral interest, or a royalty interest.

Section 9. "Properties" shall mean and refer to the real property within the jurisdiction of the Association.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the Members shall be held within one year after the date of the conveyance of the first completed residence within the Properties to a home buyer on a date designated by the Association's Board of Directors, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the Members shall be

held in the same month of each year thereafter, on a date and at a time designated by the Board of Directors.

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 the aggregate votes of the Members.

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 at such meeting, addressed to the Member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by such Member of 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-fifth (1/5th) of the votes of each class of the Members 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, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting.

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 Lot.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors containing a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members. Members of the Board need not be Members of the Association. The number of directors may be changed at any time, subject to the above specified minimum and maximum numbers, by the Board of Directors provided that a reduction in the number of directors shall not shorten the term of any director.

Section 2. Term of Office. Prior to the expiration of the Class B membership in the Association, all directors shall be appointed by the Declarant. At the first annual meeting after the expiration of the Class B Membership the Members shall elect one (1) director for a term of one (1) year and two (2) directors for a term of two (2) years. At each annual meeting of the Members thereafter the Members shall elect the number of directors equal to the number of directors whose terms expire at such time for a term of two (2) years.

Section 3. Removal. The Declarant may remove any director without cause prior to the expiration of the Class B Membership. Thereafter, the Members may

remove any director with or without cause by a majority vote at a meeting of the Members called for such purpose provided, however, the removal of a member of the Board without cause prior to the date the Declarant has sold and conveyed all of its Lots in the Properties shall require approval by the Declarant. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by Declarant prior to the expiration of the Class B Membership and thereafter 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 upon submission of an expense report and approval thereof by the Board.

Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting. The directors shall have the right to take any action which they could take at a meeting by execution of a written consent instrument signed by all of the directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

#### ARTICLE V

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Nomination. Nominations for election to the Board of Directors after the expiration of the Class B Membership in the Association 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 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.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors after the expiration of the Class B Membership in the Association shall be by secret written ballot at the annual meeting. 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

Section I. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place and with such frequency as the Board from time to time deems necessary.

<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 Association, or by any two directors, after no 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 located thereupon, and the personal conduct of the Members or their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof:
- (b) suspend the voting rights, the right to use the Association's facilities and the provision of services by the Association to a Member, including without limitation, cable television, during any period in which such Member shall be delinquent in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association in excess of 30 days. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed 60 days for infraction of the Board's published rules and regulations;
- (c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to the Association 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 the Board of Directors deems necessary, and to prescribe their duties.

# <u>Section 2</u>. <u>Duties</u>. 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-third (1/3) of the Members who are entitled to vote;

- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of the 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 as set forth in the Declaration;
  - (2) send written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto as set forth in the Declaration; and
  - (3) foreclose the lien against any property for which assessments are not paid 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 and, at the option of the Board of Directors, directors and officers liability insurance;
- (f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;
  - (g) cause the Common Area to be maintained; and
- (h) perform the other duties of the Association set forth in the Declaration.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Offices. 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, 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.

Section 3. Term. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (I) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise be 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 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.

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 or president 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.

## 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 may be 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; if requested by the Board, shall cause an 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 presented to the Membership at its regular annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### COMMITTEES

The Association shall appoint a Nominating Committee as provided in these By-Laws. The Board of Directors may appoint other committees as specified in the Declaration or as it deems appropriate in carrying out its purposes.

#### ARTICLE X

#### **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 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 assessments 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 due date at a rate determined by the Board of Directors from time to time not in excess of the maximum lawful rate. In addition to the right to suspend voting rights, the right to use the Association's facilities and the provision of services as specified hereinabove, the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay a definquent assessment or foreclose the lien against the property. Interest as provided above, 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 in the Declaration by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### CORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: Oasis Ranch Homeowners Association, Inc.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### **AMENDMENTS**

<u>Section 1</u>. These By-Laws may be amended at any time by the majority vote of the Board of Directors; provided, however, as long as there is a Class B Membership in the Association, any amendment of these By-Laws must be approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, being all of the directors of the Association have hereunto set our hands as of the 24 day of 3 day of

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