#### BYLAWS

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# ESTATES OF BRENTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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#### Article I NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation is Estates of Brentwood Homeowners Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 2105 Justin Lane, Suite 101, Austin, Travis County, Texas 78757, but 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 Estates of Brentwood Homeowner's Association, Inc., a Texas not-for-profit corporation established for the purpose set forth herein.
- **Section** 2. "Property" shall mean and refer to the real property described in Exhibit "A".
- **Section 3**. "Common Areas" shall mean and refer to that portion of the Property conveyed to the Association for the use and benefit of the Owners, including the following: Lot 1, Block A (private park/greenbelt) and, Lots 28 and 29, Block C (water quality pond and drainage) as shown on the Plat.
- **Section 4.** "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land indicated upon the recorded subdivision Plat of the Property or any part thereof creating single-family homesites, with the exception of the Common Areas and areas deeded to a governmental authority or utility, together with all improvements thereon.
  - **Section 5**. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one

or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot, including contract sellers, but excluding those having an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

**Section 6**. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Rockledge, Inc., its successors and assigns who are designated as such in writing by the Declarant, and who consent in writing to assume the duties and obligations of the Declarant with respect to the Lots acquired by such successor or assigns.

**Section** 7. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Estates of Brentwood and any amendments and supplements thereto made in accordance with its terms.

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

### Article III MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation of the Association and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held at a time, date and location as determined by the Board so long as there is an Annual Meeting held at least one time during each calendar year.

**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 two-thirds (2/3) of all of the votes of the Class A and Class B membership.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized herein shall be sent to all members, or delivered to their residences, not less than thirty (30) days or more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. 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 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 the 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, at least one-half (1/2) 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 bylaws. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirements, and the required quorum at such subsequent meeting shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum requirement for such prior meeting. The Association may call as many subsequent meetings as may be required to achieve a quorum (the quorum requirement being reduced for each subsequent meeting). No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (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, signed and filed with the Secretary and shall clearly describe the member's vote on a designated topic or topics. The assignment of voting rights by proxy or through any other means to another member is not permitted. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of his Lot.

### Article IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SELECTION, TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) directors, who must be members of the Association.

Section 2. Term of Office. At each annual meeting the members shall elect directors for terms of two (2) years. There shall be a total of 7 directors in each year, with terms established so that in alternating years there will be either three (3) or four (4) positions available for election. Should a position become open between Annual Meetings the Board shall assign a person to the position until the next possible election may be held. at which time a person shall be elected to that position for either a

new 2-year term or the remainder of the open term, as the case may be with regard to the position that came open.

**Section 3. Removal.** Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor,

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

**Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting**. The directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though take at a meeting of the directors.

### Article V NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1. Nomination,** Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chain-man, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) 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 no 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 shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the members may cast, in person, in respect to each vacancy, a single vote. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

Members may vote in absence by providing a signed letter indicating their desire to cast a vote for one or more particular candidates by name and in priority order.

### Article VI MEETING OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1. Regular Meetings**. Regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

**Section 2. Special Meetings**. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President of the Association, or by any two (2) 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 hold meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

### Article VII POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power to:

- (a) Adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities, and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- **(b)** Suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days for infraction of published rules and regulations;
- **(c)** Exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these Bylaws, 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 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 two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A members who are entitled to vote;
- **(b)** Supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed.
  - (c) As more fully provided in the Declaration, to;
  - (1) Fix the amount of the annual assessment against each 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 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 certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment.
- **(e)** Procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;
- **(f)** Cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate; and,
  - (g) Cause the Common Area to be maintained;
  - **(h)** Cause the exterior of the dwellings to be maintained.

### Article VIII OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

**Section 1. Enumeration of Officers**. The officers of this Association shall be President and Vice President, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

**Section 2. Election of Officers**. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the members.

**Section 3. Term.** The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

**Section 4. Special Appointments.** The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

**Section 5. Resignation and Removal.** Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time giving written notice to the Board, 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.

**Section 6. Vacancies**. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

**Section 7. Multiple Offices.** The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

**Section 8. Duties.** The duties of the officers are as follows:

#### **President**

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

#### **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 the members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the members; keep appropriate current records showing the members of the Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

#### **Treasurer**

(d) The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all moneys of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; Keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be represented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the members,

### Article IX COMMITTEES

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

### 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, Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

#### Article XI ASSESSMENTS

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each member is obligated to pay to the Association annual and special assessments which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the assessment is made. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within ten (10) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or at the highest nonusurious rate of interest allowed by Texas law, whichever is less, and the 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 be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessment provided for herein by non use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

### Article XII CORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have no seal.

#### Article XIII AMENDMENTS

**Section 1**. These bylaws 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.

**Section** 2. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, 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 Estates of Brentwood Homeowners Association, have hereunder set our hands this 18 day of December, 1996.

Leon A. Whitney, Director Kay Whitney, Director