# AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF PARK EAST SQUARE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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# AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

**OF** 

# THE PARK EAST SQUARE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### RECITALS

The Park East Square Homeowners Association, Inc., a Colorado nonprofit corporation ("Association"), certifies that:

- (1) The Association and Members desire to amend and restate the Bylaws currently in effect as set forth below; and,
- (2) The provisions set forth in these Amended and Restated Bylaws supersede and replace the existing Bylaws and all amendments.

The Bylaws of the Association are hereby amended by striking in their entirety Articles I through XIV, inclusive, and by substituting the following.

### ARTICLE 1 INTRODUCTION, PURPOSES AND DEFINITIONS

#### Section 1.1 Introduction.

These Amended and Restated Bylaws are adopted for the regulation, management, and governance of the affairs of the Association. The Association was organized as a Colorado nonprofit corporation under Colorado law to act as the Association under the Park East Square Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Easements, as may be amended (the "Declaration").

#### Section 1.2 Purposes.

The purposes for which the Association is formed are:

- (a) to protect the value and desirability of the Park East Square community (the "Community") and the Lots;
- (b) to further the interests of the residents of the Community and Members of the Association;
  - (c) to be the owners association provided for in the Declaration;
  - (d) to operate and govern the Community; and,

(e) to provide for the administration, maintenance, preservation and architectural review of the Lot and Common Elements within the Community.

[Note: This provision is new in this document. Establishing the general purposes of the Assn in your Bylaws is recommended by the attorney so it is consistent with Articles and Declaration.]

#### Section 1.3 Definitions

The definitions set forth in the Declaration and/or by Colorado law shall apply to all capitalized terms contained in these Bylaws, unless otherwise noted.

[Note: This provision revises Article II of your current Bylaws to refer to the Declaration for defined terms. The Declaration supersedes the Bylaws to the extent of any inconsistency, so it's appropriate for both the Articles and Bylaws to refer to the Declaration for definitions.]

#### ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING

# Section 2.1 Membership and Voting.

Every person who is an Owner shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. Ownership of a Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership. Votes shall be allocated pursuant to the Declaration, which provides for one vote per Lot. Fractional and cumulative voting are prohibited.

[Note: This provision is new and added per recommendation of the attorney for clarification purposes. The actual voting right is required to be included in the Declaration under the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act ("CCIOA"). The prohibition against cumulative voting is in Article V, Section 2 of your current Bylaws.]

## Section 2.2 <u>Suspension of Voting and Use Rights.</u>

During any period in which an Owner shall be in default in the payment of any Assessment, including interest, fines, late fees, attorney fees and costs, levied by the Association, or in violation of any other provision of the Governing Documents, the Owner's voting rights and rights to use of the recreational facilities shall be deemed suspended by the Board of Directors, without notice or hearing, until the Assessment has been paid or the other violation is corrected.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article VII, Section 1(b) of your current Bylaws, but we removed the notice and hearing requirement prior to suspension, since this is only required prior to levying a fine. We also removed the 60-day cap on suspension, as if the violation continues past 60 days it should continue until it is cured.]

# Section 2.3 <u>Member Voting.</u>

- (a) At all meetings of Members, each Member eligible to vote may vote in person or by proxy.
- (b) If only one of several Owners of a Lot is present at a meeting of the Association, the Owner present is entitled to cast the vote allocated to such Lot.
- (c) If more than one of the Owners is present, the vote allocated to the Lot may be cast only in accordance with the agreement of a majority of those Owners. Majority agreement exists if any one of the Owners casts the vote allocated to the Lot without protest being made promptly to the person presiding over the meeting by another Owner of the Lot. In the event of disagreement between or among co-Owners and an attempt by two or more of them to cast such vote or votes, such vote or votes shall not be counted.
- (d) The vote of a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, or other legal entity may be cast by any officer, director, trustee, partner, manager, or member of such corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity in the absence of express notice of the designation of a specific person to the Board of Directors.
- (e) The chair of the meeting may require reasonable evidence that a person voting on behalf of a corporation, partnership or business trust Owner is qualified to vote.

[Note: This provision is brand new and was added per the attorney in order to meet the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act ("CCIOA").]

# Section 2.4 <u>Transfer of Membership.</u>

Transfers of membership shall be made on the books of the Association only upon presentation of evidence, satisfactory to the Association, of the transfer of ownership of the Lot to which the membership is appurtenant.

[Note: This provision was added per the recommendation of the attorney. It is intended to put the responsibility on the owners to keep the Assn informed on transfer of ownership before their rights as Members kick in (vs. the Assn having to determine whether ownership changed).]

#### ARTICLE 3 MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

#### Section 3.1 Annual Meetings.

An annual meeting of the Members shall be held during each of the Association's fiscal years, at such time of the year and date as determined by the Board. The directors shall be elected by the Members at the annual meeting, in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. The Members may transact other business as may properly come before them at the annual meeting. Failure to hold an annual meeting shall not be considered a forfeiture or dissolution of the Association.

[Note: This provision revises Article III, Section 1 of your current Bylaws to remove the requirement of having to hold the annual meeting on the same month of every year. This is unnecessary and inflexible. Instead, the Board can pick a convenient date.]

# Section 3.2 <u>Budget Meetings.</u>

Meetings to consider proposed budgets shall be called in accordance with the Act. The Association's budget process is as follows.

- (a) The Board of Directors of the Association is to prepare and adopt a budget at least annually.
- (b) Within 90 days after the Board of Director's adoption of the budget, or such longer time as allowed by the Act, the Board of Directors must mail or otherwise deliver, including posting on the Association's website, a summary of the budget to all Members, and set a date for a meeting to consider the budget. The meeting must occur within a reasonable time after mailing or other delivery of the summary. The meeting can be held during the annual meeting or a separate budget meeting of the Members, as clarified below.
- (c) Notice for the meeting at which the budget will be considered must be mailed not less than 10 days nor more than 50 days before the meeting. If a budget meeting is required, it may occur on the same date as the annual meeting, and notice of both meetings may be included in the same mailing.
- (d) If the Board adopts a budget that is within the Maximum Annual Assessment, as the term is defined in the Declaration, then the budget will be discussed at the annual meeting. The budget becomes the approved budget of the Association after the Members have had an opportunity to ask questions about said budget.
- (e) If the Board adopts a budget that exceeds the Maximum Annual Assessment, it must be presented to the Members at a separate budget meeting for an opportunity to veto. Unless Members holding at least 67% of the total votes in the Association vote to reject the proposed budget, the proposed budget becomes the approved budget of the Association.
- (f) A quorum is not required if the meeting is just a budget meeting. If the meeting is also an annual or special meeting at which other business is to be conducted,

a quorum is required for other business to be conducted at the annual or special meeting, but not for consideration of the budget.

(f) In the event the proposed budget is rejected at a budget meeting, the budget last ratified is continued until such time as a subsequent budget proposed by the Board of Directors is ratified.

[Note: This provision retains the current approval process as a pre-CCIOA HOA but changes to the CCIOA procedures for allowing the Owners to veto the proposed budget if it exceeds the Maximum Annual Assessment, as defined in the Declaration.]

# Section 3.3 Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Association may be called by the president, by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors or by the secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by Owners holding at least 20% of the votes in the Association. The form of notice, date, time, and place of the meeting shall be determined by the Board.

If a notice for a special meeting demanded pursuant to petition is not given by the secretary within 30 days after the date the written demand or demands are delivered to the secretary, the person(s) signing the demand or demands may set the time and place of the meeting and give notice, pursuant to the terms of these Bylaws. Any meeting called under this Section shall be conducted by the president of the Board, or in his/her absence, a person chosen by a majority of the Board. In the event no Board members are in attendance, a chairperson for the meeting shall be elected by a majority of the Members present at the meeting, and that chairperson shall conduct the meeting.

[Note: This provision revises Article III, Section 2 of your current Bylaws to lower the requirement for Owners to petition special meetings from 25% to 20%, which is the maximum permitted by the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act ("Nonprofit Act"). We have also added guidance on what happens if the Assn fails to send out notice of a special meeting after a proper petition has been submitted.]

#### Section 3.4 Notice of Meetings.

Notice of each meeting of the Members shall be physically posted in a conspicuous place if feasible and practicable at least 24 hours prior to any meeting of the Members. Written notice of each meeting of Members shall be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of the notice, postage prepaid, or by personal delivery, at least 10 days before, but not more than 50 days before the meeting to each Member, addressed to the Member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by a Member to the Association for the purpose of notice.

In addition to mailing, but not in lieu of, notice may also be sent by any other means permitted by the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, including, but not limited to, email delivery. If the Association has the ability to give electronic notice, the Association shall

email notice of the Members' meeting to any Member who requests, and who provides his or her email address to the Association in addition to the above specified delivery of notice. Any such email notice shall be given at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The notice shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting. No matters shall be heard nor action adopted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

[Note: This provision updates Article II, Section 3 of your current Bylaws to remove the 15-day notice requirement to be consistent with the notice timeframes under CCIOA. Also, we have added physical posting and email notice, which are now required under CCIOA.]

# Section 3.5 <u>Place of Meetings.</u>

Meetings of the Members shall be held in the Community or in any other suitable place in Boulder County, which is convenient to the Members, as may be designated by the Board.

[Note: This is new and requires meeting to be in the Community or in Boulder County.]

# Section 3.6 <u>Telephone or Electronic Communication in Lieu of Attendance.</u>

Members may attend meetings by using a telephonic or electronic communication method, including attendance through a virtual meeting platform, whereby the Member may be heard by the other Members and may hear the deliberations of the other Members on any matter properly brought at the meeting. The Member's vote shall be counted and the presence noted as if that Member were present in person.

[Note: This provision has been added to allow Members to participate telephonically and electronically (such as with virtual meetings), as well as in person pursuant to the Nonprofit Act.]

#### Section 3.7 Quorum of Members.

The presence of Members holding at least 10% of the votes entitled to be cast in the Association at any meeting, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Governing Documents.

[Note: This provision is similar to and retains the 10% quorum requirement in Article II, Section 4 of your current Bylaws.]

#### Section 3.8 <u>Proxies for Members Meetings.</u>

- (a) The vote allocated to a Lot may be cast under a proxy duly executed by an Owner.
- (b) All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the secretary or designee of the Association.

- (c) If a Lot has multiple Owners, each Owner of the Lot may vote on behalf of the Lot; provided, however, there is only one vote cast per Lot. In the event of disagreement between or among co-Owners and an attempt by two or more of them to cast such vote or votes, such vote or votes shall not be counted.
- (d) An Owner may revoke a proxy given under this section by written notice of revocation to the person presiding over a meeting of the Association or by attending the meeting and voting in person, after giving actual notice to the person presiding over the meeting of the Owner's intent to do so.
  - (e) A proxy is void if it is not dated.
- (f) A proxy terminates 11 months after its date, unless it specifies a shorter term.
- (g) Proxies obtained through fraud or misrepresentation are invalid as determined in the sole discretion of the secretary of the Association.

[Note: This provision substantially updates Article I, Section 3 of your current Bylaws, to provide clarification regarding proxy requirements under the Nonprofit Act.]

# Section 3.9 Order of Business.

The Board may establish the order of business for all meetings of the Board or Members. Failure to strictly follow Robert's Rules of Order shall not invalidate any action taken at a meeting of the Board or Members.

[Note: This provision is new and recommended by the attorney to allow the Board to establish the order of business at the meeting.]

#### Section 3.10 <u>Voting Procedures/Secret Balloting.</u>

- (a) Secret ballots must be used if required by law.
- (b) All other voting may be by voice, by show of hands, by consent, by mail, by electronic means, by proxy, by written ballot, or as otherwise determined by the Board of Directors prior to the meeting or by a majority of the Members present at a meeting.

[Note: This provision revises Article III, Section 2 to eliminate the need to use secret ballots in all elections, and to only require secret ballots if required by law. Currently, CCIOA requires secret ballots to be used in: (i) contested elections, and (ii) upon request by 20% of the owners present at the meeting. We did not include the specific scenarios above as the law changes regularly and they might get rid of the secret ballot requirement altogether.

Instead, the secret ballot requirements are in your Conduct of Meetings policy, which can be easily changed if the law changes.]

# Section 3.11 <u>Voting by Written Ballot.</u>

(a) In any instance where a vote of the Members is required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Members, such vote may be taken by written ballot in lieu of a meeting, pursuant to this Section. In case of a vote by written ballot in lieu of a meeting, the secretary shall mail or deliver written notice and a ballot to all Members.

The notice shall: (i) indicate the number of ballots that must be received to meet the quorum requirement and the percentage of approvals needed to carry the vote (other than election of directors); (ii) state the date and time by which the ballots must be received by the Association to be counted, and (iii) be accompanied by written information sufficient to permit each person casting such ballot to reach an informed decision on the matter.

The ballot must: (i) state each proposed action, and (ii) provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action.

- (b) The Association may conduct elections of directors by written ballot, in its sole discretion, and pursuant to procedures adopted by it; *provided however*, that any procedures adopted shall provide for notice to Members of the opportunity to run for a vacant position and/or nominate any Member of the Association for a vacant position, subject to the nominated Member's consent.
  - (c) A written ballot, once received by the Association, may not be revoked.
- (d) A completed ballot may be returned to the Association using any reasonable method allowed by the Board of Directors, including but not limited to mail, hand-delivery, email, facsimile, and electronic delivery (such as submitting the ballot electronically).

[Note: This provision is new and provides the procedure for voting outside of a meeting (i.e., by mail) pursuant to the Nonprofit Act.]

# Section 3.12 <u>Voting in Elections of Directors/Other Voting.</u>

In an election of directors, candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. On all other items, the vote of Members holding a majority of the votes cast shall be binding upon all Members for all purposes except where a higher percentage vote is required in the Governing Documents, as amended, or by law.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article V, Section 2 of your current Bylaws with respect to election of directors. There was nothing in your current Bylaws that established a default

approval requirement for any other type of membership action, so we added the default under the Nonprofit Act, which is approval by a majority of at least a quorum voting.]

# Section 3.13 <u>Acceptance or Rejection of Individual Votes.</u>

The Association has the right to reject a vote, consent, written ballot, waiver, proxy appointment or proxy appointment revocation when it has a reasonable, good faith basis to doubt the validity of the signature or the signatory's authority to sign for the Owner. The Association and its officer or agent who accepts or rejects any of the above in good faith is not liable for any damages that may result from the acceptance or rejection. Unless a court decides otherwise, any action taken on the acceptance or rejection of any of the above will be deemed valid.

[Note: This provision has been added to comply with updates to the Nonprofit Act.]

# Section 3.14 <u>Counting of Ballots.</u>

All ballots shall be counted by a neutral third party, or a committee of volunteers who are Owners and are not Board members and not candidates in a contested election, selected or appointed at an open meeting in a fair manner by the chair of the Board or person presiding at such meeting or as otherwise required by law and as may be further defined by policy or procedures of the Association.

[Note: This provision has been added to comply with updates to CCIOA.]

#### ARTICLE 4 BOARD

#### Section 4.1 Number.

The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors that shall consist of five members, elected or appointed as provided below. In the case where through removal or resignation, the total number of Board members is less than five, the Board will be considered properly constituted until such vacancies are filled. The Board may increase or decrease the number of Board members by formal resolution within the range set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article IV, Section 1 of your current Bylaws and retains the five\_member Board. We also stated that the Board may change the number within the range set forth in the Articles (i.e., between 3 and 7).]

# Section 4.2 Qualification.

(a) Directors shall be Owners; provided, however, a non-Owner may be elected into one position on the Board.

[Note: This changes Article IV, Section 1 of your current Bylaws, which states that directors

# need not be Owners. Instead, all, Board members must be Owners except for one position.]

- (b) Only one Owner per Lot, eligible to vote, current in the payment of Assessments, and otherwise in good standing, may be elected to, or appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board.
- (c) If any Lot is owned by a partnership, trust, corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity, any officer, partner, director, manager, member, trustee, or employee of that entity shall be eligible to serve as a director.
- (d) Any Owner who is more than 30 days delinquent in payment of any Assessment and is not in a qualified payment plan shall not be qualified to serve on the Board.
- (e) Any director who has unexcused absences from three consecutive Board meetings, or from four Board meetings in any 12-month period, shall not be qualified to serve on the Board. An absence will be excused if the absent Board member notifies the Board president of the planned absence and the reason for the absence at least three days before the meeting, and a majority of the remaining Board members approve the absence as being for a valid purpose.
- (f) Any Owner who is in violation of any provision of the Governing Documents of the Association for more than 60 days, after notice and the opportunity for a hearing, shall not be qualified to serve on the Board.
- (g) Any Owner who initiates or maintains an adversarial judicial proceeding of any type or initiation of arbitration against the Association shall not be qualified to serve on the Board for the duration of the proceeding.
- (h) Once elected or appointed, each director is encouraged to and shall, to the extent required by law, attend at least one educational program per year related to the management, operation, or law of community associations. The director shall be entitled to reimbursement of any actual or necessary expenses incurred in attending such educational program(s), as long as approved, in advance, by the Board of Directors. Any such expenses shall be treated as a Common Expense.
- (i) Within 30 days of being elected or appointed as a director, each director shall comply with any applicable state and federal reporting requirements, including but not limited to the federal Corporate Transparency Act ("CTA"), if applicable. Any director who fails or refuses to comply shall be immediately disqualified from serving on the Board.
- (j) If a majority of the remaining members of the Board vote that a director is not qualified to serve on the Board due to any of the qualification requirements above (other than subsection (i), which provides for immediate disqualification), the director's position shall be deemed vacant by resignation.

[Note: This provision <u>significantly</u> expands the qualifications for Board members set forth in Article IV, Section 1 of your current Bylaws. These are recommended eligibility requirements for a more credible Board. Subsection (i) refers to the <u>Corporate Transparency Act</u>, which requires the Assn to report Beneficial Owner Information with FinCEN on Board members. The law is in flux, which is why it states that the qualification only applies "if applicable".]

# Section 4.3 Term of Office for Directors.

The term of office of directors shall be three years and staggered.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article IV, Section 2 of your current Bylaws and retains the three-year terms. We have also clarified that such terms should be staggered. "Staggered" means that the terms of the directors do not all expire on the same year. This is to preserve the history and knowledge of the Board members who continue to serve, while new Board members cycle in.]

# Section 4.4 Resignation of Directors.

Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the president, to the secretary or to the Board of Directors stating the effective date of the resignation. Acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make the resignation effective.

[Note: This provision is new and added per recommendation of the attorney to establish resignation procedures.]

#### Section 4.5 Removal of Directors by Members.

- (a) One or more directors or the entire Board of Directors may be removed at a Special Meeting of Members called pursuant to these Bylaws, with or without cause, by a vote of 67% of the Members present, in person or by proxy, assuming at least a quorum of Members is present. Notice of a Special Meeting of the Members to remove directors shall set forth that the meeting is being conducted for that purpose and shall be provided to every Member of the Association, including the directors sought to be removed, as provided in these Bylaws. Directors sought to be removed shall have the right to be present at this meeting and shall be given the opportunity to speak to the Members prior to a vote to remove being taken.
- (b) In the event of removal of one or more directors, a successor shall be elected by the Members at the meeting to serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor, assuming such potential election was stated in the notice of the meeting.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article IV, Section 3 of your current Bylaw and is consistent with CCIOA.]

# Section 4.6 <u>Vacancies.</u>

Vacancies on the Board caused by any reason (other than removal) may be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the remaining Board at any time after the occurrence of the vacancy, even though the directors present at that meeting may constitute less than a quorum. Each person so appointed shall be a director who shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article IV, Section 3 of your current Bylaws; however, we have revised to state that vacancies caused by *removal* must be elected in by the membership vs. appointed in by the remaining Board.]

# Section 4.7 <u>Compensation.</u>

No director or officer of the Association shall receive compensation for any service the director or officer may render as a director or officer to the Association. However, any director or officer may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of Association duties, if allowed by state law.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article IV, Section 4 of your current Bylaws.]

#### ARTICLE 5 MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

#### Section 5.1 Regular Meetings.

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times, place and hour as may be fixed by the Board. The Board may set a schedule of regular meetings by resolution, and no further notice is necessary for such scheduled regular meetings.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article VI, Section 1 of your current Bylaws.]

#### Section 5.2 Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the president of the Association, or by any two directors, after not less than two days' notice to each director.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article VI, Section 2 of your current Bylaws.]

#### Section 5.3 Notice of Board Meetings.

Except as provided in Section 5.1 above, written notice of each meeting of the Board shall be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary, by mailing a copy of the notice, postage prepaid, at least two days before the meeting, or by any other means permitted by the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, including, but not limited to, personal delivery, facsimile, and e-mail delivery, to each Board member entitled to vote, addressed to the Board member's

address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by a Board member to the Association for the purpose of notice.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article VI, Section 2 of your current Bylaws, but we have reduced notice from three days to two days, which is the default under the Nonprofit Act.]

# Section 5.4 <u>Location of Meetings and Open Meetings.</u>

- (a) Except when in executive session, all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to attendance by Members, as provided by applicable Colorado law.
- (b) All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the Community or in the Boulder County area, unless all directors consent in writing to another location.
- (c) All meetings of the Board of Directors may be conducted in person, via conference call, via electronic means, or via any other method permitted by applicable Colorado law.
- (d) Rules and Regulations and amendments of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws may not be adopted in closed or executive sessions of the Board.
- (e) For any executive session or closed Board meeting, minutes kept for that part of the meeting should only indicate that an executive session was held and the general subject of the executive session.

[Note: This provision is new and establishes locations for Board meetings, and also requires all Board meetings to be open to Members other than when in executive session, which is required under CCIOA. The actual executive sessions categories are in your Conduct of Meetings policy.]

#### Section 5.5 Waiver of Notice.

Although Section 5.3 requires written notice of Board meetings under certain circumstances, any director may waive such notice requirement. Attendance by a director at any meeting of the Board shall constitute a waiver of notice. If all the directors are present at any meeting, no notice shall be required, and any business may be transacted at the meeting.

[Note: This provision is new and consistent with the Nonprofit Act.]

#### Section 5.6 Quorum.

At all meetings of the Board a majority of the directors currently in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless there are fewer than three directors, in which case all directors must be present to constitute a quorum. The votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute a decision of the

Board unless there are fewer than three directors, in which case, unanimity of the directors is required to constitute a decision of the Board.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article VI, Section 3 of your current Bylaws and retains the majority quorum requirement.]

# Section 5.7 <u>Proxies for Board Meetings.</u>

For the purposes of determining a quorum with respect to a particular issue and for the purposes of casting a vote for or against that issue, a director may execute, in writing, a proxy to be held by another director. The proxy shall specify a yes, no, or abstain vote on each particular issue for which the proxy was executed. Proxies that do not specify a yes, no, or abstain vote shall not be counted for the purpose of having a quorum present nor as a vote on the particular issue before the Board.

[Note: This provision is new and allows Board members to vote via directed proxy at a Board meeting. This is permitted under the Nonprofit Act and is best practice.

# Section 5.8 <u>Board Action Without a Meeting.</u>

The directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting, that they could otherwise have taken at a meeting, by either of the following options.

- (a) Obtaining the unanimous verbal vote of all directors, which vote shall be noted in the minutes of the next meeting of the Board and ratified at that time; or,
- (b) Providing written notice (including via electronic mail) to each director of a proposed action to be taken and including the date and time by which the directors must respond to the proposed action ("Deadline"). The notice shall state that failure to respond by the Deadline will have the same effect as abstaining in writing to a proposed action and failing to demand that action be taken at a meeting.

Upon receiving written notice of a proposed action, each director, by the Deadline, may: (i) vote in writing for such action; (ii) vote in writing against such action; (iii) abstain in writing from voting; (iv) fail to respond or vote; or (v) demand in writing that action be taken with a meeting.

(1) In the event, by the Deadline, the number of affirmative votes for the proposed action equal or exceed the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all the directors then in office were present and voted, then the action is taken unless one or more directors, by the Deadline, demands that the action not be taken without a meeting. In the event action is taken pursuant to this provision, the action shall be noted in the minutes of the next meeting of the Board and ratified at that time.

- (2) Any director who in writing has voted, abstained, or demanded action not be taken without a meeting pursuant to this Section may revoke such vote, abstention, or demand in writing; provided such revocation is received by the Association by the Deadline.
- (c) Any action taken under subsections (a) and (b)(1) above shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors and shall be effective at the end of the time stated in the notice for such proposed action.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article IV, Section 5 of your current Bylaws, as amended by the Limited Amendment.]

# Section 5.9 <u>Telephone or Electronic Communication in Lieu of Attendance.</u>

A director may attend a meeting of the Board by using an electronic or telephonic communication method whereby the director may be heard by the other Members and may hear the deliberations of the other Members on any matter properly brought before the Board. The director's vote shall be counted and the presence noted as if that director were present in person.

[Note: This provision is new and allows the Board members to attend Board meetings telephonically and electronically (such as with virtual meetings). This is allowed per the Nonprofit Act.]

#### Section 5.10 Lot Owner Participation.

Owners must be allowed to speak before the Board votes on any issue under discussion. The Board shall allow a reasonable number of persons to speak on each side of the issue, but the Board may place reasonable restrictions on the time allowed for each Owner to speak. Owners may also be allowed to speak at such other times as the Board, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.

[Note: This provision is new to the Bylaws and reflects how you've already been practicing for several years. It is best to include in the Bylaws to make sure future boards know that they follow the procedure to be compliant with CCIOA.]

#### ARTICLE 6 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Section 6.1 Powers and Duties.

The Board may act in all instances on behalf of the Association, except as provided in the Governing Documents or the Act. The Board shall have, subject to the limitations contained in the Declaration and the Act, the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Association and of the Community, and for the operation and maintenance of the Community as a first-class residential community, including the following powers and duties:

- (a) Exercise any other powers conferred by the Governing Documents;
- (b) Adopt and amend Rules and Regulations, including responsible governance policies, procedures and rules and regulations as required by the Act, and including penalties for infraction thereof;
- (c) Adopt and amend budgets (subject to any requirements of the Declaration and the Bylaws);
- (d) To keep and maintain full and accurate books and records showing all the receipts, expenses, or disbursements of the Association;
  - (e) Fix and collect Assessments as provided by the Governing Documents;
- (f) Employ a managing agent, independent contractors, or employees as it deems necessary, and prescribe their duties;
- (g) Institute, defend, or intervene in litigation or administrative proceedings or seek injunctive relief for violations of the Governing Documents, and, in the Association's name, on behalf of the Association or two or more Owners, on matters affecting the Community;
  - (h) Provide Association disclosures required by, and pursuant to, the Act;
- (i) Make contracts, administer financial accounts, and incur liabilities in the name of the Association;
- (j) Acquire, hold, encumber and convey, in the Association's name and in the ordinary course of business, any right, title or interest to real estate, pursuant to the consent requirements set forth in the Governing Documents, if any;
- (k) Borrow funds and secure loans with an interest in future Assessments in order to pay for any expenditure or outlay required pursuant to the authority granted by the provisions of the recorded Declaration and these Bylaws, and to execute all such instruments evidencing such indebtedness as the Board of Directors may deem necessary and give security therefore, subject to the requirements set forth in the Declaration:
- (l) Provide for the indemnification of the Association's directors and any person serving without compensation at the request of the Association, and maintain association professional liability insurance;
- (m) Supervise all persons acting on behalf of and/or at the discretion of the Association;
- (n) Procure and maintain liability and hazard insurance as set forth in the Governing Documents;
- (o) Cause all persons having fiscal responsibilities for the assets of the Association to be insured and/or bonded, as it may deem appropriate;
- (p) Provide education to Owners on an annual basis, pursuant to the Act; and

(q) Exercise for the Association all powers, duties, rights, and obligations in or delegated to the Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of the Governing Documents or the Act, or the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act.

[Note: The powers and duties set forth in Article VII of your current Bylaws have been revised, updated, and expanded here to be consistent with current CO law?, both CCIOA and the Nonprofit Act.]

# Section 6.2 <u>Managing Agent.</u>

The Board may employ a managing agent at a compensation established by the Board, to perform duties and services authorized by the Board. The Board shall have the authority to delegate any of the powers and duties set forth in this Article to a managing agent. Regardless of any delegation to a managing agent, the members of the Board shall not be relieved of responsibilities under the Governing Documents or Colorado law.

[Note: This provision is new and recommended by the attorney.]

### Section 6.3 No Waiver.

The omission or failure of the Association or Owner to enforce the covenants, conditions, easements, uses, limitations, obligations, or other provisions of the Governing Documents shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver, modification, or release thereof, and the Board or the managing agent shall have the right to enforce the same at any time.

[Note: This provision is new in the Bylaws, is consistent with the Declaration, Article X, Section 1, and recommended by the attorney.]

#### ARTICLE 7 OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

#### Section 7.1 Enumeration of Offices.

The officers of this Association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time create by resolution. Any two offices, except the offices of president and secretary, may be held by the same person.

[Note: This provision revises Article VIII, Section 1 to require <u>all</u> named officers to be Board members. Currently your Bylaws only require the President and VP to be a Board member.]

## Section 7.2 Election of Officers.

The officers shall be elected by the Board for one-year terms at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members.

# [Note: This provision is similar to Article VIII, Sections 2 and 3 of your current Bylaws.]

# Section 7.3 Special Appointments.

The Board may appoint 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.

# [Note: This provision is similar to Article VIII, Section 4 of your current Bylaws.]

# Section 7.4 Resignation and Removal.

Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by a majority of the Board of Directors. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the president, or the secretary. A resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of a notice or at any later time specified therein. Acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

# [Note: This provision is similar to Article VIII, Section 5 of your current Bylaws.]

#### Section 7.5 Vacancies.

A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board by majority vote of the Board. The officer appointed to the vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer replaced.

#### [Note: This provision is similar to Article VIII, Section 6 of your current Bylaws.]

#### Section 7.6 Duties.

The duties of the officers are as follows.

- (a) <u>President</u>. The president shall have all the general powers and duties that are incident to the office of president of a Colorado nonprofit corporation. Specifically, the president shall have the power to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Members; appoint committees; see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; sign contracts, leases, and other written instruments; direct, supervise, coordinate, and have general control over the day-to-day affairs of the Association.
- (b) <u>Vice President</u>. The vice president shall take the place of the president and perform the president's duties whenever the president is absent or unable to act. If neither the president nor the vice president is able to act, the Board of Directors shall appoint some other director to act in the place of the president on an interim basis. The vice president shall also perform other duties imposed by the Board of Directors or by the president.

- (c) <u>Secretary</u>. The secretary shall record the votes and maintain the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members; 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; cause Association records to be kept and maintained; and perform such other duties incident to the office of secretary or as required by the Board.
- (d) <u>Treasurer</u>. The treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt, deposit and disbursement of Association funds and securities and for maintenance of full and accurate financial records; shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership, and deliver a copy of each to the Members. The treasurer shall perform all duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

[Note: This provision is similar to and updates Article VIII, Sections 8 through 11 of your current Bylaws to reflect standard officer duties of today.]

# Section 7.7 Delegation.

Any officer duties may be delegated to the managing agent (or other agent), committee, another Board member; *provided*, *however*, the officer shall not be relieved of any responsibility under this Section or under Colorado law.

[Note: This provision is new and added per the recommendation of the attorney, as many officer duties such as collecting assessments and preparing minutes are done by a manager vs. the officer.]

Section 7.8 <u>Limits on Delegation, Requirements for Association Funds and Financial Statements.</u>

If the Association delegates powers of the Board or officers relating to collection, deposit, transfer, or disbursement of Association funds to other persons or to a manager or managing agent, the Association requires the following:

- (a) That the other persons or managing agent maintain fidelity insurance coverage or a bond in an amount not less than \$50,000 or such higher amount as the Board of Directors may require;
- (b) The other persons or managing agent maintain all funds and accounts of the Association separate from the funds and accounts of other associations managed by the other persons or managing agent and maintain all reserve accounts of each association so managed separate from operational accounts of the Association;
- (c) That an annual accounting for Association funds and a financial statement be prepared and presented to the Association by the managing agent, a public accountant, or a certified public accountant.

[Note: This provision was added per recommendation of the attorney as best practice.]

#### ARTICLE 8 COMMITTEES

## Section 8.1 Designated Committees.

The Board may create committees and appoint such committee members as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purposes, such as an architectural review committee, that is addressed in the Declaration. Committee chair persons must meet the same qualifications to serve as Board members must meet to serve on the Board, as set forth in these Bylaws. Committees shall have authority to act only to the extent designated in the Governing Documents or delegated by the Board. The Board shall also have the power to remove any and all committee members with or without cause and to terminate any such committee.

# Section 8.2 Open Committee Meetings.

All committee meetings shall be open to attendance by Members, as provided by applicable law.

[Note: This Article is similar to Article IV of your current Bylaws but it discusses committees in general, and not just the Architectural Control Committee. It has also been updated to meet both CCIOA and the Nonprofit Act.]

# ARTICLE 9 BOOKS AND RECORDS

[Note: This Article replaces Article X of your current Bylaws to be consistent with Colorado law. The specific list of records that must be kept for purposes of inspection by owners, the list of records that must be withheld, and the list of records that the Board has discretion to withhold, are in your Inspection of Records policy, along with the process for requesting inspection of records.]

# Section 9.1 <u>Association Records.</u>

The Association records will be available for production to Owners in accordance with statutory requirements, which is clarified further in a records policy adopted by the Board of Directors. The procedures and requirements for requesting access to such records shall be set forth in the records policy.

#### Section 9.2 Minutes and Presumptions Under the Minutes.

Minutes or any similar record of the meetings of Members, or of the Board of Directors, when signed by the secretary or acting secretary of the meeting (including electronic signature), shall be presumed to truthfully show evidence of the matters set forth therein. A recitation in

any such minutes that notice of the meeting was properly given shall be regarded as truthful that the notice was given.

#### **ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENTS**

# Section 10.1 <u>Bylaw Amendments.</u>

- (a) These Bylaws may be amended by:
- (i) affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors at a duly constituted meeting; provided, however, no amendment may change the quorum requirement without the affirmative vote of Members per subsection (ii) below; or,
- (ii) The affirmative vote of Members holding at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the Association present and voting, in person or by proxy, at a regular or special meeting of the Members called for such purpose at which a quorum is present, provided that notice has been sent to all Members pursuant to these Bylaws, and such notice sets forth that the meeting is being conducted for the purpose of amendment.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Bylaws, these Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors, without Member approval, to comply with any statutory or judicial requirements.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article XIII, Section 1 of your current Bylaws, as amended by the Limited Amendment.]

#### ARTICLE 11 INDEMNIFICATION

[Note: This Article is new and provides indemnification to anyone who acts on behalf of the Assn. It is consistent with indemnification rights and limitations under the Nonprofit Act.]

# Section 11.1 Obligation to Indemnify.

- (a) The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative; by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, or committee member of the Association; provided the person is or was serving at the request of the Association in such capacity; and provided that the person:
  - (i) acted in good faith, and;

- (ii) in a manner that the person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association, and;
- (iii) with respect to any claimed criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful.

The determination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not of itself create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful.

- (b) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (a) above, unless a court of competent jurisdiction determines that, in view of all circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to expenses, no indemnification shall be made:
  - (i) In connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the Association, where the person has been adjudged to be liable to the Association; or,
  - (ii) In connection with any other proceeding charging that the person received an improper personal benefit, whether or not involving action in an official capacity, the person has been adjudged liable on the basis the person received an improper personal benefit.
- (c) To the extent that the person has been wholly successful on the merits in defense of any action, suit or proceeding as described above, the person shall be indemnified against actual and reasonable expenses (including expert witness fees, attorney fees and costs) incurred in connection with the action, suit or proceeding.

# Section 11.2 <u>Determination Required.</u>

- (a) The Board of Directors shall determine whether the person requesting indemnification has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth above. The determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of those members of the Board of Directors who were not parties to the action suit or proceeding.
- (b) If a quorum cannot be obtained as contemplated above or if a quorum has been obtained and the Board so directs, a determination may be made, at the discretion of the Board, by:
  - (i) independent legal counsel selected by a majority of the full Board; or \_\_\_\_

(ii) by the voting members, but voting members who are also at the same time seeking indemnification may not vote on the determination.

# Section 11.3 Payment in Advance of Final Disposition.

The Association shall pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses as described above in advance of final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding if the person requesting indemnification provides the Board of Directors with:

- (a) A written affirmation of that person's good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct described above; and
- (b) A written statement that the person shall repay the advance if it is ultimately determined that he or she did not meet the standard of conduct described above.

# Section 11.4 No Limitation of Rights.

The indemnification provided in this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of nor a limitation upon any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of the Members or disinterested members of the Board of Directors, or otherwise, nor by any rights that are granted pursuant to C.R.S. §38-33.3-101, *et seq.*, and the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, as those statutes may be amended from time to time.

#### Section 11.5 Directors and Officers Insurance.

The Association shall purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a member of the Board of Directors, the manager, committee members, or anyone acting at the direction of the Board, covering defense and liability expenses arising out of any action, suit or proceeding asserted against the person by virtue of the person's actions on behalf of the Association or at the direction of the Board, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify the person against liability under provisions of this Article.

#### **ARTICLE 12 MISCELLANEOUS**

#### Section 12.1 Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year is the calendar year; however, the Board has the right to change the fiscal year of the Association.

[Note: This provision is similar to Article XIV of your current Bylaws; however, we added the language allowing the Board to change the fiscal year.]

# Section 12.2 Notices.

All notices to the Association or the Owners shall be delivered in accordance with Colorado law.

[Note: This has been added per recommendation of the attorney. Note that CO law has different notice requirements for different actions, all of which are set forth under your required policies.]

Section 12.3 Conflicts.

In the case of any conflicts between the Declaration and the Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation, the terms of the Declaration shall control. In the case of any conflicts between the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, the terms of the Articles of Incorporation shall control.

[Note: This provision is new and added per recommendation of the attorney.]

[Note: The following provisions were removed as obsolete, in the wrong document or duplicative, unnecessary and/or not recommended by the attorney: Article I, Name and Location (should be and is already in Articles of Incorporation); Article XI, Assessments (should be and is already in Declaration); Article XII, Corporate Seal (no longer required under CO law). All reference to the rights of First Mortgagees have also been removed as unnecessary.]

#### **CERTIFICATION**

By signature below, the secretary of the Board of Directors certifies these Amended and Restated Bylaws received the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members voting, in person or by proxy, at a regular or special meeting of the Members at which a quorum of the Members was present.

PARK EAST SQUARE HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC., a Colorado nonprofit corporation

By:			
2	Secretary		
Date:			