BYLAWS OF SPIRITAS RANCH HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I INTRODUCTION

The name of the corporation is Spiritas Ranch Homeowner's Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the Association shall be located in Denton County, Texas, 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.

The Association is organized to be a nonprofit corporation.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Bylaws, a number of provisions are modified by the Declarant's reservations in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Spiritas Ranch recorded in the Official Public Records of Denton County, Texas, including the number, qualification, appointment, removal, and replacement of Directors.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise specifies or requires, the following words and phrases when used in these Bylaws shall have the meanings hereinafter specified:

- **Section 2.1** <u>Assessment.</u> "Assessment" or "Assessments" shall mean assessment(s) levied by the Association under the terms and provisions of the Declaration.
- Section 2.2 <u>Association</u>. "Association" shall mean and refer to Spiritas Ranch Homeowner's Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation.
- **Section 2.3** Association Property. "Association Property" shall mean all real or personal property now or hereafter owned by the Association, including without limitation, all easement estates, licenses, leasehold estates and other interests of any kind in and to real or personal property which are now are hereafter owned or held by the Association.
- Section 2.4 <u>Association Restrictions</u>. "Association Restrictions" shall mean the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Spiritas Ranch, as the same may be amended from time to time, together with the Certificate, Bylaws, and Association Rules from time to time in effect.
- Section 2.5 <u>Association Rules</u>. "Association Rules" shall mean the rules and regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.

- Section 2.6 <u>Board</u>. "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association. During the period of Declarant control, Declarant shall have the sole right to appoint and remove Directors of the Board.
- **Section 2.7** Bylaws" shall mean the Bylaws of the Association which may be adopted by the Board and as the same may be amended from time to time.
- Section 2.8 <u>Certificate</u>. "Certificate" shall mean the Certificate of Formation for Spiritas Ranch Homeowner's Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, as the same may now or from time to time be amended.
- Section 2.9 <u>Declarant</u>. "Declarant" shall mean MM LITTLE ELM 548, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, and its duly authorized representatives or their successors or assigns; provided that any assignment of the rights of Declarant must be expressly set forth in writing and the mere conveyance of a portion of the Property without written assignment of the rights of Declarant shall not be sufficient to constitute an assignment of the rights of Declarant hereunder.
- Section 2.10 <u>Declaration</u>. "Declaration" shall mean the "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Spiritas Ranch", recorded in the Official Public Records of Denton County, Texas, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- **Section 2.11** <u>Development</u>. "Development" shall mean and refer to the property subject to the terms and provisions of the Declaration.
- **Section 2.12** <u>Manager</u>. "Manager" shall mean the person, firm, or corporation, if any, employed by the Association pursuant to the Declaration and delegated the duties, powers, or functions of the Association.
- **Section 2.13** <u>Member</u>. "Member" or "Members" shall mean any person(s), entity or entities holding membership privileges in the Association as provided in the Declaration.
- Section 2.14 Mortgage. "Mortgage" or "Mortgages" shall mean any mortgage(s) or deed(s) of trust covering any portion of the Property given to secure the payment of a debt.
- Section 2.15 Mortgagee. "Mortgagee" or "Mortgagees" shall mean the holder or holders of any lien or liens upon any portion of the Property.
- **Section 2.16** Owner. "Owner" or "Owners" shall mean the person(s), entity or entities, including Declarant, holding a fee simple interest in any Lot, but shall not include the Mortgagee of a Mortgage.

Unless otherwise defined in these Bylaws or the context otherwise requires, each term used in these Bylaws with its initial letter capitalized which has been specifically defined in the Declaration and not otherwise specifically defined in this Article II shall have the same meaning herein as given to such term in the Declaration.

ARTICLE III MEETING OF MEMBERS

- Section 3.1 Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the Members shall be held on such date as selected by the Board of Directors which is on or before the earlier of (i) the date which is one hundred twenty (120) days after seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots have been sold to non-Declarant Owners, or (ii) ten (10) years from the date on which the Declaration is recorded in the Official Public Records of Denton County, Texas, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the Members shall be held on such date as selected by the Board of Directors who shall, whenever possible, hold the annual meeting in the same month each year thereafter unless a different date is selected by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting shall not be held on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.
- Section 3.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the Members who are entitled to vote fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the votes of the Association.
- Section 3.3 <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Association may be held at the Development or at a suitable place convenient to the Members, as determined by the Board.
- Section 3.4 <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. At the direction of the Board, written notice of meetings of the Association will be given to the Members at least ten (10) days but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. Notices of meetings will state the date, time, and place the meeting is to be held. Notices will identify the type of meeting as annual or special, and will state the particular purpose of a special meeting. Notices may also set forth any other items of information deemed appropriate by the Board.
- Section 3.5 <u>Voting Member List</u>. The Board will prepare and make available a list of the Association's voting Members in accordance with the Texas Business Organization Code.
- Section 3.6 Quorum. The presence at the meeting of Members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, ten percent (10%) of the total votes of the membership shall constitute a quorum for any action, except as otherwise provided in the Certificate, the Declaration, or these Bylaws. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be five percent (5%) of all the votes of all Members. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than thirty (30) days following the preceding meeting. If the required quorum is not present or represented at any meeting, the Members entitled to vote at the meeting shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present or represented.
- Section 3.7 <u>Proxies</u>. Votes may be cast in person or by written proxy. To be valid, each proxy must: (i) be signed and dated by a Member or his attorney-in-fact; (ii) identify the Lot to which the vote is appurtenant; (iii) name the person or title (such as "presiding officer") in favor of whom the proxy is granted, such person having agreed to exercise the proxy; (iv) identify the meeting for which the proxy is given; (v) not purport to be revocable without

notice; and (vi) be delivered to the secretary, to the person presiding over the Association meeting for which the proxy is designated, or to a person or company designated by the Board. Unless the proxy specifies a shorter or longer time, it terminates eleven (11) months after the date of its execution. Perpetual or self-renewing proxies are permitted, provided they are revocable. To revoke a proxy, the granting Member must give actual notice of revocation to the person presiding over the Association meeting for which the proxy is designated. Unless revoked, any proxy designated for a meeting which is adjourned, recessed, or rescheduled is valid when the meeting reconvenes. A proxy may be delivered by fax. However, a proxy received by fax may not be counted to make or break a tie-vote unless: (a) the proxy has been acknowledged or sworn to by the Member, before and certified by an officer authorized to take acknowledgments and oaths; or (b) the Association also receives the original proxy within five (5) days after the vote.

Section 3.8 <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The president, or any person designated by the Board, presides over meetings of the Association. The secretary keeps, or causes to be kept, the minutes of the meeting which should record all resolutions adopted and all transactions occurring at the meeting, as well as a record of any votes taken at the meeting. The person presiding over the meeting may appoint a parliamentarian. Votes should be tallied by tellers appointed by the person presiding over the meeting.

Section 3.9 Order of Business. Unless the notice of meeting states otherwise or the assembly adopts a different agenda at the meeting, the order of business at meetings of the Association is as follows:

- Determine votes present by roll call or check-in procedure
- Announcement of quorum
- Proof of notice of meeting
- Approval of minutes of preceding meeting
- Reports of Officers (if any)
- Election of Directors (when required)
- Unfinished or old business
- New business

Section 3.10 <u>Adjournment of Meeting</u>. At any meeting of the Association, a majority of the Members present at that meeting, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to another time and place.

Section 3.11 <u>Action without Meeting</u>. Subject to Board approval, any action which may be taken by a vote of the Members at a meeting of the Association may also be taken without a meeting by written consent. The Board may permit Members to vote by any method allowed by the Texas Business Organization Code, which may include hand delivery, United States Mail, facsimile, e-mail, or any combination of these. Written consents by Members representing at least a majority of votes in the Association, or such higher percentage as may be required by the Documents, constitutes approval by written consent. This Section may not be used to avoid the requirement of an annual meeting and does not apply to the election of Directors.

Section 3.12 <u>Telephone Meetings</u>. Members of the Association may participate in and hold meetings of the Association by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in the meeting constitutes presence in person at the meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4.1 Authority; Number of Directors.

- The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time. The initial Directors shall be three (3) in number and shall be those Directors named in the Certificate of Formation. The Board of Directors may increase or decrease the number of Directors to serve on the Board of Directors at any given time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, provided that (i) at no time will there be more than five (5) or less than three (3) Director positions on the Board of Directors, and (ii) after the right of Declarant to appoint Directors to the Board of Directors expires, any new Director positions established by the Board shall not be deemed vacant and shall be established effective as of the date a new Director is elected into such position and shall be filled at the election held at the next scheduled annual meeting of Association or other special meeting scheduled for Board elections where required notice of such meeting has been provided in compliance with any and all applicable laws. The initial Directors shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Except as is provided in the Declaration and in Section 4.1(b) and Section 4.1(c) below, Declarant shall have the absolute right to appoint and remove members of the Board of Directors during for as long as Declarant owns any Lot affected by the Declaration.
- From and after the first annual meeting of Members and until the date (the "Transition Date") which is the earlier of (i) one hundred-twenty (120) days after seventy-five (75%) of the Lots have been sold to non-Declarant Owners, or (ii) ten (10) years from the date on which the Declaration is recorded in the Official Public Records of Denton County, Texas, the Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) persons appointed by Declarant who need not be Members of the Association. On and after the Transition Date, the Board of Directors shall include two (2) persons appointed by Declarant and one (1) person elected by a majority vote of Class A Members ("Non-Declarant Director") at such meeting at which quorum is present, which Non-Declarant Member shall serve for a period which is the shorter of one (1) year, or until the next annual meeting of the Members at which the Non-Declarant Member (or replacement thereof) shall be elected. The Non-Declarant Director shall be elected at the first annual meeting (or special meeting called for such purpose by the President of the Association) of Members held on or after the Transition Date. On and after the date on which the last Lot is sold to a non-Declarant Owner (the "Declarant Turnover Date"), the President of the Association will call a meeting of the Members of the Association where the Members will elect one (1) Director for a three (3) year term, and two (2) Directors for a two (2) year term. The member obtaining the most votes will serve the three (3) year term and the remaining two (2) will serve a term of two (2) years. Upon expiration of the term of a Director elected by Members

at the first meeting of the Members after the Declarant Turnover Date pursuant to this Section 4.1(b), his or her successors shall serve a term of two (2) years. Any additional Director positions established by the Board shall be for terms to ensure staggering of the terms of Directors, as determined reasonable and appropriate by the Board. A Director takes office upon the adjournment of the meeting or balloting at which he is elected or appointed and, absent death, ineligibility, resignation, or removal, will hold office until his successor is elected or appointed. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority when it is deemed in the best interest of the Association to change or alter the terms of office of directors on the Board or increase the number of Directors to serve on the Board, which shall be done by Board resolution notwithstanding, terms must remain staggered for the purpose of continuity.

- (c) Each Director, other than Directors appointed by Declarant, shall be a Member and resident, or in the case of corporate or partnership ownership of a Lot, a duly authorized agent or representative of the corporate or partnership Owner. The corporate, or partnership Owner shall be designated as the Director in all correspondence or other documentation setting forth the names of the Directors.
- **Section 4.2** <u>Compensation</u>. The Directors shall serve without compensation for such service.
- Section 4.3 <u>Nominations to Board of Directors</u>. Members may be nominated for election to the Board of Directors in either of the following ways:
- (a) A Member who is not a Director and who desires to run for election to that position shall be deemed to have been nominated for election upon his filing with the Board of Directors a written petition of nomination; or
- (b) A Director who is eligible to be re-elected shall be deemed to have been nominated for re-election to the position he holds by signifying his intention to seek reelection in a writing addressed to the Board of Directors.
- Section 4.4 Removal of Directors for Cause. If a Director breaches such Director's duties hereunder or violates the terms of the Declaration, the Certificate, the Association Rules or these Bylaws, such Director may be removed by Declarant unless Declarant no longer has the right to appoint and remove Directors in accordance with Section 4.1 of these Bylaws, and then by a majority vote of the remaining Directors after Declarant's right to appoint and remove Directors has expired. No Director shall have any voting rights, nor may such Director participate in any meeting of the Board of Directors at any time that such Director is delinquent in the payment of any Assessments or other charges owed to the Association.
- Section 4.5 <u>Vacancies on Board of Directors</u>. At such time as Declarant's right to appoint and remove Directors has expired or been terminated, if the office of any elected Director shall become vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise, the remaining Directors, at a special meeting duly called for this purpose, shall choose a successor who shall fill the unexpired term of the directorship being vacated. The foregoing shall not apply to any new Director positions established by the Board pursuant to Section 4.1(a) above. If there is a deadlock in the voting for a successor by the

remaining Directors, the one Director with the longest continuous term on the Board shall select the successor. At the expiration of the term of his position on the Board of Directors, the successor Director shall be re-elected, or his successor shall be elected in accordance with these Bylaws.

- Section 4.6 Removal of Directors by Members. Subject to the right of Declarant to nominate and appoint Directors as set forth in Section 4.1 of these Bylaws, an elected Director may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Members at any special meeting of the Members of which notice has been properly given as provided in these Bylaws; provided the same notice of this special meeting has also been given to the entire Board of Directors, including the individual Director whose removal is to be considered at such special meeting.
- Section 4.7 <u>Consent in Writing</u>. Any action by the Board of Directors, including any action involving a vote on a fine, damage assessment, appeal from a denial or architectural control approval, or suspension of a right of a particular Member before the Member has an opportunity to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors to present the Member's position on the issue, may be taken without a meeting if all of the Directors shall unanimously consent in writing to the action. Such written consent shall be filed in the Minute Book. Any action taken by such written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Directors.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

- **Section 5.1** Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held annually or such other frequency as determined by the Board, without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.
- Section 5.2 <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by the President of the Association, or by any two Directors, after not less than three (3) days' notice to each Director.
- Section 5.3 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 of Directors.
- Section 5.4 <u>Telephone Meetings</u>. Members of the Board or any committee of the Association may participate in and hold meetings of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in such meeting constitutes presence in person at the meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.
- Section 5.5 Action without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board at a meeting may be taken without a meeting, if all Directors individually or

collectively consent in writing to such action. The written consent must be filed with the minutes of Board meetings. Action by written consent has the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

Open Board Meetings. The Board shall hold open board meetings in Section 5.6 accordance with Section 209.0051 of the Texas Property Code. Regular and special board meetings must be open to Owners, subject to the right of the Board to adjourn a Board meeting and reconvene in closed executive session to consider actions involving personnel, pending or threatened litigation, contract negotiations, enforcement actions, confidential communications with the Association's attorney, matters involving the invasion of privacy of individual owners, or matters that are to remain confidential by request of the affected parties and agreement of the Board. Decisions made in executive session must be summarized orally and placed in the minutes and include general explanation of expenditures approved in executive sessions. Members shall be given notice of the date, time, hour, place and general subject matter of a regular or special meeting of the Board, which notice shall be either (i) mailed to each Owner no later than the 10th day or earlier than the 60th day before the date of the meeting, or (ii) posting notice of such meeting at least 144 hours before the start of a regular Board meeting and at least 72 hours before the start of a special board meeting (A) in a conspicuous manner reasonably designed to provide notice to Members in a place located within Common Areas or on the Association's website maintained by the Association or its managing agent, and (b) sending notice via electronic mail to each Owner that has registered an e-mail with the Association. Except as provided by this Section 5.7, a Board may take action outside of a meeting, including voting by electronic or telephonic means, without prior notice to Owners required hereunder, if each Board member is given a reasonable opportunity to express the Board member's opinion to all other Board members and to vote. Any action taken without notice to Owners under this Section 5.7 must be summarized orally, including an explanation of any known actual or estimated expenditures approved at the meeting, and documented in the minutes of the next regular or special Board meeting. The Board may not, unless done in an open meeting for which prior notice was given to owners as noted in this Section 5.7 and required under Section 209.0051 of the Texas Property Code, consider or vote on any of the following: (1) fines; (2) damage assessments; (3) initiation of foreclosure actions; (4) initiation of enforcement actions, excluding temporary restraining orders or violations involving a threat to health or safety; (5) increases in assessments; (6) levying of special assessments; (7) appeals from a denial of architectural control approval; (8) a suspension of a right of a particular Owner before the owner has an opportunity to attend a Board meeting to present the Owner's position, including any defense, on the issue; (9) lending or borrowing money; (10) the adoption or amendment of a dedicatory instrument; (11) the approval of an annual budget or the approval of an amendment of an annual budget; (12) the sale or purchase of real property; (13) the filling of a vacancy on the Board; (14) the construction of capital improvements other than the repair, replacement, or enhancement of existing capital improvements; or (15) the election of an officer. Furthermore, during the Development Period, open Board meetings shall be require if the meeting is conducted for the purpose of (A) adopting or amending the governing documents, including declarations, bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Association; (B) increasing the amount of Regular Assessments of the Association or adopting or increasing a Special Assessment; (C) electing non-Declarant Board members of the Association or establishing a process by which those Board members are elected; or (D) changing the voting rights of Members of the Association.

ARTICLE VI POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

- **Section 6.1** <u>Powers</u>. The Board shall have power and duty to undertake any of the following actions, in addition to those actions to which the Association is authorized to take in accordance with the Declaration:
- (a) adopt and publish the Association Rules, including regulations governing the use of the Association Property and facilities, and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) to the maximum extent permitted under applicable law, suspend the voting rights of a Member and right of a Member to use of the Association Property during any period in which such Member shall be in default in the payment of any Assessment levied by the Association, or after notice and hearing, for any period during which an infraction of the Association Rules by such Member exists;
- (c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or related to the Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of the Association Restrictions;
- (d) to enter into any contract or agreement with a municipal agency or utility company to provide electric utility service to all or any portion of the Property;
- (e) declare the office of a member of the Board to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board;
 - (f) employ such employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties;
 - (g) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:
 - (1) fix the amount of the Assessments against each Lot in advance of each annual assessment period and any other assessments provided by the Declaration; and
 - (2) foreclose the lien against any property for which Assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same;
- (h) 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 and to levy a reasonable charge for the issuance of these certificates (it being understood that if a certificate states that an Assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment);
- (i) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association, which policies of insurance shall name the Declarant during the Development Period, and any managing agent of the Association as "additional insured;"

- (j) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;
- (k) enter into contracts for services required to perform the duties of the Association and solicit bids or proposals for any contract for services in excess of \$50,000 using bid process established by the Association; and
- (l) exercise such other and further powers or duties as provided in the Declaration or by law.

Section 6.2 Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board 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 Members who are entitled to cast fifty-one percent (51%) of all outstanding votes; and
- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

- Section 7.1 Enumeration of Offices. The officers of the Association shall be a President and a Vice-President, who shall at all times be members of the Board, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time create by resolution.
- Section 7.2 <u>Election of Officers</u>. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the Members.
- Section 7.3 <u>Term</u>. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he resigns sooner, or shall be removed or otherwise disqualified to serve.
- Section 7.4 <u>Special Appointments</u>. 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 7.5 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 7.6 <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office may be filled through appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

Section 7.7 <u>Multiple Offices</u>. 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 <u>Section 7.4</u>.

Section 7.8 Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

- (a) <u>President</u>. The President, or any person designated by the Board, presides over meetings of the Association; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments such as promissory notes.
- (b) <u>Vice President</u>. The Vice President or Vice Presidents (including, without limitation, Executive Vice Presidents and Senior Vice Presidents), if any, shall generally assist the President and shall have such powers and perform such duties and services as shall from time to time be prescribed or delegated by the President or the Board.
- (c) <u>Secretary</u>. The Secretary shall cause to be recorded the votes and cause to be kept the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members; serve notice or cause to be served notice of meetings of the Board and of the Members; cause to be kept appropriate current records showing the Members of the Association together with their addresses; and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.
- (d) <u>Assistant Secretaries</u>. Each Assistant Secretary shall generally assist the Secretary and shall have such powers and perform such duties and services as shall from time to time be prescribed or delegated to him or her by the Secretary, the President, the Board or any committee established by the Board.
- (e) <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall oversee the receipts and deposits in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall oversee the disbursement of such funds as directed by resolution of the Board; shall sign, at the direction of the Board, promissory notes of the Association; cause to be kept proper books of account in appropriate form such that they could be audited by a public accountant whenever ordered by the Board or the membership; and shall cause to be prepared an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular meeting, and cause to be delivered a copy of each to the Members.

ARTICLE VIII OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board may, by resolution adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of the number of Directors fixed by these Bylaws, designate two or more Directors (with such alternates, if any, as may be deemed desirable) to constitute another committee or committees for any purpose; provided, that any such other committee or committees shall have and may exercise only the power of recommending action to the Board of Directors and of carrying out and implementing any instructions or any policies, plans, programs and rules theretofore approved, authorized and adopted by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary contained herein, during the Development Period, the Architectural Reviewer for plans and specifications for new homes to be constructed on vacant Lots or modifications to any home on a Lot is the

Declarant or its delegates in accordance with <u>Section 6.2</u> and Appendix B of the Declaration, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE IX BOOKS AND RECORDS

The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member. The Association Restrictions shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

ARTICLE X ASSESSMENTS

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each Member is obligated to pay to the Association Assessments which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the Assessments are made. Assessments shall be due and payable in accordance with the Declaration.

ARTICLE XI CORPORATE SEAL

The Association may, but shall have no obligation to, have a seal in a form adopted by the Board.

ARTICLE XII DECLARANT PROVISIONS

- Section 12.1 <u>Conflict</u>. The provisions of this Article control over any provision to the contrary elsewhere in these Bylaws.
- Section 12.2 <u>Board of Directors</u>. As provided in <u>Section 4.1</u> of these Bylaws, Declarant is entitled to appoint and remove all members of the Board of Directors until the Transition Date and thereafter, two members of the Board of Directors until the Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Property. Until Declarant's right to appoint members of the Board of Directors terminates, the Directors appointed by Declarant need not be Owners or residents and may not be removed by the Owners. In addition, Declarant has the right to fill vacancies in any directorship vacated by a Declarant appointee.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

Section 13.1 These Bylaws may be amended, (i) on or before the Declarant Turnover Date, by unilateral vote or written consent of Declarant, and thereafter (ii) by a majority vote or written consent of a majority of the Directors on the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 13.2 In the case of any conflict between the Certificate and these Bylaws, the Certificate shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XIV INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

THE ASSOCIATION SHALL INDEMNIFY EVERY DIRECTOR AND OFFICER OF THE ASSOCIATION AGAINST, AND REIMBURSE AND ADVANCE TO EVERY DIRECTOR AND OFFICER FOR, ALL LIABILITIES, COSTS AND EXPENSES' INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH DIRECTORSHIP OR OFFICE AND ANY ACTIONS TAKEN OR OMITTED IN SUCH CAPACITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER THE TEXAS BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CODE AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS AT THE TIME OF SUCH INDEMNIFICATION, REIMBURSEMENT OR ADVANCE PAYMENT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NO DIRECTOR OR OFFICER SHALL BE INDEMNIFIED FOR: (A) A BREACH OF DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE ASSOCIATION OR ITS MEMBERS; (B) AN ACT OR OMISSION NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR THAT INVOLVES INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR A KNOWING VIOLATION OF THE LAW; (C) A TRANSACTION FROM WHICH SUCH DIRECTOR OR OFFICER RECEIVED AN IMPROPER BENEFIT, WHETHER OR NOT THE BENEFIT RESULTED FROM AN ACTION TAKEN WITHIN THE SCOPE OF DIRECTORSHIP OR OFFICE; OR (D) AN ACT OR OMISSION FOR WHICH THE LIABILITY OF SUCH DIRECTOR OR OFFICER IS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR BY STATUTE.

ARTICLE XV 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.

I, the undersigned, being the Secretary of Spiritas Ranch Homeowner's Association, Inc. do hereby certify that the foregoing are the Bylaws of said non-profit corporation, as adopted by the Association's Board of Directors pursuant to a Unanimous Consent of Directors in Lieu of Organizational Meeting of the Corporation dated to be effective as of (but not necessarily executed on) March 10, 2021.

Brock Babb, Secretary

EXHIBIT B

Records Production and Copying Policy

[See Attached]

SPIRITAS RANCH HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Records Production, Copying and Retention Policy

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Spiritas Ranch Homeowner's Association, Inc. (the "Association") wishes to adopt reasonable guidelines to establish Records Production and Copying Policy for the Association; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to adopt these reasonable guidelines in compliance with Section 209.005 of the Texas Property Code ("Section 209.005") regarding Owner access to Association documents and records ("Records"); and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to file these guidelines in the real property records of each county in which the subdivision is located, in compliance with Section 209.005 of the Texas Property Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the following guidelines for Records Production and Copying are established by the Board:

- 1. Association Records shall be reasonably available to every owner. The Association shall make available the current version of the Associations' Documents filed in the county deed records available on an Internet website maintained by the Association or managing agent on behalf of the Association, and available to Members. An owner may also provide access to Records to any other person (such as an attorney, CPA, or agent) they designate in writing as their proxy for this purpose. To ensure a written proxy is from the owner, the owner must include a copy of his/her photo ID or have the proxy notarized.
- 2. An owner, or their proxy as described in section 1, must submit a written request for access to or copies of Records. The letter must:
 - a. be sent by certified mail to the Association's address as reflected in its most recent Management Certificate filed in the County public records; and
 - b. contain sufficient detail to identify the specific Records being requested; and
 - c. indicate whether the owner or proxy would like to inspect the Records before possibly obtaining copies or if the specified Records should be forwarded. If forwarded, the letter must indicate the format, delivery method and address:
 - i. format: electronic files, compact disk, or paper copies
 - ii. delivery method: email, certified mail, or pick-up
- 3. Within ten (10) business days of receipt of the request specified in section 2 above, the Association shall provide:
 - a. the requested Records if copies were requested and any required advance payment had been made; or
 - b. a written notice that the Records are available and offer dates and times when the Records may be inspected by the owner or their proxy during normal business hours at the office of the Association; or
 - c. a written notice that the requested Records are available for delivery once a payment of the cost to produce the records is made and stating the cost thereof; or
 - d. a written notice that a request for delivery does not contain sufficient information

- to specify the Records desired, the format, the delivery method, and the delivery address; or
- e. a written notice that the requested Records cannot be produced within ten (10) business days but will be available within fifteen (15) additional business days from the date of the notice and payment of the cost to produce the records is made and stating the cost thereof.
- 4. The following Association Records are not available for inspection by owners or their proxies:
 - a. the financial records associated with an individual owner; and
 - b. deed restriction violation details for an individual owner; and
 - c. personal information, including contact information other than an address for an individual owner; and
 - d. attorney files and records in the possession of the attorney; and
 - e. attorney-client privileged information in the possession of the Association.

The information in a, b and c above will be released if the Association receives express written approval from the owner whose records are the subject of the request for inspection.

- 5. Association Records may be maintained in paper format or in an electronic format. If a request is made to inspect Records and certain Records are maintained in electronic format, the owner or their proxy will be given access to equipment to view the electronic records. Association shall not be required to transfer such electronic records to paper format unless the owner or their proxy agrees to pay the cost of producing such copies.
- 6. If an owner or their proxy inspecting Records requests copies of certain Records during the inspection, Association shall provide them promptly, if possible, but no later than ten (10) business days after the inspection or payment of costs, whichever is later.
- 7. The owner is responsible for all costs associated with a request under this Policy, including but not limited to copies, postage, supplies, labor, overhead and third party fees (such as archive document retrieval fees from off-site storage locations) as listed below: (Please go to the Attorney General web-site for current charges) https://texasattorneygeneral.gov/og/charges-for-public-information
- 8. Any costs associated with a Records request must be paid in advance of delivery by the owner or their proxy. An owner who makes a request for Records and subsequently declines to accept delivery will be liable for payment of all costs under this Policy.
- 9. On a case-by-case basis, in the absolute discretion of the Association, and with concurrence of the owner, the Association may agree to invoice the cost of the Records request to the owner's account. Owner agrees to pay the total amount invoiced within thirty (30) days after the date a statement is mailed to the Owner. Any unpaid balance will accrue interest as an assessment as allowed under the Declarations.

- 10. On a case-by-case basis where an owner request for Records is deemed to be minimal, the Association or its managing agent reserves the right to waive notice under section 2 and/or fees under section 4.
- 11. All costs associated with fulfilling the request under this Policy will be paid by the Association's Managing Agent. All fees paid to the Association under this Policy will be reimbursed to the Association's Managing Agent or paid directly to the Association's Managing Agent.

This is to certify that the foregoing Records Production and Copying Policy was adopted by the Board of Directors, in accordance with Section 209.005 of the Texas Property Code, and supersedes any policy regarding records production which may have previously been in effect.

Record Retention Schedule

The Record Retention Schedule is organized as follows:

SECTION TOPIC

- A. Accounting and Finance
- B. Contracts
- C. Corporate Records
- D. Electronic Documents
- E. Payroll Documents
- F. Personnel Records
- G. Property Records
- H. Tax Records

The following are the Association's retention periods. These apply to both physical and electronic documents. If no physical copy of an electronic document is retained, the means to 'read' the electronic document must also be retained. If a record does not fall within the following categories, Board approval must be obtained to dispose of such record.

A. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Record Type	Length of time to be kept on record
Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable ledgers and schedules	7 years
Annual Audit Reports and Financial Statements	7 years
Annual Audit Records, including work papers and other documents that	7 years after

relate to the audit

Bank Statements and Canceled Checks Employee Expense Reports

7 years

General Ledger

7 years

Notes Receivable ledgers and schedules Investment Records

Permanent

B. CONTRACTS

Record Type	Length of time to be kept on record
Contracts and related correspondence (including any proposal that resulted in the contact and all other supportive documentation)	4 years after the expiration or termination of the contract

C. ASSOCIATION RECORDS

Record Type	Length of time to be kept on record
Corporate records (unless otherwise specifically addressed in this policy), governing documents, dedicatory instruments, minute books, signed minutes of meeting of the Board or Committees, corporate seals, annual/corporate reports, licenses and permits	Permanent
Account records of Owners	5 years

D. ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS

5 - 3	Record Type	Length of time to be kept on record
and the strategy of the state o	Electronic Mail: Not all e-mail needs to be retained and is considered Association property or shall be subject to review, dependent upon the subject matter and/or ownership of the e-mail or system from which the communication originated • Board and/or staff shall stive to keep all insignificant e-mails to a minimum. Significant e-mails are those related to business and Association related issues. E-mails that contain personal information on a Manager or communication between a Manager and his or her Supervisor regarding Management related topics	12 months maximum
į	shall not be required to be produced.	

- The Corporation's business-related emails should be downloaded to a service center or user directory on the server, as determined by the Board.
- Should not store or transfer the Corporation's related e-mails onto non-work-related computers except as necessary or appropriate for the Corporation's purposes.
- Do not send confidential/proprietary information to outside sources including any communication considered confidential/proprietary by the Managing Agent without prior written consent.

Electronic Documents: Retention depends on the subject matter and follows D above

E. ASSOCIATION PAYROLL DOCUMENTS

Record Type	Length of time to be kept on record
Employee Deduction Authorizations	4 years after employees' termination
Payroll Deductions and Payroll Registers	7 years after termination
W-2 and W-4 forms	7 years after termination
Garnishments, Assignments, Attachments	7 years after termination
Timecards/sheets	2 years
Unclaimed wage records	6 years

F. PERSONNEL RECORDS

Record Type	Length of time to be kept on record
Commissions/Bonuses/Incentives/Awards	7 years
EEO – I/EEO-2 Employer Information Reports	7 years from separation
Employee earnings records	1 copy kept permanently
Employee handbooks, personnel records of all types	6 years from separation
Job descriptions	3 years
Employee contracts or agreements	7 years from separation
Employment records – all non-hired applicants	2 years or 4 years if an offer of employment was made
Employee records – correspondence with employment agencies and/or advertisements for job openings	3 years from separation or from date of posting
Personnel count records	3 years
Forms I-9	3 years after date of hire or 1 year after separation of employment

G. PROPERTY RECORDS

Record Type	Length of time to be kept on record
Correspondence, property deeds, assessments, licenses, rights-of-way, property insurance policies	Permanent

F. TAX RECORDS

Record Type	Length of time to be kept on record
Tax exemption documents and related correspondence	Permanent

IRS rulings	Permanent
Tax bills, receipts, statements	7 years
Tax returns, income, franchise, and property	Permanent
Tax workpaper packages – originals	7 years
Annual information returns – Federal and State	Permanent
IRS or other government audit records	Permanent
All other tax records	7 years

Spiritas Ranch Homeowner's Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation

Name:

Title: Brock Babb, Secretary.

EXHIBIT C

Alternative Payment Plan Policy

[See Attached]

SPIRITAS RANCH HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

Dedicatory Instrument

Alternative Payment Schedule Guidelines for Certain Assessments

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Spiritas Ranch Homeowner's Association, Inc. (the "Association") wishes to adopt reasonable guidelines to establish an alternative payment schedule by which an owner may make partial payments to the Association for delinquent regular or special assessments or any other amount owed to the Association; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to adopt these reasonable guidelines in compliance with Section 209.0062 of the Texas Property Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to file these guidelines in the real property records of each county in which the subdivision is located, in compliance with Section 209.0062 of the Texas Property Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the following guidelines are established by the Board:

- 1. Upon the request of a delinquent owner, the Association shall enter into an alternative payment schedule with such owner, subject to the following guidelines:
- a. An Alternative Payment Schedule is only available to owners who have delinquent regular assessments, special assessments or any other amount owed to the Association.
- b. An Alternative Payment Schedule will not be made available in the following cases: (1) to owners who have failed to honor the terms of a previous Alternative Payment Schedule during the two years following the owner's default of such previous Alternative Payment Schedule; (2) to owners who have failed to request an Alternative Payment Schedule prior to the 45 day deadline to cure the delinquency as set forth in the Association's letter sent pursuant to Tex. Prop. Code § 209.0064(b); and/or (3) to owners who have entered into an Alternative Payment Schedule within the previous 12 months. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board has discretion to allow any owner to enter into an Alternative Payment Schedule.
- c. During the course of an Alternative Payment Schedule, additional monetary penalties shall not be charged against an owner so long as the owner timely performs all obligations under the Alternative Payment Schedule and does not default. However, the Association may charge reasonable costs for administering the Alternative Payment Schedule ("Administrative Costs") and, if interest is allowed under the Declaration, then interest will continue to accrue during the term of the Alternative Payment Schedule. The Association may provide an estimate of the amount of interest that will accrue during the term of the Alternative Payment Schedule.
- d. The total of all proposed payments in an Alternative Payment Schedule must equal the sum of the current delinquent balance, the estimated interest, and any Administrative Costs; and may include any assessments that will accrue during the term of the Payment Plan.

- e. All payments under an Alternative Payment Schedule shall be due and tendered to the Association by the dates specified in the Alternative Payment Schedule, and shall be made by cashier's checks or money orders.
- f. The minimum term for an Alternative Payment Schedule is 3 months from the date of the owner's request for an Alternative Payment Schedule. The Association is not required to allow an Alternative Payment Schedule for any amount that extends more than 18 months from the date of the owner's request for an Alternative Payment Plan.
- g. Any owner may submit to the Board a request for an Alternative Payment Schedule that does not meet the foregoing guidelines, along with any other information he/she believes the Board should consider along with such request (e.g. evidence of financial hardship). The Board, in its sole discretion, may approve or disapprove such a request for a non-conforming Alternative Payment Schedule. An owner who is not eligible for an Alternative Payment Schedule may still request an Alternative Payment Schedule, and the Board, in its sole discretion, may accept or reject such a request.

h. Default

- 1. The following shall result in an immediate default of an Alternative Payment Schedule:
 - i. The owner's failure to timely tender and deliver any payment when due under the Alternative Payment Schedule;
 - ii. The owner's failure to tender any payment in the full amount and form (e.g., cashier's check or money order) as specified in the Alternative Payment Schedule; or
 - iii. The owner's failure to timely comply with any other requirement or obligation set forth in the Alternative Payment Plan.
- 2. Any owner who defaults under an Alternative Payment Schedule shall remain in default until his/her entire account balance is brought current.
 - 3. The Association is not required to provide notice of any default.
 - 4. Owners are not entitled to any opportunity to cure a default.
- 5. While an owner is in default under an Alternative Payment Schedule, the owner's payments need not be applied to the owner's debt in the order of priority set forth in Tex. Prop. Code § 209.0063(a). But, in applying a payment made while the owner is in default, a fine assessed by the Association may not be given priority over any other amount owed to the Association.
- 6. The failure by the Association to exercise any rights or options shall not constitute a waiver thereof or the waiver of the right to exercise such right or option in the future.

i. All other terms of an Alternative Payment Schedule are at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

This is to certify that the foregoing Alternative Payment Schedule Guidelines for Certain Assessments was adopted by the Board of Directors, in accordance with Section 209.0062 of the Texas Property Code.

Spiritas Ranch Homeowner's Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation

By:

Brock Babb, Secretary