# BYLAWS <br> OF <br> SHADOW CREEK RANCH COMMERCIAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. 

ARTICLE

Section 1.1. "Association" and "Corporation" shall mean and refer to Shadow Creek Ranch Commercial Owners Association, Inc. ("SCRCOA"), a non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, its successors and assigns.

Section 1.2. "Property" as used in this Article shall mean and refer to that certain real property situated in Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties, Texas, as described in the Declaration and in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, together with any and all other real property which may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Corporation and be accepted by this Corporation by resolution of the Board of Directors of this Corporation.

Section 1.3. "Common Area(s)" shall mean all real property owned in fee or held in easement by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners and shall include areas designated by Declarant to be conveyed by deed or easement to the Association.

Section 1.4. "Tract" shall mean and refer to each parcel of land which is part of the Property (as defined in the Declaration) and which separately described in a deed of conveyance from Declarant to an Owner or as further divided by an Owner and/or conveyed from one Owner to another.

Section 1.5. "Declarant" means Shadow Creek Ranch Development Company Limited Partnership, its successors and assigns.

Section 1.6. "Ownert means an owner of Property, as designated under Article I of the Declaration, including Shadow Creek Ranch Development Company Limited Partnership, eligible as a Member the Association. Any person or entity obtaining title to an Owner's property subject to the Declaration shall also be deemed an Owner. Persons or entities obtaining property annexed into the Association shall also be deemed Owners. Those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation are not included as Owners.

Section 1.7. "Member(s)" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to membership as provided in Article III, Section 1 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Shadow Creek Ranch Commercial Property.

Section 1.8. "Good Standing" shall refer to and imply a Member whose Assessments and fines are paid up, who is not in violation of the Declaration, and whose voting rights are not suspended for violation of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Directors.

Section 1.9. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Shadow Creek Ranch Commercial Property, as filed for record
under Brazoria County Clerk's File Number 02 032811, filed in the Official Real Property Records of Brazoria County, Texas, together with such amendments and supplements thereto as may from time to time be adopted.

Section 1.10. "Assessment(s)" shall mean and refer to any and all charges secured by a lien defined in the Restrictions, including, but not limited to, Annual Assessments, Special Assessments, Reimbursement Assessments, Capitalization Fees, Conveyance Fees, interest, costs, fines, attomey fees, and charges arising from violations of the Restrictions.

Section 1.11. "Majority Vote" shall mean more than half of the votes cast of the total eligible votes, excluding blanks and abstentions, by the persons in Good Standing, entitled to be there, present in person or by Proxy, at a properly called meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 1.12. "Two-Thirds Vote" shall mean at least two-thirds of the votes cast of the total eligible votes, excluding blanks and abstentions, by the persons in Good Standing, entitled to be thereat, present in person or by proxy, at a properly called meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 1.13. "Restrictions" shall mean any and all restrictions, reservations, covenants and conditions encumbering the Property (as defined in the Declaration) and set forth in the Declaration and/or any rules and regulations or guidelines promulgated under the authority granted therein or herein, including related to architectural control.

## ARTICLE II

## NAME \& LOCATION

The name of this Corporation is Shadow Creek Ranch Commercial Owners Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation. The principal office of the Corporation shall be at such location as it may be designated, from time to time, by resolution of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE III

## REGISTERED OFFICE/AGENT

The Corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Texas a registered office and a registered agent, whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. art. 1396-2.05, as it may be amended from time to time. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

## OBJECTIVE

Section 4.1. Purpose. The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are civic and social for the benefit and betterment of the Owners. To carry out such purposes properly, the Corporation may, at the discretion of its Board of Directors, if economically feasible, perform the following functions, and the exercise of such functions shall be deemed to be within the scope of activities contemplated by the Articles of Incorporation:
(a) provide for the maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas, subject to the availability of funds;
(b) provide architectural control of the Tracts;
(c) exercise all of the powers and privileges and perform all of the duties and obligations of the Corporation as set forth in the Declaration;
(d) acquire, by gift, purchase, or otherwise, own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease transfer, dedicate for public use, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of this Corporation;
(e) borrow money, to mortgage, pledge, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
(f) have and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges which a corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Texas may now or hereafter, by law, have or exercise.

Section 4.2. Annexation. The Corporation may annex additional property if said property is placed under or submitted to its jurisdiction according to the terms of the Declaration.

ARTICLE V

## MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 5.1. Members. As provided in the Articles of Incorporation, every person or entity who is a record Owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Tract, including contract sellers, shall be a Member of the Corporation. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of any Tract which is subject to Assessment by the Corporation. Ownership of such Tract shall be the sole qualification for membership.

Section 5.2. Annual Meeting of Members. The first Annual Meeting of Members shall be held at a time to be designated by the Board of Directors. Thereafter, each Annual Meeting of
the Members shall be held on or before the third month of each year. The purpose of the Meeting will be for nomination and election of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may be contained in the notice of the Ammual Meeting.

Section 5.3. Special Meetings of Members. Special Meetings of Members may be called by the President, by the Vice President, by a majority of the Directors in Good Standing then in office, by resolution of the Board of Directors, or by those Members in Good Standing holding one-fourth ( $1 / 4$ ) of the total votes of the membership.

Section 5.4. Place of Meetings. The Board of Directors may designate any place within or without the State of Texas as the place of meeting for any annual or special meeting. If no place is designated, the meeting shall be held at the registered office of the Corporation.

Section 5.5. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of the Annual Meeting of Members and each Special Meeting of Members, stating the place, day, hour, and purpose(s) for which the meeting is called, shall be mailed by first class mail no less than fifteen (15) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of the meeting, by or at the direction of the President, the Secretary, or the Officers or persons calling the meeting, to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting, Such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the Member at his address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage hereon paid. Only the business stated in the purpose(s) in the notice of the meeting may be conducted in a Meeting of Members.

Section 5.6. Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or in the Declaration, the presence, in person or by proxy, of those Members holding twenty percent ( $20 \%$ ) of the total eligible votes of the membership shall constitute a quorum for all purposes at any Meeting of Members. Notwithstanding this quorum requirement, at least three (3) members must be present in person while business is being transacted. If the number of Members necessary to constitute a quorum at any Meeting of Members shall fail to attend, in person or by proxy, the Members present, in person or by proxy, may adjourn any such meeting from time to time without notice other than the announcement at the meeting until the number requisite to constitute a quorum shall be present in person or by proxy. In the absence of a quorum, or at such time during a meeting that a quorum is no longer present, the only actions that may be taken by those present, in person or by proxy, is to recess or to adjourn to another place and/or time. At any such adjourned meeting, at which a quorum may be present, in person or by proxy, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally noticed or called.

Section 5.7. Chairman and Secretary. The President of the Corporation, or in the event of his absence, the Vice President of the Corporation, shall call Meetings of Members to order and shall act as Chairman of such meetings. In the absence of the President and the Vice President of the Corporation, the Members present
may appoint a Chairman. The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as Secretary of all Meetings of Members; but in the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

Section 5.8. Voting. At all Meetings of Members, all questions, except those, the manner of deciding which, are otherwise expressly governed by statute, the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, or elsewhere in these Bylaws, shall be decided by Majority Vote of total elibile vote. All voting, other than the election of Directors, shall be by voice or by show of hands; except that, upon the determination of the Chairman of any meeting, or upon the demand of any Member or his proxy, voting on any question shall be by secret ballot. Only those Members in Good Standing may vote at any Meeting of Members.

Section 5.9. Voting Rights. The voting rights of the Members shall be set forth in the Declaration, and such voting rights provisions are specifically incorporated herein. Voting may be done by ballot, voice vote, mail and/or any other technological method approved by the Board, according to procedures set forth by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.10. Suspension of Voting Rights. The voting rights of any Member whose Assessments or fines are in arrears by more than fifteen (15) days shall be suspended as long as such Assessments or fines are in arrears. Likewise, the voting rights of any Member who is in violation of the Restrictions and who has been cited and noticed for such by the Board of Directors, shall be suspended as long as such violation exists. Voting rights may also be suspended as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws and in the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 5.11. Proxies of Members. Unless prohibited by statute, at all Meetings of Members, each Member in Good Standing may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation prior to being exercised. All such proxies shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance of the Member's Lot. No proxy shall be valid after eleven (11) months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

Section 5.12. Solicitation of Proxies by Management. The Board of Directors may, by resolution of the Board, solicit proxies, with recommendations, from the Members, and the cost of such solicitation shall be bome by the Corporation.

## ARTICLE VI

## PROPERTY OWNERS

Section 6.1. Meetings. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, conduct a meeting open to all Members for the purpose of disseminating information and soliciting input from the Members.

Section 6.2. Business. Such a Property Owners Meeting is neither a Meeting of Members nor a meeting of the Board of Directors. No action taken at a Property Owners Meeting shall be binding upon the Board of Directors or upon the Corporation. Minutes of such a meeting are not required and, if taken, do not become part of the official records of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE VII

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7.1. Powers. The business and property of the Corporation shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors. Subject to the limitations imposed by law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation, and these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may exercise all of the powers of the Corporation.

Without in any way limiting the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have power to:
(a) adopt and publish the Rules and Regulations of the Association, and establish and enforce penalties and/or fines for infractions thereof, including, but not limited to: rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon;
(b) suspend a Member's voting rights during any period in which such Member shall be in arrears in the payment of any Assessment or fine levied by the Association or shall be in violation of the Declaration;
(c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties, and authority vested in or delegated to the Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these Bylaws, or by the Articles of Incorporation or the Declaration; and
(d) contract with other associations, a manager, maintenance personnel, a management firm, security guards, and such other contractors as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties.

Section 7.2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:
(a) cause to be kept a record of its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the Members at the Annual Meeting of Members, or at any Special Meeting of Members when such statement is requested in writing by those Members in Good Standing holding twenty-five percent ( $25 \%$ ) of the total votes of the membership;
(b) evaluate the performance of the agents and contractors of the Corporation and see that their duties are properly performed;
(c) fix the amount of the Ammal Assessment and any Special Assessment against the Tracts, as provided for in the Declaration, to fix the amount of the various fees outlined herein, and to take such actions as it deems appropriate to collect such Assessments and charges, and to enforce the liens created by the Declaration to secure payment thereof;
(d) issue, or cause an appropriate Officer, agent, or contractor to issue, upon demand in writing by any Member or upon request by any Member's agent, a certificate setting forth whether any Assessment, charge, or fine has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of such certificate;
(e) procure and maintain such liability and hazard insurance on property and facilities owned by the Association, liability insurance to protect Directors and Officers, and any other insurance, as it may deem appropriate;
(f) cause the Common Areas of the Association to be maintained;
(g) nominate at least one candidate for each Director position to be filled at the Annual Meeting of Members;
(h) appoint an Architectural Review Committee as provided for in the Declaration; and
(i) perform such other and further duties as the Board of Directors may deem necessary or desirable for the preservation of the Shadow Creek Ranch Commercial Property, i.e. the Property as defined in Article I, Section 1.2 hereof.

Section 7.3. Term of Board. A new Board shall commence upon the announcement of the results of the election of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Members, even if its membership has not changed as a result of the election. The term of a Board shall end at the announcement of the results of the election of Directors at the next Annual Meeting of Members.

Section 7.4. Number and Tenure of Directors. During the existence of the Class B Membership, the Declarant shall have the exclusive right to appoint the Directors. The number of Directors shall be no less than three (3) and no more than five (5). After the expiration of the Class B Membership, Directors shall be elected for three-year terms. Director terms shall be staggered such that at least one (1) and no more than two (2) Directors are elected at each Annual Meeting of Members. Directors which are not appointed by Declarant must be Members (or employees, agents, or officers or directors of a Member) of the Corporation. No two Directors shall be employees, agents, or affiliates of the same Owner, with the exception of the Declarant. Each Director shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified, or until his death, or until he shall resign or shall have been removed as herein provided.

Section 7.5. Nommation of Directors. After the expiration of the Class B Membership, the Board of Directors shall nominate at least one candidate for each Director position to be filled at the upcoming Arnual Meeting of Members. Nominations may be made from the floor by Members in Good Standing at the Annual Meeting of Members. Nominations made from the floor need not be seconded and a Member may nominate himself. Candidates for Director must be Members of the Corporation in Good Standing and must not be a member of the immediate
family, household, or cohabitation, of any other nominated candidate or any Director not up for election.

Section 7.6. Election of Directors. Members may cast as many votes as the number of Director positions to be filled. Only Members in Good Standing are allowed to vote in the election of Directors. Voting will be by secret ballot. Cumulative voting for Directors is expressly prohibited. The candidate or candidates receiving the most votes cast shall be elected. No minimum number of votes is required in order for a candidate to be properly elected. Ties shall be determined by lot. Newly elected Directors shall take office upon announcement of the election results at the Annual Meeting of Members.

Section 7.7. Transition from the Initial Board of Directors. To provide for the transition from the initial Board of Directors, as provided in the Articles of Incorporation, to no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) Directors with staggered three-year terms, the Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting of Members. Staggered terms shall be established by the elected candidates.

Section 7.8. Removal of Directors. Durign the existence of the Class B Membership, the Declarant may remove any Director with or without cause, Thereafter, any Director may be removed from the Board with or without cause, by (a) a Two-Thirds Vote at a Special Meeting of Members called for that purpose, or (b) a Two-Thirds Vote of the remaining Directors in Good Standing at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. Any Director shall be automatically removed from the Board for missing, without it being an excused absence, three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors or for being continuously not in Good Standing for a period of three (3) or more consecutive months, without requiring any firther action on the part of the Board or the Members.

Section 7.9. Vacancies on the Board. In the event of death, resignation, or removal of a Director, his successor shall be selected by Majority Vote of the remaining Directors in Good Standing, even if the total number of remaining Directors in Good Standing is less than a quorum, and shall, serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 7.10. Compensation of Directors. During the existence of the Class $B$ Membership, as defined in Article III of the Declaration, the Board of Directors may decide to compensate Directors for acting as such, in such fashion and in such amounts as it deems appropriate, however not to exceed $\$ 5,000.00$ per year per Director position. After the expiration of the Class B Membership, no Director shall receive compensation for service he or she may render to the Corporation in his capacity as a Director, unless approved by Members representing a majority of the total Class $A$ vote at a regular or special meeting, however not to exceed $\$ 5,000.00$ per year Director position. At any time, however, any Director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Section 7.11. First Meeting. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the Annual Meeting of Members, the Board of Director shall proceed to the election of the Officers of the Corporation. No notice or waiver of notice of any such first meeting shall be required or
necessary if it be held immediately after either the Annual Meeting of Members or the adjourned Annual Meeting of Members. Any and all business of any nature or character may be transacted at such first meeting.

Section 7.12. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least once every three (3) months at such time and place as shall be designated, from time to time, by resolution of the Board of Directors. Notice of such regular meetings shall be required.

Section 7.13. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or a majority of the Directors in Good Standing then in office. Notice of each special meeting shall be given by telegraph, mail, telephone, facsimile transmission, or personal delivery to each Director at his residence or usual place of business at least two days prior to the meeting. Notice may be given by any Officer of the Corporation. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting. At any meeting at which every Director shall be present in person or by proxy, even though without any notice, any business may be transacted.

Section 7.14. Quotum. A majority of the Directors in Good Standing then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If, at any meeting of the Board of Directors, there is less than a quorum present, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice, other than by announcement at the meeting, until a quorum is present or in attendance thereat. Directors present by proxy may not be counted toward a quorum.

Section 7.15. Chairman and Secretary. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the President of the Corporation shall call the meeting to order and shall act as Chairman of such meeting. In the absence of the President, a Chaiman shall be chosen from the Directors in Good Standing present. The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the Board of Directors, but in the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

Section 7.16. Voting. The act of a majority of the Directors in Good Standing present, in person or by proxy, at a meeting at which a quorum is in attendance shall constitute an act of the Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws. Only Directors in Good Standing may vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 7.17. Order of Business. At meetings of the Board of Directors, business shall be transacted in such order as from time to time the Board of Directors may determine.

## ARTICLE VIII

## COMMITTEES

Section 8.1. Architectural Review Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint an Architectural Review Committee with the duties and authorities provided for in the Declaration.

Directors may serve on the Architectural Review Committee. During the existence of the Class B Membership, the Declarant may appoint and/or remove the members of the Architectural Review Committee with or without cause at anytime and from time to time.

Section 8.2. Other Committees. The Board of Directors shall appoint such other committees as it deems appropriate in carrying out its purposes. All such other committees that are created or defined by the Board, or whose membership is appointed or elected by the Board, shall be Board Committees and shall be responsible to the Board, and all actions taken by such Board Committees shall be subject to the approval of the Board. No Board Committee shall have any authority vested in the Board of Directors. The terms of the Committees shall be as set by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IX

## OFFICERS

Section 9.1. Positions. The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President (who shall be a Director), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other Officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time elect or appoint. One person may hold more than one office except that the offices of President and Secretary must be held by different persons.

Section 9.2. Election and Tenure. The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board after the Annual Meeting of Members to serve a one (1)
year term. Each Officer shall hold office until his successor shall be duly elected and shall have qualified, or until his death, or until he shall resign or shall have been removed.

Section 9.3. Removal. All Officers shall be subject to removal, with or without cause, at any time, by a Majority Vote of the Directors in Good Standing then in office.

Section 9.4. Vacancies. In the event of death, resignation, or removal of an Officer, his successor shall be selected by a Majority Vote of the Directors in Good Standing then in office.

Section 9.5. Compensation of Officers. No Officer shall receive compensation for services he may render to the Corporation in his capacity as an Officer. However, any Officer may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Section 9.6. President. The President, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall be in general charge of the affairs of the Corporation in the ordinary course of its business; he shall preside at all Meetings of Members and all meeting of the Board of Directors; he may make, sign, and execute all deed, conveyances, assignments, bonds, contracts, and other obligations, and any and all other instruments and papers of any kind or character in the name of the Corporation; and, he shall do and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 9.7. Vice President. The Vice President shall have the usual powers and duties pertaining to his office together with such other powers and duttes as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors, and the Vice President shall have and exercise the powers of the President during that Officer's absence or inability to act. Any action taken by the Vice President in the performance of the duties of the President shall be conclusive evidence of the absence or inability to act of the President at the time such action was taken.

Section 9.8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the Corporation which come into his hands. When necessary or proper, he may endorse, on behalf of the Corporation, for collection, checks, notes, and other obligations and shall deposit the same to the credit of the Corporation in such bank or banks or depositories as shall be designated in the manner described by the Board of Directors; he may sign all receipts and vouchers for payments made to the Corporation, either alone or jointly with such Officer as is designated by the Board of Directors; whenever required by the Board of Directors, he shall render a statement of his cash account; he shall enter or cause to be entered regularly on the books of the Corporation full and accurate accounts of all moneys received and paid out on request, to any Director of the Corporation during business hours; he shall perform all acts incident to the position of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors; he shall, if required by the Board of Directors, give such bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such form as the Board of Directors may require, at the cost of the Association.

Section 9.9. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the minutes of all Meeting of Members in Books provided for that purpose; he shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices; he may sign with the President or Vice President in the name of the Corporation all contracts, conveyances, transfers, assignments, authorizations, and other instruments of the Corporation and affhx the seal of the Corporation thereto. He shall have charge of and shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, such books and papers as the Board of Directors may direct, all of which shall at all reasonable times during business hours be open to the inspection of any Director upon request at the principal office of the Corporation, or such other location as may be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, and he shall in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 10.1. Services Rendered. No Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be required to devote his time or render services exclusively to the Corporation. Each Director and Officer of the Corporation shall be free to engage in any and all other businesses and activities either similar or dissimilar to the business of the Corporation without liability to the Corporation. Likewise, each and every Director and Officer of the Corporation shall be entirely free to act for and serve any other corporation or corporations, entity or entities, in any capacity or capacities, and become a director or officer of any other corporation or corporations, entity or entities,
whether or not the purposes, business, or activities thereof are similar or dissimilar to the purposes of this Corporation, without breach of duty to this Corporation or its Members and without liability of any character or description to the Corporation or its Members.

Section 10.2. Indemnification. Except for any acts or events resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct, no Director or Officer shall be liable or responsible, in damages or otherwise, to any Member, to any Member's family, guests, invitees, or tenants, or to any third parties whomsoever by reason of his being or having been, a Director or Officer of the Association, or for any act, or failure to act, pursuant to the business of the Association. Except for willful misconduct or gross negligence, no Director or Officer of the Association shall ever be liable to any person, firm, or corporation for any action taken, or for failure to act, with reference to Association matters, or for any action (other than fraud or theft) taken, or for failure to act, with respect to his duties hereunder or with respect to the collection, administration, expenditure, or disposition of funds or assets of the Association. The Association shall indemnify and hold harmless its Directors and Officers from any costs, whatsoever caused to any Director or Officer as a result of his being or having been a Director or Officer, or as a result of his performing or faling to perform acts for the Association so long as such costs were not caused by willful misconduct or gross negligence. The Association shall further indemnify and hold harmless any Committees appointed by the Board of Directors. The acceptance by any party of a deed to any lot or building site in the Shadow Creek Ranch development shall constitute unequivocally such party's covenant and agreement to the above. THIS PROVISION SHALL BE OF FULL FORCE AND EFFECT EVEN IF THE PARTY BEING INDEMNIFIED WAS NEGLIGENT BY THEIR ACTS OR OMISSIONS.

Section 10.3. Resignation. Any Director or Officer may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein; or, if no time be specified, at the time of its receipt by the President or Secretary. The acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective, unless expressly so provided in the resignation.

## ARTICLE XI

## CONTRACTS, LOANS. CHECKS, DEPOSITS

Section 11.1. Contracts. The Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents, in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; and, unless so authorized by the Board of Directors or expressly authorized by the Bylaws, no Officer or agent shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable pecuniarily for any purpose or to any amount.

Section 112. Loans. No loan shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation, and no negotiable papers or evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by the
vote of the Board of Directors. No loan shall be made by the Corporation to any of its Directors or Officers.

Section 11.3. Checks. All checks, drafts, and other orders for the payment of money out of the funds of the Corporation, and all notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Corporation shall be signed by at least one (1) Officer and one other Officer or such other person on behalf of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 11.4. Deposits. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks or other depositories as the Board of Directors may
select, and for the purpose of such deposit, the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, or any other Officer or agent of the Corporation to whom such power may be delegated by the Board of Directors, may endorse, assign, and deliver, for deposit into accounts of the Corporation, checks, drafts, and other orders for the payment of money, which are payable to the order of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE XII

## ASSESSMENTS

Section 12.1. Cost Recovery. As provided in the Declaration, each Owner is obligated to pay to the Association certain charges and Assessments, and such charges and Assessments which may be included, from time to time, by amendment to the Declaration. All costs, expenses, and fees charged to, or paid by, the Association in collecting, or attempting to collect, such charges and Assessments, as well as interest as specified in the Declaration, shall be assessed against the Owner and the Tract, and shall become part of the Assessments due on the Tract. Likewise, all costs, expenses, and fees incurred by the Association in rectifying, or attempting to rectify, a violation of the Restrictions shall be assessed against the Owner and the Tract, and shall become part of the Assessments due on the Tract. Such costs, expenses, and fees may or shall include, but not be limited to:
(a) actual expenses, including attomey fees and court costs;
(b) a dishonored-check processing fee, set by the Board of Directors, which shall be assessed for
any payment check dishonored by the bank, to offset the additional processing cost incurred;
(c) a partial payment processing fee, set by the Board of Directors, which shall be assessed of any
mayment for less than full mount due at the time payment is made, to offset the additional processing costs incurred;
(d) a transfer fee, set by the Board of Directors, which shall be assessed for the transfer of
ownership of any Tract, including by foreclosure, to offset the administrative costs and expenses
associated with (1) quoting, verbally or in writing, the status of the Assessments and other
charges due on the Tract, (2) tracking, researching, and determining or attempting to determine ownership, (3) updating the books and records of the Association to reflect the transfer, and
(4) preparing and mailing introductory information regarding the subdivision, the Association, and/or the covenants, conditions, restrictions, rules, and regulations applicable to the new owner;
(e) a refinance fee, set by the Board of Directors, which shall be assessed for the refinance of any Tract, to offset the administrative costs and expenses associated with quoting the status of the Assessments and other charges due on the Tract and updating the books and records of the Association; and
(f) interest at the lesser of $18 \%$ per annum or the maximum amount allowed by law.

Any such assessment or charge which is not paid when due shall be delinquent.
Section 12.2. Application of Payments. Any payments received shall be applied as directed by the Board of Directors in such fashion and order of priority as the Board deems proper, in its sole discretion. Absent such direction, partial payments shall be posted first to charges and fines other than Annual Assessments or Special Assessments or Reimbursements due, starting with the oldest such charge. The remainder, if any, shall then be posted to Annual Assessments and Special Assessments and Reimbursement Assessments due, starting with the oldest such Assessment.

Section 12.3. Effect of Foreclosure. In the special case of foreclosure of a lien superior to the Association's, Assessments shall be prorated from the date of foreclosure. The due date of the Annual Assessment for the year of the foreclosure shall be the date of the foreclosure, and a late processing fee shall be assessed thirty (30) days after the date of foreclosure pursuant to Article XII, Section 12.1 hereof. In accordance with Article XII, Section 12.1 hereof, a transfer fee shall be assessed effective the date of foreclosure. Any costs which are incurred by the Association between the date of foreclosure and the date the Association receives written notice of the actual foreclosure from the foreclosing party and which are incurred by the Association in attempting to pursue the foreclosed Owner shall remain due on the account of the subject Tract.

Section 12.4. Owner's Mailing Address. When sending notices, the Association is obligated only to send notice to the last known address on the books of the Association as provided by the Owner. It is the responsibility of each Owner to keep the Association advised, in writing, at all times, of his current mailing address. It is the responsibility of each new Owner of any Tract to render his address, in writing, with the Association. Any costs incurred by the Association in (a) attempting to determine ownership of the Tract, (b) attempting to determine the mailing address of the Owner, (c) attempting to pursue delinquency processing or deed restriction violation processing with the wrong party, or (d) otherwise attempting to locate the Owner, and caused by failure of the Owner to render his property or to advise the Association of his mailing address, shall become part of the Assessments due on the property. Delinquency processing and deed restriction violation processing shall not be discontinued solely because notices are returned by the post office. Failure to receive notices shall in no way waive or negate any Assessments or other charges due.

Section 12.5. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments and Other Charges. The Board of Directors may take such actions as it deems appropriate to collect the funds due including, but not limited to, foreclosing the existing Lien created in the Declaration. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for Assessments and other charges, or any part thereof, by non-use of any of the facilities or services provided by the Association, or by abandonment of his Tract.

## ARTICLE XIII

## NOTICE

Whenever any notice whatsoever is required to be given under the provisions of these Bylaws, said notice shall be deemed to be sufficient if given by depositing the same in a post office box in a sealed, postpaid wrapper addressed to the person entitled floreto at his post office address, as it appears on the books of the Corporation, and such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the day of such mailing.

## ARTICLE XIV

## WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any Member or Director, a waiver of notice, in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. The attendance of a Member at a Meeting of Members, or a Director at a meeting of the Board of Directors, shall Constitute a waiver of notice, except where the Member or Director attends such meeting with the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

## BOOKS AND RECORDS

The books, records, and papers of the Association shall be available for inspection for any proper purpose by any Member, his agent; or attorney, at any reasonable time during business hours, pursuant to the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any Member, his agent, or attomey, upon request, with reasonable notice to the Board of Directors, and copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

## ARTICLE XVI

## PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the Parliamentary Authority of the Association, of the Board of Directors, and of all committees of the Association and of the Board; and the rules contained therein shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the law, the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, or with any Special Rules of Order adopted by the applicable body.

## ARTICLE XVII

## AMENDMENT

These Bylaws may be supplemented, altered, or amended either by a Two-Thirds Vote at a Special Meeting of Members called for that purpose, or by a Two-Thirds Vote of the Directors in Good Standing then in office at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVIII

## MISCELLANEOUS

Section 18.1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall end at midnight on December 31 of each calendar year.

Section 18.2. Corporate Seal. The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, however no seal shall be needed to authorize any action of the Coporation.

## CERTIFICATION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH Article 1396-3.05 and Article 1396-2.09 of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, and in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation of Shadow

Creek Ranch Commercial Owners Association, Inc., as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas on May 15, 2002, I do hereby certify:

THAT I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of Shadow Creek Ranch Commercial Owners Ássociation, Inc., a Texas noi-profit corporation; and

THAT the Organization Meeting of the Board of Directors, as specified in the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, was duly called and held on the 28 th day of June, 2002; and

THAT as a result of a Vote of the Board of Directors taken at the Organization Meeting the Bylaws hereto attached were approved and adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, effective the $28^{\text {ith }}$ day of June, 2002.


Andrew Pelter, Secretary

