

**C O N S T I T U T I O N**

**CHESTNUT RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

a homeowners association established  
in terms of Section 29 of the Land Use  
Planning Ordinance, No 15 of 1985

## 1. ESTABLISHMENT IN TERMS OF STATUTE

Chestnut Ridge Property Owners Association is constituted as a homeowners association in terms of Section 29 of the Land Use Planning Ordinance, No 15 of 1985, in accordance with the conditions imposed by the Blaauwberg Administration when approving the subdivision of Erf 33416, Milnerton, in terms of Sections 25(1) and 42 of the said Ordinance and shall come into existence simultaneously with the registration in the Deeds Office of the first of the erven (as hereinafter defined).

## 2. INTERPRETATION

In these presents:

- 2.1 the following words shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them:
- 2.1.1 “Association” means Chestnut Ridge Property Owners Association;
  - 2.1.2 “auditors” means the auditors of the Association;
  - 2.1.3 “business day” means weekdays, other than Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays;
  - 2.1.4 “chairman” means the chairman of the trustee committee;
  - 2.1.5 “common area” means Erf 33712 and 33713, Milnerton, being the private road, park and store areas within the development;
  - 2.1.6 “completion of the scheme” means the date of handover of the last building site in the scheme to the relevant titleholder thereof;
  - 2.1.7 “Council” means the South Peninsula Municipality or its successor/s;
  - 2.1.8 “development” means the subdivision of Erf 33416, Milnerton, into a number of individual erven, as determined by the developer with the approval of the Council, in the scheme known as Chestnut Ridge;
  - 2.1.9 “developer” means Rabie Property Projects (Proprietary) Limited and Investec Property Group and includes their successor/s in title or assigns;
  - 2.1.10 “erven” means the erven in the development being the erven referred to in clause 2.1.8, excluding the common area, and reference to an “erf” shall have the corresponding meaning;

- 2.1.11 “in writing” means written, printed or lithographed, or partly one and partly another, and other modes of representing or producing words in a visible form;
  - 2.1.12 “member” means a member of the Association;
  - 2.1.13 “month” means calendar month;
  - 2.1.14 “office” means the registered office of the Association;
  - 2.1.15 “scheme” means all works relating to the development in terms of the various agreements between the developer, the relevant authorities and future and/or current members of the Association;
  - 2.1.16 “special resolution” means a resolution passed at a special general meeting in accordance with the provisions of clause 27 below;
  - 2.1.17 “these presents” means this constitution and regulations, and by-laws of the Association from time to time in force;
  - 2.1.18 “trustee committee” means the board of trustees of the Association;
  - 2.1.19 “trustee” means one of the trustee committee;
  - 2.1.20 “vice-chairman” means the vice-chairman of the trustee committee;
  - 2.1.21 “year” means calendar year;
- 2.2 unless the context otherwise requires, any words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number, and *vice versa*, and words importing any one gender only shall include the other two genders.

### 3. **PURPOSE DESCRIBING MAIN BUSINESS**

The main business of the Association is to carry on the promotion, advancement and protection of the registered owners for the time being of the erven.

### 4. **MAIN OBJECT**

The main object of the Association is:

- 4.1 the control over:
  - 4.1.1 all buildings, and/or structures erected or to be erected on the erven; and

- 4.1.2 the maintenance of all perimeter walling, entrance gates, buildings, roads, common services, refuse and store areas, common landscaping and amenities on the common areas and external verges;
- 4.2 the promotion, advancement and protection of the communal and group interests of the members generally;
- 4.3 to take title to the common areas except for areas vesting in the local authority;
- 4.4 to enter into services agreements with the local authority, or any other authority or supplier of services.

## 5. **FINANCIAL YEAR END**

The financial year-end of the Association is the last day of the twelfth month after the coming into existence of the Association, or such other month end as determined by the members at a general meeting.

## 6. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 6.1 Membership of the Association shall be compulsory for every registered owner of an erf.
- 6.2 Such membership shall commence simultaneously with the transfer of the erf into the name of the transferee.
- 6.3 Membership of the Association shall be limited to the registered owners of the erven, provided that:
  - 6.3.1 a person who is entitled to obtain a certificate of registered title to any such erf shall be deemed to be the registered owner thereof;
  - 6.3.2 where any such owner is more than one person, all the registered owners of that erf shall be deemed jointly and severally to be one member of the Association and may nominate one owner to represent them and vote at meetings of the Association.
- 6.4 When a member ceases to be the registered owner of an erf, he shall *ipso facto* cease to be a member of the Association.
- 6.5 A member shall not be entitled to:
  - 6.5.1 sell or transfer an erf unless it is a condition of the sale and transfer that:
    - 6.5.1.1 the transferee becomes a member of the Association;

6.5.1.2 the registration of transfer of that erf into the name of that transferee shall *ipso facto* constitute the transferee as a member of the Association;

6.5.1.3 the transferee first obtains the written consent of the Association, which consent shall be given provided the purchaser of such erf agrees in writing to abide by the rules of the constitution of the Association, and provided further that such member has paid all levies and any other amounts owing by him to the Association as at the date of transfer of the erf;

6.5.2 without the prior written approval of the trustees:

6.5.2.1 erect any new buildings and/or structures of any nature whatsoever on his erf;

6.5.2.2 make any changes or alterations to existing buildings and/or structures on his erf, including changes to the external colour scheme.

6.6 The approval of the trustees as contemplated in clause 6.5.2 shall only be given:

6.6.1 after detailed plans of the proposed work have been submitted to the trustees, or any person nominated by the trustees (who may be an architect registered with the South African Council of Architects or the Institute of South African Architects);

6.6.2 the trustees or their nominee are satisfied that the proposed work is in accordance with the design manual, for the purposes of which the trustees or their nominee shall be the sole arbiter and their decision shall be final and binding on the member;

6.6.3 the member has made payment of any costs which may be incurred in obtaining this approval, including the costs of the trustees or their nominee, such costs to be based on the recommended tariff of the Institute of South African Architects, for work of a similar nature; and

6.6.4 the member has paid to the trustees a deposit, in such amount as the trustees may from time to time determine, as a building deposit which amount shall be held in trust by the trustees subject to the provisions of clause 9 below;

notwithstanding that the foregoing shall not be interpreted as detracting from the sole and final responsibility of the Council to approve or reject building plans.

- 6.7 The registered owner of an erf may not resign as a member of the Association and shall remain a member for as long as such owner is the registered owner of any erf in the development.
- 6.8 The trustee committee, by regulation, may provide for the issue of a membership certificate, which certificate shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the trustee committee.
- 6.9 The rights and obligations of a member shall not be transferable and every member shall:
- 6.9.1 to the best of his ability further the objects and interests of the Association;
- 6.9.2 observe all by-laws and regulations made by the Association or the trustee committee,
- provided that nothing contained in this constitution shall prevent a member from ceding his rights in terms of this constitution as security to the mortgagee of that member's erf.
- 6.10 No member ceasing to be a member of the Association for any reason shall, (nor shall any such member's executor, curators, trustees or liquidators) have any claim upon or interest in the funds or other property of the Association, however this clause shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Association to claim from such member or his estate any arrears of subscriptions or other sums due by him to the Association at the time of his so ceasing to be a member.

## **7. LEVIES PAYABLE BY THE MEMBERS**

- 7.1 The trustee committee shall from time to time, impose levies upon the members for the purpose of meeting all the expenses which the Association has incurred, or to which the trustee committee reasonably anticipates the Association will incur by way of maintenance, repairs, improvement and the keeping in good order and condition of the common areas, including specifically, landscaping, all township services, sewage treatment, and the security systems to be installed on the common areas, and/or for payment of all rates and other charges payable by the Association in respect of the common areas, and/or for payment of the services rendered to it, and/or for payment of all expenses necessary or reasonably incurred in connection with the management of the Association, the common areas and the Association's affairs. In calculating levies, the trustee committee shall take into account, income, if any, earned by the Association.
- 7.2 The trustee committee shall estimate the amount which shall be required by the Association to meet the expenses during each year, together with such estimated

deficiency, if any, as shall result from the preceding year, and shall impose a levy upon the members', equal as nearly as is reasonably practical to such estimated amount. The trustee committee may include in such levies an amount to be held in reserve to meet anticipated future expenditure, not of an annual nature. Every such levy shall be made payable by equal monthly instalments due in advance on the first day of each and every succeeding month of such year.

- 7.3 The trustee committee may, from time to time, impose special levies upon the members in respect of all such expenses as are mentioned in this clause 7 (which are not included in any estimate made in terms of clause 7.2), and such levies may be imposed in the sum or by such instalments, and at such time or times as the trustee committee shall deem fit.
- 7.4 Any amount due by a member by way of a levy shall be a debt due by him to the Association. The obligation of a member to pay a levy shall cease upon his ceasing to be a member of the Association, without prejudice to the Association's right to recover arrear levies. No levies paid by a member shall under any circumstances be repayable by the Association upon his ceasing to be a member. A member's successor in title to an erf shall be liable as from the date upon which he becomes a member pursuant to the transfer of that erf, to pay the levy attributable to that erf.
- 7.5 The total estimated levy as contemplated in clauses 7.1 and 7.2 shall be the same for each erf in the development.
- 7.6 Members of the Association shall be entitled to elect to pay levies by means of any of the following methods :-
- 7.6.1 the issue of a debit order against his banking account;
- 7.6.2 an advance payment of all levies due for the full year; or
- 7.6.3 the issue of twelve post dated cheques in respect of levies due for each month of the ensuing year.
- 7.7 Any special levies imposed by the trustees in terms of clause 7.3, may be apportioned between the members by the trustees in an apportionment which the trustees may regard as reasonable, regard being had of the direct benefits which the member(s) may derive from the proposed expenditure for which the special levies are imposed.
- 7.8 No member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership unless and until he shall have paid every subscription and other sum (if any) that is due and payable to the Association in respect of his membership thereof.

## 8. **BUILDING, ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

The Association shall be entitled to :

- 8.1 Frame, implement and enforce conditions on members in order to harmonise the architectural styles and design criteria, and the materials and colours to be used in all buildings erected within the scheme including any refurbishment, alterations or additions thereto.
- 8.2 Do such acts as are necessary to accomplish the purposes expressed or implied herein, which acts shall include, inter alia, the examination and endorsement of the relevant building plans necessary for any construction, renovation and / or alterations within the scheme.
- 8.3 Appoint such advisors as are necessary to scrutinize the relevant plans referred to herein.
- 8.4 Impose a scrutiny fee on members for the services as mentioned herein.
- 8.5 The provisions of this clause shall not be applicable in relation to any of the works to be undertaken by the Developer prior to the completion of the scheme.

## 9. **BUILDING DEPOSIT**

- 9.1 Each member shall, when submitting to the trustees for approval the detailed plans for the construction of any building and/or improvements, or alterations or additions to existing improvements on its erf in terms of clause 6.5.2, pay to the trustees a building deposit in an amount to be determined from time to time by the trustees, which amount shall be retained by the trustees in trust until completion by the member and/or its contractors of such work.
- 9.2 Upon completion of all building and other activities on the erf, the trustees shall, if they are satisfied that no damage has been effected by the member, or any of its contractors, to the common area and/or landscaped areas within the development, and that the work has been constructed in accordance with the duly approved plans, release the building deposit to the member.
- 9.3 In the event of any landscaped area and/or the common area being damaged due to such work, the member shall rectify the damage to the satisfaction of the trustees, within 15 days of being requested in writing by the trustees to do so, failing which, the trustees shall be entitled to appoint an independent contractor to repair the damage and the amount paid to the trustees as a building deposit shall be utilised to defray the expenses of the independent contractor. If, however, the building deposit paid is not sufficient to cover the cost of such repairs, the trustees shall be entitled to recover the shortfall from the member.



9.4 The Developer shall not be required to pay any deposit as required in terms of the provisions of clauses 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 hereof, prior to the completion of the scheme.

## 10. DEALING WITH THE COMMON AREA

Neither the whole nor any portion of the common area shall be:

- 10.1 sold, let, alienated, otherwise disposed of, subdivided or transferred; or
- 10.2 mortgaged; or
- 10.3 subjected to any rights of use, occupation or servitude, whether registered in a deeds registry or not (save those enjoyed by the members in terms hereof and the servitudes in favour of the Council as required by the conditions of subdivision referred to in clause 1 above);

without the specific prior written consent of the Council and the sanction of a special resolution of the Association (and no member shall be entitled to unreasonably vote against any such special resolution which may be proposed); or

- 10.4 built upon, improved or enhanced in value by the construction of buildings, erections, facilities or amenities, without the sanction of a special resolution of the Association.

## 11. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COMMON AREA

- 11.1 The Association shall take title to the common area.
- 11.2 The Association acknowledges that the Council shall not be responsible for, and the Association shall be solely responsible for, the care, repair, maintenance, cleaning, upkeep, improvement and property control of the common area, all services therein and any structure or thing erected on or contained therein, including the private road and parking thereon.

## 12. CONTRACTS, REGULATIONS AND ACCESS

- 12.1 The trustee committee may from time to time:
  - 12.1.1 make regulations governing *inter alia*:
    - 12.1.1.1 the members' rights of use, occupation and enjoyment of the common areas;
    - 12.1.1.2 the external appearance of, and the maintenance of, the common areas and the buildings or other improvements erected thereon;

- 12.1.1.3 the erection of any buildings and/or structures of any nature whatsoever, and the alteration, modification and renovation to such buildings and/or structures on erven,
- 12.1.2 enter into agreement(s) with the local authorities governing the matters set out in clause 12.1.1, and any other incidental matters.
- 12.2 Each member undertakes to the Association that he shall comply with:
  - 12.2.1 the provisions of this constitution;
  - 12.2.2 any regulations made in terms of clause 12.1.1;
  - 12.2.3 any agreements referred to in clause 12.1.2 insofar as those agreements may directly or indirectly impose obligations on him.
- 12.3 All officials, employees and contractors employed by the Association, the local authority and/or any public service company shall, at all times, have reasonable access to the erven and common areas for purposes of inspecting and/or maintaining all services supplying and/or traversing any part thereof.

### 13. **BREACH**

- 13.1 Should any member:
  - 13.1.1 fail to pay on due date any amount due by that member in terms of this constitution or any regulation made thereunder, and remain in default for more than 7 days after being notified in writing to do so by the trustees; or
  - 13.1.2 commit any other breach of any of the provisions of this constitution or any regulation made thereunder, and fail to commence remedying that breach within a period of 7 days after the receipt of written notice to that effect by the trustees, and complete the remedying of such breach within a reasonable time;

then and in either such event, the trustees shall be entitled on behalf of the Association, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies which the trustees or the Association or any other member may have in law, including the right to claim damages:

  - 13.1.3 to institute legal proceedings on behalf of the Association against such member for payment of such overdue amount or for performance of his obligations in terms of this constitution or any regulation made thereunder, as the case may be; or
  - 13.1.4 to suspend all or any services to the erf owned by that member; and/or

13.1.5 in the case of clause 13.1.2, to remedy such breach and immediately recover the total cost incurred by the trustees or the Association in so doing from such member.

13.2 Should the trustees institute any legal proceedings against any member pursuant to a breach by that member of this constitution or any regulation made thereunder, then without prejudice to any other rights which the trustees or the Association or any other member may have in law, the trustees shall be entitled to recover from such member all legal costs incurred by the trustees or the Association, including attorney/client charges, tracing fees and collection commission.

13.3 Without prejudice to all or any of the rights the trustees or the Association granted under this constitution, should any member fail to pay any amount due by that member on due date, then such member shall pay interest thereon at the publicly quoted prime rate of interest charged by the Association's bankers from time to time, calculated from the due date for payment until the actual date of payment of such amount.

#### 14. **TRUSTEE COMMITTEE**

14.1 There shall be a board of trustees of the Association, which shall consist of not less than 3 and not more than 6 members.

14.2 Every trustee must be a member of the Association or an authorised representative of the member where the member is not a natural person.

#### 15. **REMOVAL AND ROTATION OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS**

15.1 Save as set forth in clause 16 below, each trustee shall continue to hold office until the next annual general meeting following his said appointment, at which meeting each trustee shall be deemed to have retired from office as such, and shall be eligible for re-election to the trustee committee at such meeting.

15.2 A trustee shall be deemed to have vacated his office as such upon:

15.2.1 his estate being sequestrated, whether provisionally or finally, or his surrendering of his estate;

15.2.2 his making any arrangement or compromise with his creditors;

15.2.3 his conviction for any offence involving dishonesty;

15.2.4 his becoming of unsound mind or being found a lunatic;

15.2.5 his resigning from such office in writing delivered to the secretary;

15.2.6 his death;

15.2.7 his being removed from office by a special resolution of the members,

provided that anything done in good faith by a person who ceases to be a trustee, in his capacity as trustee, shall be valid until the fact that he is no longer a trustee has been recorded in the Minute Book of the trustee committee.

15.3 Upon any vacancy occurring on the trustee committee prior to the next annual general meeting, the vacancy in question shall be filled by a person nominated by those remaining for the time being of the trustee committee.

## 16. OFFICE OF TRUSTEES

16.1 The trustees shall appoint from amongst themselves, a chairman and vice-chairman.

16.2 The first chairman and vice-chairman, and two trustees, shall be appointed by the developer, and such office bearers shall hold their respective offices until the first annual general meeting following the date of their appointment, provided that any such office shall *ipso facto* be vacated by the trustee holding such office upon his ceasing to be a trustee for any reason.

16.3 Within 7 days of the holding of such annual general meeting, the trustee committee shall meet and shall elect from its own number the chairman and vice-chairman, who shall hold their respective offices until the next held annual general meeting after their said appointment, provided that the office of the chairman or vice-chairman shall *ipso facto* be vacated by the trustee holding such office upon his ceasing to be a trustee for any reason. No one trustee shall be appointed to more than one of the aforesaid offices. In the event of any vacancy occurring in any of the aforesaid offices at any time, the trustee committee shall immediately meet to appoint one of their number as a replacement in such office.

16.4 Save as otherwise provided in these presents, the chairman shall preside at all meetings of the trustee committee, and all general meetings of members, and shall perform all duties incidental to the office of chairman and such other duties as may be prescribed by the trustee committee or by members, and to allow or refuse to permit invitees to speak at any such meetings, provided however, that any such invitees shall not be entitled to vote at any such meetings.

16.5 The vice-chairman shall assume the powers and duties of the chairman in the absence of the chairman, or his inability or refusal to act as chairman, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the chairman or the trustee committee.

16.6 Trustees shall be entitled to be repaid all reasonable and *bona fide* expenses incurred by them respectively in or about the performance of their duties as trustees and/or

chairman, vice-chairman, as the case may be, but save as aforesaid, shall not be entitled to any other remuneration fees or salary in respect of the performance of such duties.

## 17. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

- 17.1 Subject to the express provisions of these presents, the trustee committee shall manage and control the business and affairs of the Association, shall have full powers in the management and direction of such business and affairs and, save as may be expressly provided in these presents, may exercise all such powers of the Association, and do all such acts on behalf of the Association as may be exercised and done by the Association, and as are not by these presents required to be exercised or done by the Association in general meeting, subject nevertheless to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Association in general meeting from time to time, provided that no regulation made by the Association in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the trustee committee which would have been valid if such regulation had not been made.
- 17.2 The trustee committee shall have the right to vary, cancel or modify any of its decisions and resolutions from time to time.
- 17.3 The trustee committee shall have the right to co-opt onto the trustee committee any member or members chosen by it. A co-opted trustee shall enjoy all the rights and be subject to all the obligations of the trustees.
- 17.4 The trustee committee may should it so decide, investigate any suspected or alleged breach by any member or trustee of these presents, in such reasonable manner as it shall decide from time to time.
- 17.5 The trustee committee may make regulations and by-laws, not inconsistent with this constitution, or any regulations or by-laws prescribed in the Association in general meeting:
- 17.5.1 as to disputes generally;
  - 17.5.2 for the furtherance and promotion of any of the objects of the Association;
  - 17.5.3 for the better management of the affairs of the Association;
  - 17.5.4 for the advancement of the interests of members;
  - 17.5.5 for the conduct of trustee committee meetings and general meetings; and
  - 17.5.6 to assist it in administering and governing its activities generally,
- and shall be entitled to cancel, vary or modify any of the same from time to time.

## 18. PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

- 18.1 The trustee committee may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they deem fit, subject to any provisions of these presents.
- 18.2 Meetings of the trustee committee shall be held at least once every quarter, provided that if all the trustees in writing shall have waived the above requirement in respect of a particular quarter, then no meeting of the trustee committee need be held for that quarter.
- 18.3 The quorum necessary for the holding of any meeting of the trustee committee shall be 3 trustees.
- 18.4 The chairman shall preside as such at all meetings of the trustee committee, provided that should at any meeting of the trustee committee the chairman not be present within 5 minutes after the time appointed for the holding thereof, then the vice-chairman shall act as chairman at such meeting, provided further that should the vice-chairman also not be present within 5 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of such meeting, those present of the trustees shall vote to appoint a chairman for the meeting, who shall thereupon exercise all the powers and duties of the chairman in relation to such meeting.
- 18.5 A trustee shall take minutes of every trustee committee meeting, although not necessarily verbatim, which minutes shall be reduced to writing without undue delay after the meeting will have closed and shall then be certified correct by the chairman of the meeting. All minutes of trustee committee meetings shall after certification as aforesaid be placed in a trustee committee minute book to be kept in accordance *mutatis mutandis*, with the provisions of the law relating to the keeping of minutes of meetings of directors of companies. The trustee committee minute book shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by a trustee, the auditors, and the members.
- 18.6 All competent resolutions recorded in the minutes of any trustee committee meeting shall be valid and of full force and effect as therein recorded, with effect from the passing of such resolutions, and until varied or rescinded, but no resolution or purported resolution of the trustee committee shall be of any force or effect, or shall be binding upon the members or any of the trustees unless such resolution is competent within the powers of the trustee committee.
- 18.7 Save as otherwise provided in these presents, the proceedings at any trustee meeting shall be conducted in such reasonable manner and form, as the chairman of the meeting shall decide.
- 18.8 A resolution signed by all the trustees shall be valid in all respects as if it had been duly passed at a meeting of the trustee committee duly convened.

## 19. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 19.1 The Association shall, within sixty days after the end of the financial year of the Association, hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting, in addition to any other general meetings during that year, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices, given in terms of clause 20.1 below.
- 19.2 Such annual general meeting shall be held at such time and place, subject to the foregoing provisions, as the trustee committee shall decide from time to time.
- 19.3 All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be called special general meetings.
- 19.4 The trustee committee, may, whenever they deem fit, convene a special general meeting.

## 20. NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 20.1 An annual general meeting and a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution, shall be called by giving not less than 21 days' notice in writing, and a special general meeting, other than one called for the passing of a special resolution, shall be called by giving not less than 14 days' notice in writing. In each case, the notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is given, and shall specify the place, the day and the hour of the meeting, and in the case of special business, in addition to any other requirements contained in these presents, the general nature of that business, and in the case of a special resolution, the terms and effect of the resolution and the reasons for it shall be given in the manner hereinafter mentioned or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the trustee committee to such persons as are under these presents entitled to receive such notices from the Association; provided that a general meeting of the Association shall, notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in these presents, be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:
- 20.1.1 in the case of a meeting called as the annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
- 20.1.2 in the case of a special general meeting, by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 75% of the total voting rights of all members.
- 20.2 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or of any resolution, or to give any other notification, or present any document required to be given or sent in terms of these presents, or the non-receipt of any such notice, notification or document by any member or other person entitled to receive the same, shall not invalidate the proceedings at, or any resolution passed at, any meeting.

## 21. **VENUE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

General meetings of the Association shall take place at such place/s as shall be determined by the trustee committee from time to time.

## 22. **QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS**

22.1 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. The quorum necessary for the holding of any general meeting shall be such of the members entitled to vote as together for the time being represent one-half of the total votes of all members of the Association entitled to vote, for the time being save that not less than 3 members must be personally present.

22.2 If within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a general meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved, in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same place and time, or at such other place as the chairman of the meeting shall appoint, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

## 23. **AGENDA AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

In addition to any other matters required by these presents to be dealt with at an annual general meeting, the following matters shall be dealt with at every annual general meeting:

- 23.1 the consideration of the chairman's report to the trustee committee;
- 23.2 the election of the trustee committee;
- 23.3 the consideration of any other matters raised at the meeting, including any resolutions proposed for adoption by such meeting, and the voting upon any such resolutions;
- 23.4 the consideration of the balance sheet of the Association for the last financial year of the Association preceding the date of such meeting;
- 23.5 the consideration of the report of the auditors;
- 23.6 the consideration of the total levy (as referred to in clause 7 for the calendar year during which such annual general meeting takes place; and
- 23.7 the consideration and fixing of the remuneration of the auditors for the financial year of the Association preceding the annual general meeting.



## 24. **PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 24.1 The chairman shall preside as such at all general meetings, provided that should he not be present within five minutes after the time appointed for the holding thereof, then the vice-chairman shall act as chairman at such meeting, provided further that should the vice-chairman also not be present within 5 minutes of the time appointed for the holding of such meeting, then the members present at such meeting entitled to vote, shall vote to appoint a chairman for the meeting, who shall thereupon exercise all the powers and duties of the chairman in relation to such meeting.
- 24.2 The chairman may, with the consent of any general meeting at which a quorum is present (and if so directed by the meeting) adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- 24.3 Whenever a meeting is adjourned for 10 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner as of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid, the members shall not be entitled to any notice of adjournment, or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- 24.4 Except as otherwise set forth in these presents, all general meetings shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted practice.

## 25. **PROXIES FOR GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 25.1 A member may be represented at a general meeting by a proxy, who need not be a member of the Association. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing signed by the member concerned or his duly authorised agent in writing, but need not be in any particular form, provided that where a member is more than one person, any one of those persons may sign the instrument appointing a proxy on such member's behalf, where a member is a company, the same may be signed by the chairman of the board of directors of the company or by its secretary, and where an association of persons, by the secretary thereof.
- 25.2 The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy thereof shall be deposited at the office at any time before the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, or adjourned meeting, at which the person named in the instrument is proposed to vote. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of 12 months from the date of its execution.
- 25.3 A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death of the principal or revocation of the proxy, provided that no intimation in writing of the death or revocation shall have been

received by the trustee committee at least one hour before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting.

- 25.4 Should a member be absent from the recorded domicilium address which the trustees may have for such member for a continuous period in excess of 3 weeks, a proxy must be appointed by such member prior to his absence in accordance with clauses 25.1 and 25.2, failing which a member shall not be entitled to vote at any special general meeting called during such member's absence.

## 26. **VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 26.1 At every general meeting, every member in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall have one vote for each erf registered in his name provided that if an erf is registered in more than one person's name, then they shall jointly have one vote.
- 26.2 Save as expressly provided for in these presents, no person other than a member duly registered, and who shall have paid every levy and other amount (if any) which shall be due and payable to the Association in respect of or arising out of his membership, and who is not under suspension, shall be entitled to be present or to vote on any question, either personally or by proxy, at any general meeting.
- 26.3 At any general meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless either prior to or on the declaration by the chairman of the result of the show of hands, a poll is demanded by any person entitled to vote at such meeting.
- 26.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 26.3 aforesaid, voting on the election of a chairman of a general meeting (if necessary) or on any question of adjournment shall be decided on a show of hands by a majority of the members present in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote, unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by the chairman or any of the members in terms of clause 26.5 below.
- 26.5 When a poll is demanded regard shall be had, in computing the majority on the poll, to the number of votes cast for and against the resolution.
- 26.6 Every resolution and every amendment of a resolution proposed for adoption by a general meeting shall be seconded at the meeting, and if not seconded shall be deemed not to have been proposed.
- 26.7 An ordinary resolution (that is a resolution other than a special resolution) or the amendment of an ordinary resolution shall be carried on a simple majority of all the votes cast thereon, and an abstention shall not be counted as a vote for or against the resolution in question. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands

or on a poll, the chairman of the general meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

- 26.8 Unless any member present in person or by proxy at a general meeting shall before closure of the meeting have objected to any declaration made by the chairman of the meeting as to the result of any voting at the meeting, whether by show of hands or by poll, or to the propriety of validity of the procedure at such meeting, such declaration by the chairman shall be deemed to be a true and correct statement of the voting, and the meeting shall in all respects be deemed to have been properly and validly constituted and conducted, and an entry in the minutes to the effect that any motion has been carried or lost, with or without a record of the number of votes recorded in favour of or against such motion, shall be conclusive evidence of the vote so recorded if such entry conforms with the declaration made by the chairman of the meeting as to the result of any voting at the meeting.

## 27. **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

- 27.1 A resolution by the Association shall be a special resolution if at a general meeting, of which not less than 21 clear days' notice has been given, specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, the terms and effect of the resolution and the reasons for it, and at which members holding in aggregate not less than one-fourth of the total votes of all the members entitled to vote thereat, are present in person or by proxy, the resolution has been passed on a show of hands by not less than three-fourths of the number of members of the Association entitled to vote on a show of hands at the meeting, who are present in person or by proxy, or, where a poll has been demanded, by not less than three-fourths of the total votes to which the members present in person or by proxy are entitled.
- 27.2 If less than one-fourth of the total votes of all the members entitled to attend the meeting and to vote thereat are present or represented at a meeting called for the purpose of passing a special resolution, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a date not earlier than 14 days and not later than 30 days after the date of the meeting and the provisions of clause 24.3 shall apply in respect of such adjournment.
- 27.3 At the adjourned meeting, the members who are present in person or by proxy and are entitled to vote may deal with the business for which the original meeting was convened, and a resolution passed by not less than three-fourths of such members shall be deemed to be a special resolution even if less than one-fourth of the total votes are represented at such adjourned meeting.

## 28. **OTHER PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS**

Save as specifically provided otherwise in this constitution, the trustee committee shall at all times have the right to engage, on behalf of the Association, the services of accountants, auditors,

attorneys, advocates, architects, engineers, any other professional person or firm and/or any other employee/s whatsoever, for any reasons thought necessary by the trustee committee and on such terms as the trustee committee shall decide, subject to any of the provisions of these presents, provided that any expenditure incurred in respect of the above, shall not exceed 5% of the total annual levy for the year in question unless authorised by a special resolution.

## 29. **ACCOUNTS**

29.1 The Association in general meeting, or the trustee committee, may from time to time make reasonable conditions and regulations as to the time and manner of the inspection by the members of the accounts and books of the Association, or any of them, and subject to such conditions and regulations, the accounts and books of the Association shall be open to the inspection of members at all reasonable times during normal business hours.

29.2 At each annual general meeting, the trustee committee shall lay before the Association a proper income and expenditure account for the immediately preceding financial year of the Association, or in the case of the first account, for the period since the incorporation of the Association, together with a proper balance sheet compiled as at the last financial year end of the Association. Every such balance sheet shall be accompanied by proper and extensive reports of the trustee committee and the auditors if appointed, and there shall be attached to the notice, in terms of clause 20.1 above, sent to members, convening each annual general meeting, copies of such accounts, balance sheet and reports and of any other documents required by law to accompany the same.

29.3 Should the trustees or the majority of the members so require, the accounts of the Association shall be examined and the correctness of the income and expenditure account and balance sheets ascertained by the auditors at least once a year.

## 30. **SERVICE OF NOTICES**

30.1 A notice shall be in writing and shall be given or served by the Association upon any member, either personally or by post in a prepaid registered letter, properly addressed to the member at the address of the erf owned by him.

30.2 No member shall be entitled to have a notice served on him at any address not within the Republic of South Africa, but any member may require the Association, by notice, to record an address within the Republic of South Africa, which shall be deemed to be his address for the purpose of the service of notices.

30.3 Any notice by post shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the letter containing the same was posted, and in proving the giving of the notice by post, it shall

be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and posted.

- 30.4 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

## 31. INDEMNITY

- 31.1 All trustee members shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Association against any liabilities *bona fide* incurred by them in their respective said capacities, and in the case of a trustee member, in his capacity as chairman or vice-chairman, whether defending any proceedings, civil, criminal or otherwise, in which relief is granted to any such person/s by the court.
- 31.2 Every trustee member, every servant, agent and employee of the Association, shall be indemnified by the Association against (and it shall be the duty of the trustee committee to pay out of the funds of the Association) all costs, losses and expenses (including travelling expenses) which such person or persons may incur or become liable for by reason of any contract entered into, or any act or deed performed, by such person or persons in the discharge of any of his/their respective duties, including in the case of a trustee member, his duties as chairman or vice-chairman. Without prejudice to the generality of the above, the Association shall specifically indemnify every such person against all losses of whatsoever nature incurred arising out of any *bona fide* act or deed performed, or letter written by him, jointly or severally, in connection with the discharge of his duties, provided that any such act, deed or letter has been performed or written in good faith.
- 31.3 A trustee member shall not be liable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of the auditors or of any of the other trustee members, whether in their capacities as trustee members or as chairman or vice-chairman, or for any loss or expense sustained or incurred by the Association through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired by the trustee committee for or on behalf of the Association, or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the monies of the Association shall be invested, or for any loss or damage arising from the insolvency or tortuous act of any person with whom any monies, securities or effects shall be deposited, or for any loss or damage occasioned by any error of judgment or oversight on his part, or for any other loss, damage or misfortune whatever which shall happen in the execution of any of the duties of his office/s or in relation thereto, unless the same shall happen through lack of *bona fides* or breach of duty or breach of trust.

## 32. ARBITRATION

32.1 Any dispute, question or difference arising at any time between members, or between members and trustees in regard to:

32.1.1 any matters arising out of this constitution; or

32.1.2 the rights and duties of any of the parties mentioned in this constitution; or

32.1.3 the interpretation of this constitution,

shall be submitted to and decided by arbitration, on notice given by any party to the other parties who have an interest in the matter in question.

32.2 Arbitration shall be held in Cape Town informally and otherwise according to the provisions of the Arbitration Act No 42 of 1965 (as amended or replaced from time to time), with the intention that, if possible, it shall be held and concluded within 21 business days after it has been demanded.

32.3 Save as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Arbitrator shall be, if the question in dispute is:

32.3.1 primarily, an accounting matter - an independent accountant;

32.3.2 primarily, a legal matter - a practising counsel or attorney of not less than 10 years standing;

32.3.3 any other matter - an independent and suitably qualified person appointed by the auditors;

as may be agreed upon between the parties to the dispute.

32.4 If agreement cannot be reached on whether the question in dispute falls under clause 32.3.1, 32.3.2 or 32.3.3, or upon a particular arbitrator in terms of clause 32.3.3, within 3 business days after the arbitration has been demanded, then:

32.4.1 the President for the time being of the Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope or its successor/s shall determine whether the question in dispute falls under clause 32.3.1, 32.3.2 or 32.3.3; or

32.4.2 the President for the time being of the Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope shall nominate the arbitrator in terms of clause 32.3.1 within 7 business days after the parties have failed to agree, so that the arbitration can be held and concluded as soon as possible within the 21 business days referred to in clause 32.2 above.

- 32.5 The arbitrator shall make his award within 7 days after completion of the arbitration and shall, in giving his award, have regard to the principles laid down in terms of this constitution. The arbitrator may determine that the cost of the arbitration may be paid either by one or other of the disputing parties, or by the Association, as he in his sole discretion may deem fit.
- 32.6 The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and may be made an order of the Cape Provincial Division of the High Court of South Africa or its successor/s, upon the application of any party to the arbitration.
- 32.7 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in clauses 32.1 to 32.7 inclusive, the trustees shall be entitled to institute legal proceedings on behalf of the Association by way of application, action or otherwise in any Court having jurisdiction for the purposes of restraining or interdicting breaches of any of these provisions.

### 33. **AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

This constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be repealed or amended save by a special resolution adopted at an annual general meeting or a general meeting of the members, and subject further to the prior written consent of the Council being obtained for the amendment of this clause and clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 34 of this constitution.

### 34. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This constitution shall come into force when the first erf in the development is registered in the Deeds Office.

### 35. **STATUS OF DEVELOPER**

Until such time as the completion of the scheme, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the conditions in these presents:

- 35.1 the developer shall be entitled:
- 35.1.1 to nominate and appoint a pro rata proportion of the trustees of the board of trustees, such proportion being the same proportion as exists between the total number of all the erven and the total number of all the erven of which the developer is the registered owner at the relevant time, subject to the provision that until completion of the scheme has been achieved, the developer shall always be entitled to appoint at least one trustee to the board of trustees;
  - 35.1.2 to a number of votes equal to the number of unsold erven at any time at any meeting of members or the trustee committee;

- 35.1.3 to require that the trustee committee enforces the rights granted to it, in terms of these presents against any member who, in the opinion of the developer, is not complying with his obligations as a member, and in particular, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, has failed to maintain all buildings and other improvements on its erf, by giving such member written notice in which his failure to comply with the particular provisions of these presents is detailed, and calling upon him to remedy such failure within a prescribed period of not more than 30 days, failing which, the developer shall be entitled at the sole cost of that member to carry out all such work as may be required to maintain such building and other improvements on its erf;
- 35.1.4 to erect such signage, flagpoles, messages and/or other forms of notices or advertising on the development including the common areas, the private road area and/or the exterior walls (if any) of the development, subject to the regulations and by-laws of the Council appertaining to signage from time to time;
- 35.1.5 to scrutinize, approve and submit all building plans to the relevant authority to obtain the relevant approvals until the completion of the scheme;
- 35.2 neither the trustee committee nor any member of the Association shall prevent or hinder in any way the developer from:
- 35.2.1 gaining access to and egress from the development;
- 35.2.2 continuing any building operations at the development; and / or
- 35.2.3 marketing and selling any of its unsold erven, including the advertisement of the sale of such erven on the common areas and/or at the development;
- 35.3 the Developer shall not be required to obtain the consents referred to in clause 6.5.2 prior to completion of the scheme;
- 35.4 upon the completion of the scheme, the rights of the developer in terms of the provisions of this clause 35 shall immediately terminate *ipso facto* and no longer be of any force and effect.
- 35.5 In the event of a dispute as to whether or not the scheme has been completed as envisaged herein, the decision of the architect appointed by the Developer for the scheme shall be final and binding.

### 36. **MANAGING AGENT**



36.1 The Trustees shall be entitled to appoint a managing agent from time to time to control, manage and administer the common property and to exercise such power and duties as may be entrusted to the managing agent, including the power to collect levies and to appoint a supervisor.

36.2 Rabie Property Administrators (Pty) Ltd or its nominee shall be appointed as the managing agent for the first 3 years, calculated from the date of establishment of the Association, in consideration for which the Association shall pay a market related fee to be mutually agreed from time to time and, failing such agreement, to be determined by an arbitration in terms of clause 32 hereof.

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