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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT REFLECTING THE ADOPTION OF AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF EAST LAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

This is to certify that the Amended and Restated Bylaws of East Lake Woodlands Community Association, Inc.. attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to this Certificate, were duly adopted, and represent the current updated version of the Bylaws including amendments recently adopted by the Association membership, and by the Board of Directors, in accordance with the requirements of the applicable Florida Statutes and the governing documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE EAST LAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. has caused this instrument to be signed by its duly authorized officer on this day of 2018.

EAST LAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

By:
Susan Whitehead, President

Susan Whitehead, President

Signature of Witness #2

+ Clen Parkhill

Printed Name of Witness #2

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

Notary Public, State of Florida



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EXHIBIT A TO CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

ADOPTED AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS FOR EAST LAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

These Amended and Restated Bylaws for East Lake Woodlands Community Association, Inc. replace and supersede all prior versions of the Bylaws, and all prior amendments thereto.

ARTICLE 1 – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of EAST LAKE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "Association"), shall be located in Pinellas County, Florida. The Association may have such additional offices as the Board of Directors (the "Board") may from time to time determine. The Association shall have and continuously maintain at the above office an agent whose office shall be identical with such registered office.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERS

- Section 1 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Members shall be held during the month of March in each year at such time and date as may be determined by the Board. All meetings of the Members shall be held at the office of the Association in the County of Pinellas, Florida, or at such other place as may from time to time be determined by the Board and specified in the notice of such meeting.
- <u>Section 2 Quorum</u>. At any meeting of the membership, the presence of 10% of the voting interests, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. In addition, a mail vote by the Members shall be valid only if at least 10% of the voting interests have been voted.
- <u>Section 3 Notice of Meetings</u>. Notice of the annual meeting or any special meeting of the Members shall be mailed or delivered by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary to each Member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, at the address on file for the Unit or Lot owned by such Member. Notice of meetings may also be provided by electronic mail or other electronic means to those members who have consented to receive notices in such manner.
- Section 4 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board.
- <u>Section 5 Notice of Special Meetings</u>. Notice of each special meeting of the Members, stating in substance the business proposed to be transacted, shall be mailed or delivered, or sent electronically to those who consent in writing to this, by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior the meeting.
- Section 6 Proxies. Members may vote by limited proxy. A proxy may also contain wording allowing the proxy holder to be counted, or to act, on other issues that may come up at a meeting.

<u>Section 7 – Voting by Mail</u>. Where directors are to be elected by Members, and in the case of any other voting by Members, such election or voting may be conducted by mail in such manner as the Board shall determine, so long as this is consistent with the governing documents of the Association and the applicable Florida Statutes.

<u>Section 8 – Order of Business</u>. The order of business at annual Members' meetings and, as far as practical, at any other Members' meeting, shall be:

- (a) Calling of the roll and certifying of proxies;
- (b) Proof of notice of meeting or waiver of notice;
- (c) Election of Directors- closing of balloting
- (d) Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes;
- (e) Financial reports;
- (f) Reports of officers;
- (g) Reports of committees;
- (h) Report of any election results;
- (i) Unfinished business;
- (j) New business; and
- (k) Adjournment.

<u>Section 9 – Adjourned Meetings</u>. If any meeting of Members cannot be organized because a quorum is not present, the Members who are present, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to another specific date and time, in which case notice need not be formally given to all Members in the same manner as that initially required for a meeting.

<u>Section 10 – Chairman and Secretary</u>. At all Members' meetings, the president of the Association, or in his absence, the vice-president, shall preside as chairman of the meeting; or in the absence of both, the Members shall elect a chairman. Similarly, at all Members' meetings, the secretary of the Association, or in his absence, the assistant secretary, shall serve as secretary of the meeting; or in the absence of both, the chairman shall appoint a member to so serve as secretary of the meeting.

<u>Section 11 – Rights of Members</u>. The Members shall not have any vested right, interest or privilege of, in or to the assets, functions, affairs or franchises of the Association, or any right,

interest or privilege which may be transferable or inheritable, or which shall continue if membership ceases.

Section 12 – Nomination and Election of Directors.

- (a) (1) Not later than January 15th each year, a nominating committee shall be selected to seek out and consider potential candidates for directors, including those nominated by petition, and to propose a number of qualified candidates for election as directors, which number shall not be less than the number of at-large vacancies to be filled. Any candidate for director must be a member of the Association.
- (2) No later than January 15th of each year the Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of six (6) members. The Board of Directors shall make every effort to appoint a nominating committee which includes representation of each of the types of communities that have owners who are eligible to serve on the Board.
- (3) The First meeting of the nominating committee shall be called by a majority vote of the Board. Each meeting of the nominating committee thereafter shall be set and determined by the nominating committee. By majority vote the nominating committee shall choose candidates for election to the Board pursuant to subparagraph (c) below.
- (4) In addition to the potential candidates which it selects for consideration the nominating committee will consider any candidate nominated by petition delivered to the nominating committee, through the Association's management company, on or before February 15th of the election year. To be valid, such a petition must be signed by at least five members (other than the nominee) and must include brief biographical information bearing on the candidate's applicable qualifications and experience, and a signed statement by the candidate that he/she is willing and able to serve as a director. Should such a petition candidate not be selected by the nominating committee, the candidate's name will nevertheless be included on the ballot as a petition candidate, unless the candidate requests omission of his or her name.
- (b) Not later than January 25 each year, the Board shall mail a letter to all members with the following information:
 - (1) The fact that a nominating committee has been appointed and the name of each member.
 - (2) The number of directors to be elected and their term.
 - (3) The nomination procedure and schedule.
 - (4) The procedure for nomination by petition, including the deadline for such nominations.
- (c) Not later than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of members each year, the nominating committee shall submit to the Board its proposed candidates plus any

additional candidates nominated by petition, provided that all such candidates are eligible to serve on the Board, together with brief biographical data as to each candidate and written confirmation from each candidate of his/her willingness and ability to serve if elected.

- (d) Ballots for the election of directors, together with voting instructions and brief biographical data on each candidate, shall be mailed to all members, according to the then current records as to names and addresses, with the Notice of the Annual Meeting of Members. Ballots may be cast by members either in person at the annual meeting or by mailing or otherwise delivering their ballots (personally signed by the member) so as to arrive at a designated delivery point before the Annual Meeting. In the event that the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, all such candidates shall automatically be elected at the Annual Meeting of Members, and the mailing of ballots to the members shall be waived.
- (e) The newly-elected Directors shall take office at the organizational meeting of the Board, which shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Members if a quorum of the Board is present, and if not as soon thereafter as possible.

ARTICLE 3 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>Section 1 – Composition of Board and Term of Office</u>. The property, affairs and activities of the Association shall be managed and controlled by the Board which shall consist of nine directors. Directors shall serve for a two-year term and until their successors are duly chosen and qualified. Four (4) directors shall be elected by the members in even years, and five (5) directors shall be elected by members in odd years. All vacancies on the Board shall be filled, until the next annual meeting, by the remaining directors, regardless of the length of the remaining term of the vacated director position. Each director must be a member of the Association.

<u>Section 2 – Annual Meeting</u>. The Board may schedule an Annual Meeting of the Board, at which a summary of pending and upcoming issues may be discussed.

<u>Section 3 – Regular Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place as may from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board.

Section 4 – Notice of Meetings. Notice of meetings of the Board shall be given to each Director personally or by mail, telephone or electronic mail at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time for such meeting. If notice cannot be provided by telephone or electronic mail, and must be sent by regular mail, at least five (5) days' notice shall be provided. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all Members, except as otherwise required by law, and notices of meetings shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the community at least forty-either (48) hours in advance, except in an emergency. Notice of any meeting in which assessments against members are to be established shall specifically contain a statement that assessments shall be considered and a statement of the nature of such assessments, and these and other notices may also require a notice to be sent to all Members of the Association, as required by the Florida Statutes as amended from time to time.

<u>Section 5 – Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, with notice to each director as provided for above, and special meetings in like manner shall be called upon the request in writing of a majority of the directors.

<u>Section 6 – Quorum</u>. The presence of five-ninths of the Members of the Board shall be necessary at all meetings to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The action of a majority of those present shall be deemed to be and shall constitute the action of the Board unless approval by a greater percentage is otherwise required.

<u>Section 7 – Compensation</u>. Directors shall not receive any compensation for acting as such, although they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in accordance with policies established by the Board.

<u>Section 8 – Waiver of Notice</u> Any director may waive notice of a meeting before or after the meeting, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of notice.

<u>Section 9 – Adjourned Meetings</u>. If at any meeting of the Board there be less than a quorum present, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting to another specific date and time. At any adjourned meeting, any business that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called may be transacted without further notice to those directors who were present at the initial meeting.

<u>Section 10 – Chairman and Secretary</u>. At all directors' meetings, the president of the Association shall preside as chairman of the meeting; or in his absence, the vice-president; or in the absence of both, the directors present shall designate one of their number to preside. Similarly, at all directors' meetings, the secretary of the Association shall serve as secretary of the meeting; or in his absence, the directors present shall designate one of their number to serve.

<u>Section 11 – Order of Business</u>. The order of business at directors' meetings, to the extent appropriate to the meeting, shall be as follows:

- (a) Calling of roll;
- (b) Proof of due notice of meeting;
- (c) Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes;
- (d) Financial reports;
- (e) Reports of officers and committees;
- (f) Election of officers;
- (g) Unfinished business;
- (h) New business; and

(i) Adjournment.

<u>Section 12 – Joinder in Meeting by Approval of Minutes</u>. The joinder of a director in the action of a meeting by signing and concurring in the minutes of that meeting shall constitute the approval of such director of the validity of the meeting, but will not count toward a quorum or toward any votes needed for the Board to take action on any item.

<u>ARTICLE 4 – OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION</u>

Section 1 - Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as the Board may from time to time elect or appoint. All officers elected or appointed by the Board shall hold their respective offices only at and during the pleasure of the Board. Officers shall be elected by secret ballot each year at the annual meeting of the Board and thereafter as necessary. Officers must be directors, except for any assistant Treasurer or Assistant Secretary, who need not be directors.

Section 2 – President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the Members and directors, shall have active and general management of the affairs of the Association, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect. He or she shall be ex-officio a member of all standing committees and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of president of a corporation.

<u>Section 3 – Vice-President</u>. The Vice-President shall act as President in the absence or incapacity of the President, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the President.

<u>Section 4 – Secretary</u>. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board and the minutes of the meetings of the Members, shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the Association, shall have charge of such books and papers as the Board may direct; and shall perform all the duties incidental to this office.

Section 5 – Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all of the funds and securities of the Association and shall deposit the same in the name of the Association in such banks or depositories as the Board may from time to time select.

<u>Section 6 – Other Officers and Manager</u>. The other officers of the Association shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board or by the President. The Manager, or Management Company, retained by the Board may perform such of those duties otherwise assigned to the Secretary or Treasurer as the Board determines to be appropriate.

ARTICLE 5 – COMMITTEES

<u>Section 1 – Committees of Board</u>. The Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors, may designate one or more committees, which committees, to the extent provided in said

resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of making recommendations to the Board, or otherwise assisting in the management of the Association; but the designation of such committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board, or any individual director, of any responsibility imposed upon it or him by law.

- <u>Section 2 Other Committees</u>. Other committees may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, Members of each such committee shall be Members of the Association and the Board shall appoint the Members thereof.
- <u>Section 3 Term of Office</u>. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the Members of the Association and until his successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee by the person or persons authorized to appoint such member, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.
- <u>Section 4 Chairman</u>. One member of each committee shall be appointed Chairman by the person or persons authorized to appoint the Members thereof.
- Section 5 Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.
- <u>Section 6 Quorum</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the Members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.
- Section 7 Rules. Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or with any rules adopted by the Board.

ARTICLE 6 – CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

<u>Section 1 – Contracts</u>. The Board may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2 – Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association, and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined, by resolution of the Board. In the absence of such determination by the Board, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the President or a Vice-President of the Association.

- <u>Section 3 Deposits</u>. All funds of the Association shall be deposited or invested from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositories or in such other forms of investments as the Board may select.
- Section 4 Gifts. The Board may accept on behalf of the Association any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the Association
- <u>Section 5 Financial Reporting</u>. Financial reports shall be prepared and then made available to the members of the Association in accordance with the requirements of Section 720.303(7) of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.
- <u>Section 6 Bonds</u>. Fidelity bonds shall be required by the Board from all persons controlling or disbursing Association funds. The amount of those bonds and the sureties shall be determined by the directors. The premiums on the bonds shall be paid by the Association.
- <u>Section 7 Access to Records And Policies</u>. All Members, and their authorized representatives, shall have full access to all accounting records, insurance policies, and other official records of the Association in accordance with whatever reasonable procedures for such access that the Board may adopt so as to insure that such access rights are not exercise in a disruptive or unreasonable fashion, and that the procedures are consistent with the governing Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 7 – ACCOUNTING PERIOD AND ANNUAL REPORTS

The accounting period and fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year. The Board, as soon as practicable after the end of each calendar year, shall submit or make available to the Members a report showing the financial condition of the Association and an accounting of the financial transactions of the Association during such year, in such form as determined by the Board, in a manner that is consistent with the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 8 – NOTICE AND WAIVER OF NOTICE

<u>Section 1 – Manner of Notice</u>. Whenever, under the provisions of any statute or the Articles of Incorporation or any of these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to any director, officer or member, it shall not be construed to require personal notice, but such notices may be given in one of the acceptable methods set forth above.

<u>Section 2 – Waiver</u>. Any member or director may waive in writing, or by electronic mail, any notice required to be given under any provision of any statute, or of the Articles of Incorporation, or of these Bylaws, either before, at, or after the meeting or other event of which notice is so provided; and all Members of directors present at any meeting shall be deemed to have waived any and all notice thereof.

ARTICLE 9 – INDEMNIFICATION

- Indemnity The Association shall indemnify any officer, director or committee member who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or contemplated action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer or committee member of the Association, against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, unless (1) a court of competent jurisdiction finally determines, after all appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnity, that he did not act in good faith or in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, and (2) such court also determines specifically that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. It is the intent of the membership of the Association, by the adoption of this provision, to provide the most comprehensive indemnification possible to their officers, directors and committee Members permitted Florida law.
- (b) Expenses To the extent that a director, officer, or committee member of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraph (a) above, or in defense of any claim issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- (c) Advances Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding shall be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the affected director, officer, or committee member to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized by this Article 9.
- (d) Miscellaneous The indemnification provided by this Article 9 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any By-Law, agreement, vote of Members or otherwise, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, or committee member and shall inure to be benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such person.
- (e) Insurance The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, committee member, employee or agent of the Association, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and insured by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the

Association would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

(f) Amendment – Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the provisions of this Article 9 may not be amended without the approval in writing of all persons whose interest would be adversely affected by such amendment.

<u>ARTICLE 10 – MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS</u>

- (a) The Board shall have the right and power to subject, and shall subject, each member to his or her proportionate share of the costs of the Association in the manner set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, as amended from time to time.
- (b) The annual assessment per unit/lot for the operating budget of the Association shall not be increased from one year to the next in excess of ten percent (10%), or the latest annual increase in the federal consumer price index, whichever is larger, except upon submission of the proposed increase to the membership for approval, and approval by the majority of the voting interests which cast votes, provided however that this limitation shall not apply for any year when more than one hundred (100) units that were the subject of an agreement with an Unbound Association have withdrawn from the Association during the one-year period preceding the budget approval for that year.
- (c) As to Bound Member associations, if any payment for maintenance or special assessments due to ELWCA is not received within 15 days from the due date, a late fee of either \$25.00, or 5% of the amount of the delinquent installment, whichever is greater, shall be added to the amount due. Interest at the rate of 17% per annum will also be charged on delinquent accounts.
 - (1) As to Bound Member associations, and pursuant to Section 720.3085(3) of the Florida Statutes, any payment on a delinquent account shall first be applied to accrued interest, and then to any late fees, and then to costs and attorney's fees incurred as a result of the delinquency. The balance of the payment will be applied to the delinquent assessments.
 - (2) As to Contract Members (Unbound Associations), any penalties for late payment are governed by the Unbound Agreement with that association.
 - (3) Any legal action to collect past due amounts, other than standard demand letters, must be authorized by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.

ARTICLE 11 – ATTORNEY'S FEES

In any action to enforce or interpret the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations or any covenant running with the land, the prevailing party in any such action shall be entitled to recover its attorney's fees and costs, including fees and costs on any resulting appeal.

ARTICLE 12 – FINES

- (a) The Directors may impose fines against a Member not to exceed the maximum permissible by law, for any failure to comply with the provisions of the Association documents, including the Rules and Regulations, by owners, occupants, licensees, tenants and invitees. A fine may be imposed for each day of continuing violation with a single notice and opportunity for hearing, provided that no fine shall in the aggregate exceed \$1,000.00, or such maximum amount as is permissible by law, whichever is greater.
- (b) The party against whom the fine is sought to be levied shall be afforded an opportunity for hearing after reasonable notice of not less than fourteen (14) days and said notice shall include:
 - 1. A statement of the date, time and place of the hearing;
- 2. A statement of the provisions of the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or Rules and Regulations which have allegedly been violated;
- 3. A short and plain statement of the factual basis asserted by the Association for the alleged violation.
- (c) The party against whom the fine may be levied shall have an opportunity to respond, to present evidence at the hearing, to be represented by counsel of his choice (but at his sole cost) at the hearing, and to provide written and oral argument on all issues involved and shall have an opportunity at the hearing to review, challenge, and respond to any material considered by the Association. The hearing shall be held before a Committee of other Members. If the Committee does not agree with the fine, the fine may not be levied. Should the Association be required to initiate legal proceedings to collect a duly levied fine, the prevailing party in an action to collect said fine shall be entitled to an award of costs, and a reasonable attorney's fee incurred before trial, at trial and on appeal

ARTICLE 13 – SEAL

The Board shall provide a corporate seal which shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Association and the words "Corporation Not For Profit" – Seal – 1983 – Florida".

ARTICLE 14 – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed upon approval by two-thirds of the Directors, except for amendments or alterations dealing with any of the following subjects, which shall also require approval of the Members, by a majority of the voting interests which are voted on the issue:

(a) voting procedures for Members;

- (b) quorum requirements for Members' meetings;
- (c) number of Directors;
- (d) terms of Directors;
- (e) requirements of financial reports to Members; or
- (f) indemnification of Directors and officers.

END OF ADOPTED AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS