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**NOTICE OF FILING OF DEDICATORY INSTRUMENT FOR
ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DENTON

This Notice of Filing of Dedicatory Instruments for Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., (“Notice”) is made by and on behalf of the Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc. (the “Association”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Association is a property owners association as defined in Section 202.001(2) of the Texas Property Code; and

WHEREAS, The Association is governed by a dedicatory instrument, which covers the property described therein entitled Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Alcove at Hickory Creek filed in the Real Property Records of Denton County, Texas (the “Declaration”), Document No. 74164, recorded June 24, 2019, as such may be amended, supplemented and/or corrected from time to time; and

WHEREAS, Section 202.006 of the Texas Property Code requires a property owners association to file the dedicatory instrument in the Real Property Records of each county in which the property to which the dedicatory instrument relates is located; and

WHEREAS, the Association desires to file a Notice by adding the instruments attached hereto herein adopted by the Association.

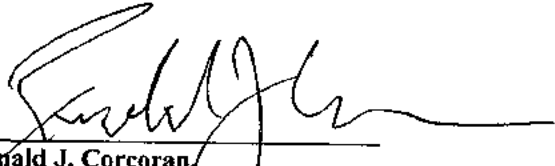
NOW THEREFORE, the Association files true and correct copies of the following instruments of the Association which are attached hereto:

- 1. CERTIFICATE OF PROJECT DOCUMENTATION**
- 2. BYLAWS WITH THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:**
 - RECORDS PRODUCTION, COPYING, AND RETENTION POLICIES**
 - ALTERNATE PAYMENT PLAN POLICY**
 - COLLECTION POLICY**
 - NOTICE AND HEARING; SCHEDULE OF FINES**
 - E-MAIL REGISTRATION POLICY**
 - GENERATOR POLICY**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned agent of Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, as of the effective date of this Notice of Filing of Dedicatory Instrument that the foregoing instruments are a true and correct copy of the current instruments of the Association.

[Signature follows on next page]

ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: 
Ronald J. Corcoran,
Duly Authorized Managing Agent

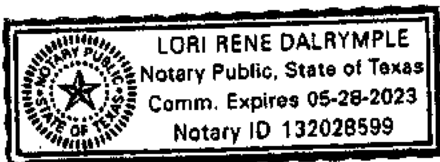
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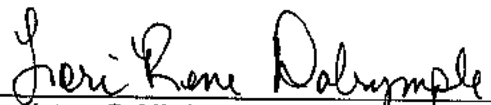
STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, on this day personally appeared Ronald J. Corcoran, a duly authorized managing agent for Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 25th DAY OF September, 2019.




Lori Rene Dalrymple
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

After Recording Return To:
Essex Association Management, LP
1512 Crescent Drive, Suite 112
Carrollton, Texas 75006

**BYLAWS
OF
ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I
INTRODUCTION**

The name of the corporation is Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the Association shall be located in Denton County, Texas, but meetings of Members and Directors may be held at such places within the State of Texas, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

The Association is organized to be a nonprofit corporation.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Bylaws, a number of provisions are modified by the Declarant's reservations in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Alcove at Hickory Creek recorded in the Real Property Records of Denton County, Texas.

**ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS**

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

Section 2.1. Assessment. "Assessment" or "Assessments" shall mean assessment(s) levied by the Association under the terms and provisions of the Declaration.

Section 2.2. Association. "Association" shall mean and refer to Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., a Texas non profit corporation.

Section 2.3. Association Property. "Association Property" shall mean all real or personal property now or hereafter owned by the Association, including without limitation, all easement estates, licenses, leasehold estates and other interests of any kind in and to real or personal property which are now are hereafter owned or held by the Association.

Section 2.4. Association Restrictions. "Association Restrictions" shall mean the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Alcove at Hickory Creek as the same may be amended from time to time, together with the Certificate, Bylaws, and Association Rules from time to time in effect.

Section 2.5. Association Rules. "Association Rules" shall mean the rules and regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 2.6. Board. "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association. During the period of Declarant control, Declarant shall have the sole right to appoint and remove Directors of the Board.

Section 2.7. Bylaws. “Bylaws” shall mean the Bylaws of the Association which may be adopted by the Board and as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 2.8. Certificate. “Certificate” shall mean the Certificate of Formation of The Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation as filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, as the same may from time to time be further amended.

Section 2.9. Declarant. “Declarant” shall mean MM Hickory Creek 24, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, and its duly authorized representatives or their successors or assigns; provided that any assignment of the rights of Declarant must be expressly set forth in writing and the mere conveyance of a portion of the Property without written assignment of the rights of Declarant shall not be sufficient to constitute an assignment of the rights of Declarant hereunder.

Section 2.10. Declaration. “Declaration” shall mean the “Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Alcove at Hickory Creek”, recorded in the Real Property Records of Denton County, Texas, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 2.11. Development. “Development” shall mean and refer to the property subject to the terms and provisions of the Declaration.

Section 2.12. Manager. “Manager” shall mean the person, firm, or corporation, if any, employed by the Association pursuant to the Declaration and delegated the duties, powers, or functions of the Association.

Section 2.13. Member. “Member” or “Members” shall mean any person(s), entity or entities holding membership privileges in the Association as provided in the Declaration.

Section 2.14. Mortgage. “Mortgage” or “Mortgages” shall mean any mortgage(s) or deed(s) of trust covering any portion of the Property given to secure the payment of a debt.

Section 2.15. Mortgagee. “Mortgagee” or “Mortgagees” shall mean the holder or holders of any lien or liens upon any portion of the Property.

Section 2.16. Owner. “Owner” or “Owners” shall mean the person(s), entity or entities, including Declarant, holding a fee simple interest in any Lot, but shall not include the Mortgagee of a Mortgage.

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

ARTICLE III MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 3.1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the Members shall be held on such date as selected by the Board of Directors which is on or before the earlier of (i) the date which is one hundred twenty (120) days after seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lots have been sold to non-Declarant Owners, or (ii) ten (10) years from the date on which the Declaration is recorded in the Real Property Records of Denton County, Texas, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the Members shall be held on a day and month of each year thereafter as selected by the Board of Directors. Annual meetings of the Members may not be held on Sundays or a legal holiday.

Section 3.2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the Members who are entitled to cast at least fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the votes of the Association.

Section 3.3. Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Association may be held at the Development or at a suitable place convenient to the Members, as determined by the Board.

Section 3.4. Notice of Meetings. At the direction of the Board, written notice of meetings of the Association will be given to the Members at least ten (10) days but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting. Notices of meetings will state the date, time, and place the meeting is to be held. Notices will identify the type of meeting as annual or special, and will state the particular purpose of a special meeting. Notices may also set forth any other items of information deemed appropriate by the Board.

Section 3.5. Voting Member List. The Board will prepare and make available a list of the Association's voting Members in accordance with the Texas Business Organization Code.

Section 3.6. Quorum.

(a) **Generally.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Declaration, any action requiring the vote or approval of the Members or the Owners shall require the majority vote of the Members (both classes voting together), represented at a duly called meeting of the Members in person or by a legitimate proxy in form provided in the Association Documents or otherwise approved by the Board, at which a "Regular Quorum" or a "Special Quorum" is present. Written notice of a meeting must be given to all Members not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of any such meeting (excluding Board Meetings) and shall set forth the purpose(s) of such meeting. No action may be taken at a meeting on any matter that is not described in the applicable meeting notice for Annual and Special meetings, as being on the agenda for such meeting. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, to the extent permitted by applicable law and in the Association Documents from time to time, any action may be taken by written consent of the Members in lieu of formal meetings. Regular Quorum for meetings is ten percent (10%) in person or by proxy at a duly called meeting.

(b) **Special Quorum.** Special Quorum is twenty-five percent (25%) for any Special Meeting called regardless of its purpose.

Members represented at a duly called meeting of the Members, all classes taken together, in person or by a legitimate proxy in form provided in the Association Documents or otherwise approved by the Board may be counted for quorum. If the required Special Quorum is not present at such meeting, that meeting may be adjourned, and an additional meeting may be called, subject to the notice requirement set forth herein, with the required Quorum at such second (2nd) meeting being reduced to one-half (1/2) of the required Quorum at the preceding meeting; provided, however, that such second (2nd) meeting must be held not later than thirty (30) days after the first (1st) meeting. Further, if the reduced required Quorum is not present at such second (2nd) called meeting, the adjournment of the meeting shall be continued, and one (1) additional meeting may be called, subject to the notice requirement set forth herein, at which meeting Declarant alone or an authorized representative of the Declarant constituting the required Quorum at such third (3rd) meeting; provided that such third (3rd) meeting must be held not later than forty-five (45) days after the first (1st) meeting.

Section 3.7. Proxies. Votes may be cast in person or by written proxy. To be valid, each proxy must: (i) be signed and dated by a Member or his attorney-in-fact; (ii) identify the Lot to which the vote is appurtenant; (iii) name the person or title (such as "presiding officer") in favor of whom the proxy is granted, such person having agreed to exercise the proxy; (iv) identify the meeting for which the proxy is given; (v) not purport to be revocable without notice; and (vi) be delivered to the secretary, to the person presiding over the Association meeting for which the proxy is designated, or to a person or company designated by the Board. Unless the proxy specifies a shorter or longer time, it terminates eleven (11) months after the date of its execution. Unless revoked, any proxy designated for a meeting which is adjourned, recessed, or rescheduled is valid when the meeting reconvenes. To revoke a proxy, the granting Member must give actual notice of revocation to the person presiding over the Association meeting or to the Managing Agent if presented before the meeting date for which the proxy is designated. A proxy may be delivered by fax, however, a proxy received by fax may not be counted to make or break a tie-vote unless: (a) the proxy has been acknowledged or sworn to by the Member, before and certified by an officer authorized to take acknowledgments and oaths; or (b) the Association also receives the original proxy within five (5) days after the vote.

Section 3.8. Conduct of Meetings. The president, or any person designated by the Board, presides over meetings of the Association. The secretary keeps, or causes to be kept, the minutes of the meeting which should record all resolutions adopted and all transactions occurring

at the meeting, as well as a record of any votes taken at the meeting. The person presiding over the meeting may appoint a parliamentarian. Votes should be tallied by tellers appointed by the person presiding over the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4.1. Authority; Number of Directors.

(a) The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be three (3). The initial Directors shall be those Directors named in the Certificate of Formation. The initial Directors shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Except as is provided in the Declaration and in Sections 4.1(b) and 4.1(c) below, Declarant shall have the absolute right to appoint and remove members of the Board of Directors for as long as Declarant owns any Lot affected by the Declaration or so long as this right of the Declarant prevails over the provisions below.

(b) From and after the first annual meeting of Members and until the date (**the "75% Transition Date"**) which is the earlier of (i) one hundred-twenty (120) days after seventy-five (75%) of the Lots have been sold to non-Declarant Owners, or (ii) ten (10) years from the date on which the Declaration is recorded in the Real Property Records of Denton County, Texas, the Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) persons appointed by Declarant who need not be Members of the Association. On and after the Transition Date, the Board of Directors shall include two (2) persons appointed by Declarant and one (1) person elected by a majority vote of Class A Members ("Non-Declarant Director") at such meeting at which quorum is present, which Non-Declarant Member shall serve for a period which is the shorter of one (1) year, or until the next annual meeting of the Members at which time the Non-Declarant Member (or replacement thereof) shall be required to run for re-election and the Board shall hold an election of the Members at which time a Homeowner Member shall be elected to serve. On and after the date on which the last Lot is sold to a non-Declarant Owner (**the "Declarant Turnover Date"**), the President of the Association will thereupon call a meeting of the Members of the Association where the Members will elect one (1) Director for a three (3) year term, one (1) Director for a two (2) year term, and one Director for a one (1) year term. Upon expiration of the term of a Director elected by the Members pursuant to this Section 4.1(b), his or her successor will be elected for a term of two (2) years. A Director takes office upon the adjournment of the meeting or balloting at which he is elected or appointed and, absent death, ineligibility, resignation, or removal, will hold office until his successor is elected or appointed. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority when it is deemed in the best interest of the Association to change or alter the terms of office of directors on the Board which shall be done by Board resolution notwithstanding, terms must remain staggered for the purpose of continuity.

(c) Each Director, other than Directors appointed by Declarant, shall be a Member and resident, or in the case of corporate or partnership ownership of a Lot, a duly authorized agent or representative of the corporate or partnership Owner. The corporate, or partnership Owner shall be designated as the Director in all correspondence or other documentation setting forth the names of the Directors. Two Members of the same household may not serve on the Board at the same time.

Section 4.2. Compensation. The Directors shall serve without compensation for such service.

Section 4.3. Nominations to Board of Directors. Members may be nominated for election to the Board of Directors in either of the following ways:

(a) A Member who is not a Director and who desires to run for election to that position shall be deemed to have been nominated for election upon his filing with the Board of Directors a written petition of nomination; or

(b) A Director who is eligible to be re-elected shall be deemed to have been nominated for re-election to the position he holds by signifying his intention to seek reelection in a writing addressed to the Board of Directors.

Section 4.4. Removal of Directors for Cause. If a Director breaches such Director's duties hereunder or violates the terms of the Declaration, the Certificate, the

Association Rules or these Bylaws, such Director may be removed by Declarant unless Declarant no longer has the right to appoint and remove Directors in accordance with Section 4.1 of these Bylaws, and then by a majority vote of the remaining Directors after Declarant's right to appoint and remove Directors has expired. No Director shall knowingly cause dissention or promote unrest among the Board Members. To act in such a manner may interfere with the Board's ability to perform or uphold its fiduciary duties therefore, any such Member should be removed by the remaining Board Members and a replacement appointed at the earliest possible time. No Board Member shall have any voting rights nor may such Director participate in any meeting of the Board of Directors at any time that such Director is delinquent in the payment of any Assessments or other charges owed to the Association.

Section 4.5. Vacancies on Board of Directors. At such time as Declarant's right to appoint and remove Directors has expired or been terminated, if the office of any elected Director shall become vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise, the remaining Directors, at a special meeting duly called for this purpose, shall choose a successor who shall fill the unexpired term of the directorship being vacated. If there is a deadlock in the voting for a successor by the remaining Directors, the one Director with the longest continuous term on the Board shall select the successor. At the expiration of the term of his position on the Board of Directors, the successor Director shall be re-elected or his successor shall be elected in accordance with these Bylaws.

Section 4.6. Removal of Directors by Members. Subject to the right of Declarant to nominate and appoint Directors as set forth in Section 4.1 of these Bylaws, an elected Director may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Members at any special meeting of the Members of which notice has been properly given as provided in these Bylaws; provided the same notice of this special meeting has also been given to the entire Board of Directors, including the individual Director whose removal is to be considered at such special meeting.

Section 4.7. Consent in Writing. Any action by the Board of Directors, including any action involving a vote on a fine, damage assessment, appeal from a denial or architectural control approval, or suspension of a right of a particular Member before the Member has an opportunity to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors to present the Member's position on the issue, may be taken without a meeting if all of the Directors shall unanimously consent in writing to the action. Such written consent shall be filed in the Minute Book. Any action taken by such written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Directors.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 5.1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held annually or such other frequency as determined by the Board, without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.

Section 5.2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by the President of the Association, or by any two Directors, after not less than three (3) days' notice to each Director.

Section 5.3. Quorum. A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.4. Telephone Meetings. Members of the Board or any committee of the Association may participate in and hold meetings of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in such meeting constitutes presence in person at the meeting, except where a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 5.6. Action without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board at a meeting may be taken without a meeting, if all Directors individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. The written consent must be filed with the minutes of Board meetings. Action by written consent has the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE VI POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 6.1. Powers. The Board shall have power and duty to undertake any of the following actions, in addition to those actions to which the Association is authorized to take in accordance with the Declaration:

(a) adopt and publish the Association Rules, including regulations governing the use of the Association Property and facilities, and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;

(b) to the maximum extent permitted under applicable law, suspend the voting rights of a Member and right of a Member to use of the Association Property during any period in which such Member shall be in default in the payment of any Assessment levied by the Association, or after notice and hearing, for any period during which an infraction of the Association Rules by such Member exists;

(c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or related to the Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of the Association Restrictions;

(d) to enter into any contract or agreement including with a municipal agency or utility company to provide electric utility service to all or any portion of the Property. Notwithstanding, during the Declarant Control Period no contract may be amended or terminated without the express written consent of the Declarant;

(e) declare the office of a member of the Board to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board;

(f) employ such employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties;

(g) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:

(1) fix the amount of the Assessments against each Lot in advance of each annual assessment period and any other assessments provided by the Declaration; and

(2) foreclose the lien against any property for which Assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same;

(h) issue, or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any Assessment has been paid and to levy a reasonable charge for the issuance of these certificates (it being understood that if a certificate states that an Assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment);

(i) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association, which policies of insurance shall name the Declarant during the Development Period, and any managing agent of the Association as "additional insured;"

(j) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate; and

(k) exercise such other and further powers or duties as provided in the Declaration or by law.

Section 6.2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board to:

(a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the Members at the annual meeting of the Members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by Members who are entitled to cast fifty-one percent (51%) of all outstanding votes; and

(b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 7.1. Enumeration of Offices. The officers of the Association shall be a President and a Vice-President, who shall at all times be members of the Board, a Secretary and/or a Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time create by resolution.

Section 7.2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place within fifteen days of the election meeting.

Section 7.3. Term. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he resigns sooner, or shall be removed or otherwise disqualified to serve.

Section 7.4. Special Appointments. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

Section 7.5. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 7.6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled through appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.

Section 7.7. Multiple Offices. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 7.4.

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

(a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

(b) **Vice President.** The Vice President shall generally assist the President and shall have such powers and perform such duties and services as shall from time to time be prescribed or delegated to him by the President or the Board. The Vice President shall fulfill the duties of the President when the President is absent from a meeting.

(c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall record or cause to be recorded the votes and keep or cause to be kept the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members; serve or caused to be served notice of meetings of the Board and of the Members; keep or cause to be kept appropriate current records showing the Members of the Association together with their addresses; and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

(d) **Assistant Secretaries.** An Assistant Secretary may be appointed by the Board and shall generally assist the Secretary and shall have only such powers and perform such duties and services as shall from time to time be prescribed or delegated to him or her by the Secretary, the President, the Board or any committee established by the Board.

(e) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall oversee the receipt and deposits in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall routinely review the disbursement of such funds as directed by the Board. The Treasurer may sign promissory notes of the Association notwithstanding, no such action shall be done without a majority vote of the Board. The Treasurer shall ensure that proper books of account in appropriate form such that they could be audited by a public accountant whenever ordered by the Board or the membership are kept; and shall assist in the preparation of an annual budget.

(f) Limited Duties. During the Declarant Control Period the Declarant may limit or restrict duties of the Board at its sole and absolute discretion.

ARTICLE VIII OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board may, by resolution adopted by affirmative vote of a majority of the number of Directors fixed by these Bylaws, designate two or more Directors (with such alternates, if any, as may be deemed desirable) to constitute another committee or committees for any purpose; provided, that any such other committee or committees shall have and may exercise only the power of recommending action to the Board of Directors and of carrying out and implementing any instructions or any policies, plans, programs and rules theretofore approved, authorized and adopted by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary contained herein, the Architectural Control Committee (as defined in the Declaration) shall be established by Declarant and comprised of members appointed by Declarant during the Declarant Period (as defined in the Declaration) in accordance with Section 3.2 of the Declaration, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE IX BOOKS AND RECORDS

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

ARTICLE X ASSESSMENTS

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

**ARTICLE XI
CORPORATE SEAL**

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

**ARTICLE XII
DECLARANT PROVISIONS**

Section 12.1. Conflict. The provisions of this Article control over any provision to the contrary elsewhere in these Bylaws.

Section 12.2. Board of Directors. As provided in Section 4.1 of these Bylaws, Declarant is entitled to appoint and remove all members of the Board of Directors until the Transition Date and thereafter, two members of the Board of Directors until the Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Property (as defined in the Declaration). Until Declarant's right to appoint members of the Board of Directors terminates, the Directors appointed by Declarant need not be Owners or residents and may not be removed by the Owners. In addition, Declarant has the right to fill vacancies in any directorship vacated by a Declarant appointee.

**ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS**

Section 13.1. These Bylaws may be amended, (i) on or before the Declarant Turnover Date, by unilateral vote or written consent of Declarant without consent or joinder of the Members, and thereafter (ii) by a majority vote or written consent of a majority of the Directors on the Board of Directors of the Association.

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

**ARTICLE XIV
INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

THE ASSOCIATION SHALL INDEMNIFY EVERY DIRECTOR AND OFFICER OF THE ASSOCIATION AGAINST, AND REIMBURSE AND ADVANCE TO EVERY DIRECTOR AND OFFICER FOR, ALL LIABILITIES, COSTS AND EXPENSES' INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH DIRECTORSHIP OR OFFICE AND ANY ACTIONS TAKEN OR OMITTED IN SUCH CAPACITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER THE TEXAS BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CODE AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS AT THE TIME OF SUCH INDEMNIFICATION, REIMBURSEMENT OR ADVANCE PAYMENT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NO DIRECTOR OR OFFICER SHALL BE INDEMNIFIED FOR: (A) A BREACH OF DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE ASSOCIATION OR ITS MEMBERS; (B) AN ACT OR OMISSION NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR THAT

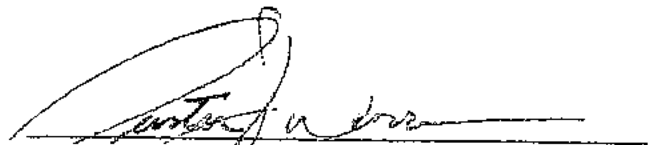
INVOLVES INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR A KNOWING VIOLATION OF THE LAW; (C) A TRANSACTION FROM WHICH SUCH DIRECTOR OR OFFICER RECEIVED AN IMPROPER BENEFIT, WHETHER OR NOT THE BENEFIT RESULTED FROM AN ACTION TAKEN WITHIN THE SCOPE OF DIRECTORSHIP OR OFFICE; OR (D) AN ACT OR OMISSION FOR WHICH THE LIABILITY OF SUCH DIRECTOR OR OFFICER IS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR BY STATUTE.

**ARTICLE XV
MISCELLANEOUS**

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.

I, the undersigned, being the Secretary of ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. do hereby certify that the foregoing are the Bylaws of said non-profit corporation, as adopted by the Association's Board of Directors pursuant to a Unanimous Consent of Directors in Lieu of Organizational Meeting of the Corporation dated to be effective as of the 1st day of April, 2019.

ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustin Warren", is written over a horizontal line.

Name: Dustin Warren

Its: Secretary / Treasurer

**ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION -AND-
ORGANIZATIONAL CONSENT**

**ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK
CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION**

Form 202

Secretary of State
P.O. Box 13697
Austin, TX 78711-3697
FAX: 512/463-5709

Filing Fee: \$25



**Certificate of Formation
Nonprofit Corporation**

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Article 1 - Corporate Name

The filing entity formed is a nonprofit corporation. The name of the entity is :

Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc.

Article 2 - Registered Agent and Registered Office

A. The initial registered agent is an organization (cannot be corporation named above) by the name of:

Essex Association Management, L.P.

OR

B. The initial registered agent is an individual resident of the state whose name is set forth below:

C. The business address of the registered agent and the registered office address is:

Street Address:

1512 Crescent Drive, Suite 112 Carrollton TX 75006

Consent of Registered Agent

A. A copy of the consent of registered agent is attached.

OR

B. The consent of the registered agent is maintained by the entity.

Article 3 - Management

A. Management of the affairs of the corporation is to be vested solely in the members of the corporation.

OR

B. Management of the affairs of the corporation is to be vested in its board of directors. The number of directors, which must be a minimum of three, that constitutes the initial board of directors and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified are set forth below.

Director 1: **Mehrdad Moayed**

Title: **Director**

Address: **1512 Crescent Drive Suite 112 Carrollton TX, USA 75006**

Director 2: **Dustin Warren**

Title: **Director**

Address: **1512 Crescent Drive Suite 112 Carrollton TX, USA 75006**

Director 3: **Brock Babb**

Title: **Director**

Address: **1512 Crescent Drive Suite 112 Carrollton TX, USA 75006**

Article 4 - Organization Structure

A. The corporation will have members.

or

B. The corporation will not have members.

Article 5 - Purpose

The corporation is organized for the following purpose or purposes:

Homeowners Association

Supplemental Provisions / Information

[The attached addendum, if any, is incorporated herein by reference.]

Effectiveness of Filing

A. This document becomes effective when the document is filed by the secretary of state.

OR

B. This document becomes effective at a later date, which is not more than ninety (90) days from the date of its signing. The delayed effective date is:

Organizer

The name and address of the organizer are set forth below.

Mehrdad Moayed **1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300, Farmers Branch, TX 75234**

Execution

The undersigned affirms that the person designated as registered agent has consented to the appointment. The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument and certifies under penalty of perjury that the undersigned is authorized under the provisions of law governing the entity to execute the filing instrument.

Mehrdad Moayed

Signature of organizer.

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ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK
ORGANIZATIONAL CONSENT

**CONSENT OF DIRECTORS IN LIEU OF
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF
ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.**

The undersigned, being all of the members of the Board of Directors of Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), do hereby consent, pursuant to the Texas Business Organization Code, to the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. DIRECTORS

RESOLVED, that each of the undersigned, being all of the directors of the Association, as named in its Certificate of Formation filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas on May 22, 2019, does hereby accept appointment to such office and does hereby agree to serve as a director of the Association until the first annual meeting of the members and until said director's successor or successors have been duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office.

2. BYLAWS

RESOLVED, that the form of bylaws included as **Exhibit D** with the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions are approved and adopted as the Bylaws of the Association, and the Secretary of the Association is instructed to insert the original thereof in the minute book of the Association.

3. OFFICERS

RESOLVED, that each of the following-named persons be and they hereby are elected as officers of the Association for the office or offices set forth below opposite his or her name, and to hold any such office to which elected until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association and until his or her successor should be chosen and qualified in his or her stead, or until his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office:

Mehrdad Moayedi	-	President
Brock Babb	-	Vice President
Dustin Warren	-	Secretary/Treasurer

4. REGISTERED OFFICE; REGISTERED AGENT

RESOLVED, that the registered office of the Association be established and maintained at c/o Essex Association Management, LP, 1512 Crescent Drive, Suite 112, Carrollton, Texas 75006, and that Essex Association Management, L.P. is hereby appointed as registered agent of the corporation in said office.

5. BOOKS AND RECORDS

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Association be and hereby is authorized and directed to procure all necessary books and records of the Association.

6. ORGANIZATIONAL EXPENSES

RESOLVED, that the President of the Association or other officer be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay all fees, expenses and costs incident to or necessary for the incorporation and organization of the Association and to reimburse any person who may have paid any of such fees, expenses and costs.

7. CORPORATE SEAL

RESOLVED, that a corporate seal is not adopted at this time and that no impression of a corporate seal is required on any Association document.

8. DEPOSITORY RESOLUTIONS

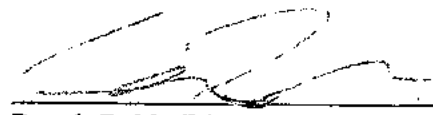
RESOLVED, that an account shall be established in the name of the Association with a financial institution to be determined by the Board (the "Bank"), under the rules and regulations as prescribed by said Bank wherein may be deposited any of the funds of this Association, whether represented by cash, checks, notes or other evidences of debt, and from which deposit withdrawals are hereby authorized in the name of the Association by any one of the following persons:

Dustin Warren, Secretary/Treasurer
Ron Corcoran, Essex Association Management, LP
Anna Corcoran, Essex Association Management, LP

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bank is hereby authorized to honor any and all withdrawal items against the Association's funds, although payable to the officer or agent signing or countersigning the same and whether presented for encashment or for credit to the personal account of such officer or agent or any other person, and said Bank need make no inquiry concerning such items and/or the disposition of the money, items, or credit given therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this instrument as of and effective the 22nd day of May, 2019.


Mehrdad Moayedi, Director


Brock Babb, Director


Dustin Warren, Secretary/Treasurer

SCHEDULE 1

RECORDS PRODUCTION, COPYING, AND RETENTION POLICIES

ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Records Production and Copying Policy

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association") wishes to adopt reasonable guidelines to establish Records Production and Copying Policy for the Association; and

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

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

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

1. Association Records shall be reasonably available to every owner. An owner may also provide access to Records to any other person (such as an attorney, CPA or agent) they designate in writing as their proxy for this purpose. To ensure a written proxy is actually from the owner, the owner must include a copy of his/her photo ID or have the proxy notarized.
2. An owner, or their proxy as described in section 1, must submit a written request for access to or copies of Records. The letter must:
 - a. be sent by certified mail to the Association's address as reflected in its most recent Management Certificate filed in the County public records; and
 - b. contain sufficient detail to identify the specific Records being requested; and
 - c. indicate whether the owner or proxy would like to inspect the Records before possibly obtaining copies or if the specified Records should be forwarded. If forwarded, the letter must indicate the format, delivery method and address:
 - i. format: electronic files, compact disk or paper copies
 - ii. delivery method: email, certified mail or pick-up
3. Within ten (10) business days of receipt of the request specified in section 2 above, the Association shall provide:
 - a. the requested Records, if copies were requested and any required advance payment had been made; or
 - b. a written notice that the Records are available and offer dates and times when the Records may be inspected by the owner or their proxy during normal business hours at the office of the Association; or
 - c. a written notice that the requested Records are available for delivery once a payment of the cost to produce the records is made and stating the cost thereof; or

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

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

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

9. On a case-by-case basis, in the absolute discretion of the Association, and with concurrence of the owner, the Association may agree to invoice the cost of the Records request to the owner's account. Owner agrees to pay the total amount invoiced within thirty (30) days after the date a statement is mailed to the Owner. Any unpaid balance will accrue interest as an assessment as allowed under the Declarations.
10. On a case-by-case basis where an owner request for Records is deemed to be minimal, the Association or its managing agent reserves the right to waive notice under section 2 and/or fees under section 4.
11. All costs associated with fulfilling the request under this Policy will be paid by the Association's Managing Agent. All fees paid to the Association under this Policy will be reimbursed to the Association's Managing Agent or paid directly to the Association's Managing Agent.

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

RECORDS RETENTION AND COPYING POLICY

1. **Standard paper copy.** The charge for standard paper copies reproduced by means of an office machine copier or a computer printer is \$.10 per page or part of a page. Each side that has recorded information is considered a page.

2. **Nonstandard copy.** The charges in this subsection are to cover the materials onto which Information is copied and do not reflect any additional charges, including labor, that may be associated with a particular request. The charges for nonstandard copies are:

- (A) Diskette--\$1.00;
- (B) Data cartridge--actual cost;
- (C) Rewritable CD (CD-RW)--\$1.00;
- (D) Non-rewritable CD (CD-R)--\$1.00;
- (E) Digital video disc (DVD)--\$3.00;
- (F) JAZ drive, Thumb Drive, or other external hard drive --actual cost;
- (G) Other electronic media--actual cost;

- (H) All other mediums for copying data not provided herein — actual cost;
- (I) Oversize paper copy or specialty paper (e.g.: 11 inches by 17 inches, greenbar, bluebar)--\$.50 per page;

3. Labor charge for programming. If a particular request requires the services of a programmer in order to execute an existing program or to create a new program so that requested information may be accessed and copied, the Association may charge a reasonable fee for the location of the Property for the programmer's time.

4. Labor charge for locating, compiling, manipulating data, and reproducing public information.

(A) The charge for labor costs incurred in processing a request for public information is \$15 an hour. The labor charge includes the actual time to locate, compile, manipulate data, and reproduce the requested information.

(B) A labor charge shall not be billed in connection with complying with requests that are for 50 or fewer pages of paper records.

5. Labor charge for third parties. A labor charge shall not be recovered for any time spent by an attorney, legal assistant, or any other person who reviews the requested information to determine whether the Association will raise any exceptions to disclosure of the requested information under applicable law.

6. Miscellaneous supplies. The actual cost of miscellaneous supplies, such as labels, boxes, and other supplies used to produce the requested information, may be added to the total charge for public information.

7. Postal and shipping charges. The Association may add any related postal or shipping expenses which are necessary to transmit the reproduced information to the requesting party.

8. Payment. The Association that accepts payment by credit card for copies of public information and that is charged a "transaction fee" by the credit card company may recover that fee. The Association may require advance payment of the charges in this Policy. The Association will provide an invoice to the Owner within 30 days after delivering the requested information. In the event the invoiced amount is less than the pre-paid amount, the Association will refund the excess amount to the Owner within 30 days after the invoice is sent to the Owner. If the actual cost invoiced is greater than the pre-paid amount, the Owner will pay such excess within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. In the event such excess is not paid by the owner timely, the Association may add such unpaid amounts to the Owner's assessment account.

9. Savings Clause. This Policy is subject to periodic reevaluation and update. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Association will not in any event be entitled to receive or collect the charges in this Policy in amounts greater than the maximum allowed by applicable law. In the event the Association receives amounts charged which are in excess of the maximum charges permitted by law, the excess amount will be returned to the Owner.

10. The Record Retention Policy of Villas of Middleton Homeowners Association ensures that necessary records and documents are adequately protected and maintained and that records that are no longer needed or are of no value are discarded at the proper time.

1. Policy. This Policy represents the Association's policy regarding the retention and disposal of records and the retention and disposal of electronic documents.

2. Administration. The Record Retention Schedule herein is approved as the initial maintenance, retention and disposal schedule for physical records of the Association and the retention and disposal of electronic documents. The Board or Secretary of the Association ("Administrator") is the officer in charge of the administration of this Policy and the implementation of processes and procedures to ensure that the Record Retention Schedule is followed. The Administrator is also authorized to: make modifications to the Record Retention Schedule from time to time to ensure that it follows local, state and federal laws and includes the appropriate document and record categories for the Corporation; monitor local, state and federal laws affecting record retention; annually review the record retention and disposal program; and monitor compliance with this Policy.

3. Suspension of Record Disposal In Event of Litigation or Claims. In the event the Association is served with any subpoena or request for documents or any employee becomes aware of a governmental investigation or audit concerning the Association or the commencement of any litigation against or concerning the Association, such employee shall inform the Administrator and any further disposal of documents shall be suspended until such time as the Administrator, with the advice of counsel, determines otherwise. The Administrator will take such steps as is necessary to promptly inform all staff of any suspension in the further disposal of documents.

4. Applicability. This Policy applies to all physical records generated in the course of the Association's operation, including both original documents and reproductions. It also applies to the electronic documents described above.

Record Retention Schedule

The Record Retention Schedule is organized as follows:

SECTION TOPIC

- A. Accounting and Finance
- B. Contracts
- C. Corporate Records

- D. Electronic Documents
- E. Payroll Documents
- F. Personnel Records
- G. Property Records
- H. Tax Records

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

A. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Record Type

Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable ledgers and schedules	7 years
Annual Audit Reports and Financial Statements:	Permanent
Annual Audit Records, including work papers and other documents that relate to the audit	
Bank Statements and Canceled Checks Employee Expense Reports	7 Years
after completion of audit	
General Ledgers	Permanent
Notes Receivable ledgers and schedules	7 Years
Investment Records	7 Years after sale of
investment	

B. CONTRACTS

<u>Record Type</u>	<u>Retention Period</u>
Contracts and Related Correspondence (including any proposal that resulted in the contract and all other supportive documentation)	4 years after expiration or termination

C. ASSOCIATION RECORDS

<u>Record Type</u>	<u>Retention Period</u>
Corporate Records (unless otherwise specifically addressed in this Policy - Governing Documents, Dedicatory Instruments, minute books, signed minutes of the Board and all committees, corporate seals, annual corporate reports)	Permanent

Licenses and Permits	Permanent
Account records of current owners	5 years

D. ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS

1. **Electronic Mail:** Not all email needs to be retained, depending on the subject matter.
 - All e-mail—from internal or external sources—is to be deleted after 12 months.
 - Staff will strive to keep all but an insignificant minority of their e-mail related to business issues.
 - The Corporation will archive e-mail for six months after the staff has deleted it, after which time the e-mail will be permanently deleted.
 - The Corporation's business-related email should be downloaded to a service center or user directory on the server, when determined by the Board.
 - Staff will not store or transfer the Corporation's related e-mail on non-work-related computers except as necessary or appropriate for the Corporation's purposes.
 - Staff will take care not to send confidential/proprietary information to outside sources.
2. **Electronic Documents:** Retention depends on the subject matter and follows D.1 above
3. **Web Page Files: Internet Cookies**
 - All workstations: Internet Explorer should be scheduled to delete Internet cookies once per month.

E. PAYROLL DOCUMENTS

Record Type	Retention Period
Employee Deduction Authorizations	4 years after termination
Payroll Deductions	Termination + 7 years
W-2 and W-4 Forms	Termination + 7 years
Garnishments, Assignments, Attachments	Termination + 7 years
Payroll Registers (gross and net)	7 years
Time Cards/Sheets	2 years
Unclaimed Wage Records	6 years

F. PERSONNEL RECORDS

Record Type	Retention Period
Commissions/Bonuses/Incentives/Awards	7 years

EEO- I /EEO-2 - Employer Information Reports

<u>Record Type</u>	<u>Retention Period</u>	
Personnel Count Records	3 years	m
Forms 1-9	3 years after hiring, or 1 year after separation if later	p
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oyee Earnings Records Employee Handbooks

Employee Personnel Records (including individual attendance records, application forms, job or status change records, performance evaluations, termination papers, withholding information, garnishments, test results, training and qualification records)

Employment Contracts — Individual

Employment Records - Correspondence with Employment Agencies and Advertisements for Job Openings

Employment Records - All Non-Hired Applicants (including all applications and resumes - whether solicited or unsolicited, results of post-offer, pre-employment physicals, results of background investigations, if any, related correspondence)

Job Descriptions

G. PROPERTY RECORDS

2 years after superseded or filing (whichever is longer)

Separation + 7 years

Record Type

Correspondence, Property Deeds, Assessments, Licenses,

1 copy kept permanently

6 years after separation

7 years after separation

3 years from date of hiring decision
Permanent

Rights of Way

Property Insurance Policies

2-4 years (4 years if file contains any correspondence which might be construed as an offer)

H. TAX RECORDS

<u>Record Type</u>	<u>Retention Period</u>
Tax-Exemption Documents and Related Correspondence	Permanent
IRS Rulings	Permanent
Tax Bills, Receipts, Statements	7 years
Tax Returns - Income, Franchise, Property	Permanent
Tax Workpaper Packages - Originals	7 years
Annual Information Returns - Federal and State	Permanent
IRS or other Government Audit Records	Permanent
All other Tax Records	7 years

End of Records Copying, Production, and Retention Policies

SCHEDULE 2

PAYMENT PLAN / ALTERNATE PAYMENT POLICY

ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Alternative Payment Schedule Guidelines for Certain Assessments

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

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

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

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

- I. Upon the request of a delinquent owner, the Association shall enter into an alternative payment schedule with such owner, subject to the following guidelines:
 - a. An Alternative Payment Schedule is only available to owners who have delinquent regular assessments, special assessments or any other amount owed to the Association.
 - b. An Alternative Payment Schedule will not be made available in the following cases: (1) to owners who have failed to honor the terms of a previous Alternative Payment Schedule during the two years following the owner's default of such previous Alternative Payment Schedule; (2) to owners who have failed to request an Alternative Payment Schedule prior to the 30-day deadline to cure the delinquency as set forth in the Association's letter sent pursuant to Tex. Prop. Code § 209.0064(b); and/or (3) to owners who have entered into an Alternative Payment Schedule within the previous 12 months. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board has discretion to allow any owner to enter into an Alternative Payment Schedule.
 - c. During the course of an Alternative Payment Schedule, additional monetary penalties shall not be charged against an owner so long as the owner timely performs all obligations under the Alternative Payment Schedule and does not default. However, the Association or its Managing Agent may charge reasonable costs for administering the Alternative Payment Schedule ("Administrative Costs") and, if interest is allowed under the Declaration, then interest will continue to accrue during the term of the Alternative Payment Schedule. The Association may provide an estimate of the amount of interest that will accrue during the term of the Alternative Payment Schedule.

- d. The total of all proposed payments in an Alternative Payment Schedule must equal the sum of the current delinquent balance, the estimated interest, and any Administrative Costs; and may include any assessments that will accrue during the term of the Payment Plan.
- e. All payments under an Alternative Payment Schedule shall be due and tendered to the Association by the dates specified in the Alternative Payment Schedule, and shall be made by cashier's checks or money orders. Failure to comply and/or failure to make ongoing assessments when they become due constitutes an immediate default of this Agreement.
- f. The minimum term for an Alternative Payment Schedule is 3 months from the date of the owner's request for an Alternative Payment Schedule. The Association is not required to allow an Alternative Payment Schedule for any amount that extends more than 18 months from the date of the owner's request for an Alternative Payment Plan.
- g. Any owner may submit to the Board a request for an Alternative Payment Schedule that does not meet the foregoing guidelines, along with any other information he/she believes the Board should consider along with such request (e.g. evidence of financial hardship). The Board, in its sole discretion, may approve or disapprove such a request for a non-conforming Alternative Payment Schedule. An owner who is not eligible for an Alternative Payment Schedule may still request an Alternative Payment Schedule, and the Board, in its sole discretion, may accept or reject such a request.
- h. Default
 - 1. The following shall result in an immediate default of an Alternative Payment Schedule:
 - i. The owner's failure to timely tender and deliver any payment when due under the Alternative Payment Schedule;
 - ii. The owner's failure to tender any payment in the full amount and form (e.g., cashier's check or money order) as specified in the Alternative Payment Schedule; or
 - iii. The owner's failure to timely comply with any other requirement or obligation set forth in the Alternative Payment Plan.
 - 2. Any owner who defaults under an Alternative Payment Schedule shall remain in default until his/her entire account balance is brought current.

3. The Association is not required to provide notice of any default.
 4. Owners are not entitled to any opportunity to cure a default.
 5. While an owner is in default under an Alternative Payment Schedule, the owner's payments need not be applied to the owner's debt in the order of priority set forth in Tex. Prop. Code § 209.0063(a). But, in applying a payment made while the owner is in default, a fine assessed by the Association may not be given priority over any other amount owed to the Association.
 6. The failure by the Association to exercise any rights or options shall not constitute a waiver thereof or the waiver of the right to exercise such right or option in the future.
- i. All other terms of an Alternative Payment Schedule are at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

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

SCHEDULE 3

COLLECTION POLICY

ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ASSESSMENT COLLECTION POLICY

WHEREAS, Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association") has authority pursuant to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Alcove at Hickory Creek (the "Declaration") to levy assessments against Owners of Lots within Alcove at Hickory Creek, a master planned community located in Denton County, Texas (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the timely collection of assessments and other amounts owed by Owners, and in order to comply with the Declaration and the laws of the State of Texas regarding the collection of unpaid amounts, the Board desires to establish certain procedures for the collection of assessments that remain unpaid beyond the prescribed due dates.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the following procedures and practices are established for the collection of assessments owing and to become owing by Owners in the Property and the same are to be known as the "Assessment Collection Policy" ("Policy") for the Association:

1. Generally. The steps and procedures contained in this Policy serve as a general outline of the Association's collection process. **The Association is not bound to follow these exact procedures in every collection matter except as required by the Declaration and the laws that govern collection of assessments.** The procedures below are not intended to constitute a prerequisite or condition precedent to the Association's legal ability to collect unpaid assessments and other amounts except as required by the Declaration or law.

Due Dates. Pursuant to the Declaration, the assessment shall be paid annually on the first day of January of each year unless the Board determines a different schedule. The due date and delinquency date for a Special Assessment authorized per the Declaration shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Any installment of the Annual Assessment which is not paid in full January 30 is delinquent (the "Delinquency Date") and shall be assessed late fees and interest as provided below.

2. Written Notice of Delinquency. Subsequent to an Owner becoming delinquent, and prior to referring the account to the Association's legal counsel for collection, the Association will send written notice of the delinquency to the Owner via certified mail (the "Delinquency Notice"). The Delinquency Notice shall: (i) detail each delinquent amount and the total amount owed; (ii) describe the options the Owner has to avoid having the account referred to the Association's legal counsel, including the availability of a payment plan, and (iii) provide the Owner a period of at least thirty (30) days to cure the delinquency before further collection action is taken.

3. Payment Plans. Section 209.0062 of the Texas Property Code requires that the Association adopt reasonable guidelines to establish an alternate payment schedule by which an owner may make partial payments for delinquent amounts owed to the Association in certain

circumstances. The Board has adopted and recorded a policy which governs payment plans and the Association will follow the policies and procedures contained therein.

5. Interest. In the event any assessment, or any portion thereof, is not paid in full by the Delinquency Date, interest on unpaid assessments at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum from the Delinquency Date until paid shall be charged to the Owner's account. Such interest, as and when it accrues hereunder, is secured by the Assessment Lien described in the Declaration, and will be subject to recovery in the manner provided herein for assessments. The Board may, in its sole discretion, waive the collection interest; provided, however, that the waiver of interest shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to collect any interest or any other charges in the future.

6. Late Charges. In the event any assessment, or any portion thereof, is not paid in full by the Delinquency Date, late charges in an amount up to \$25.00 shall be assessed against the Owner's account each month and every month until the assessment is paid in full. Such late charge, as and when levied, is secured by the Assessment Lien described in the Declaration, and will be subject to recovery in the manner provided herein for assessments. The Board may, in its sole discretion, waive the collection of any late charge; provided, however, that the waiver of any late charge shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to collect any or late charges or any other charges in the future.

7. Collection Fees. In the event any assessment, or any portion thereof, is not paid in full by the Delinquency Date, collection fees in an amount up to \$20.00 shall be assessed against the Owner's account each month and every month until the assessment is paid in full. Collection fees are charges by the managing agent for the collection of delinquent accounts and may not be waived by the Board without the consent of the managing agent. Such collection fee, as and when levied, is secured by the Assessment Lien described in the Declaration, and will be subject to recovery in the manner provided herein for assessments. Managing Agent shall have other fees such as is common in the collection and processing of collections of assessments and other charges due.

8. Handling Charges and Return Check Fees. In order to recoup for the Association, the costs incurred because of the additional administrative expenses association with collecting delinquent assessments, collection of the following fees and charges are part of this Policy:

a. Any handling charges, administrative fees, collection costs, postage or other expenses incurred by the Association in connection with the collection of any assessment or related amount owing beyond the Delinquency Date for such assessment will become due and owing by the Delinquent Owner.

b. A charge of \$25.00 per item will become due and payable for any check tendered to the Association which is dishonored by the drawee of such check or in an amount equal to the Bank's charge, the charge being in addition to any other fee or charge which the Association is entitled to recover from an Owner in connection with collection of assessments owing with respect to such Owner's Lot.

c. Any fee or charge becoming due and payable pursuant to this Policy will be added to the amount then outstanding and is collectible to the same extent and in the same manner as the assessment, the delinquency of which gave rise to the incurrence of such charge, fee or expense.

9. Collection Agencies. In the event an account has not been paid in full following thirty (30) days from the date Delinquency Notice was mailed to the Owner, the Association's agent may refer the account to a collection agency for collection, including reporting delinquent account to any credit bureau or other agency providing credit histories to authorized entities. All costs incurred by the Association for using the services of a collection agency, or administering a referral and handling of the account to a collection agency, are deemed costs of collection of the Association. Such costs of collection, when incurred by the Association and added to an Owner's account, are secured by the Assessment Lien described in Article 6 of the Declaration, and will be subject to recovery in the manner provided herein for assessments.

10. Application of Funds Received. All monies received by the Association will be applied to the Owner's delinquency in the following order of priority:

- a. First, to any delinquent assessment;
- b. Second, to any current assessment;
- c. Next, to any attorney's fees or third-party collection costs incurred by the Association associated solely with assessments or any other charge that could provide the basis for foreclosure;
- d. Next, to any attorney's fees incurred by the Association that are not subject to Subsection 10 (c) above;
- e. Next, to any fines assessed by the Association; and
- f. Last, to any other amount owed to the Association.

If the Owner is in default under a payment plan entered into with the Association at the time the Association receives a payment from the Owner, the Association is not required to apply the payment in the order of priority specified herein, except that a fine assessed by the Association may not be given priority over any other amount owed to the Association.

11. Ownership Records. All collection notices and communications will be directed to those persons shown by the records of the Association as being the Owner or a Lot for which assessments are due and will be sent to the most recent address of such Owner solely as reflected by the records of the Association. Any notice or communication directed to a person at an address, in both cases reflected by the records of the Association as being the Owner and address for a given

Lot, will be valid and effective for all purposes pursuant to the Declaration and this Policy until such time as there is actual receipt by the Association of written notification from the Owner of any change in the identity or status of such Owner or its address or both.

12. Notification of Owner's Representative. Where the interests of an Owner in a Lot have been handled by a representative or agent of such Owner or where an Owner has otherwise acted so as to put the Association on notice that its interest in a Lot have been and are being handled by a representative or agent, any notice or communication from the Association pursuant to this Policy will be deemed full and effective for all purposes if given to such Representative or agent.

13. Remedies and Legal Actions. If an Owner fails to cure the delinquency within the thirty (30) day period stated in the Delinquency Notice (as provided for above), the Association may, at its discretion and when it chooses, refer the delinquency to legal counsel for the Association. Any attorney's fees and related charges incurred by virtue of legal action taken will become part of the Owner's assessment obligation and may be collected as such as provided herein.

Upon direction of the Board or the Association's agent, legal counsel for the Association may pursue any and all available legal remedies with regard to the delinquencies referred to it including, but not limited to, the following:

a. Notice Letter. As the initial correspondence to a delinquent Owner, counsel will send a notice letter (the "Notice Letter") to the Owner advising the Owner of the Association's claim for all outstanding assessments and related charges, adding to the charges the attorney's fees and costs incurred for counsel's services.

b. Notice of Lien. If an Owner fails to cure the delinquency indicated in the Notice Letter, upon being requested to do so by the Board and/or Management, counsel may prepare and record in the Official Public Records of Denton County, a written notice of assessment lien (referred to as the "Notice of Lien") against the Lot. A copy of the Notice of Lien will be sent to the Owner, together with an additional demand for payment in full of all amounts then outstanding.

c. Foreclosure. In the event that the Owner fails to cure the delinquency, the Board may direct legal counsel to pursue foreclosure of the lien. In any foreclosure proceedings, the Owner shall be required to pay the costs and expenses of such proceedings, including reasonable attorney's fees.

I. Expedited Foreclosure Pursuant to Rules 735 & 736 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. The Board may decide to foreclose its lien by exercising its power of sale granted by the Declaration. In such event, counsel may commence expedited foreclosure lawsuit under Rules 735 and 736 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure ("Expedited Foreclosure"). Upon receipt from the Court of an order authorizing foreclosure of the Lot, counsel may post the Lot at the Denton County Courthouse for a foreclosure sale. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Owner's Lot and improvements at foreclosure and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, convey or

otherwise deal with the same. The Association may institute, a personal judgment suit against the former Owner for any deficiency resulting from the Association's foreclosure of its assessment lien.

ii. Judicial Foreclosure. The Association, may file suit for judicial foreclosure ("Judicial Foreclosure") of the assessment lien, which suit may also seek a personal money judgment. Upon receipt from the Court of an order foreclosing the Association's assessment lien against the Lot, the sheriff or constable may post the Lot for sheriff's sale. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Owner's Lot and improvements at foreclosure and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, convey or otherwise deal with the same.

d. Lienholder Notification. In pursuing Expedited Foreclosure or Judicial Foreclosure, the Association shall provide the 61-day notice letter to inferior lienholders pursuant to Section 209.0091 of the Texas Property Code.

e. Lawsuit for Money Judgment. The Association may file suit for a money judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction.

f. Bankruptcy. Upon notification of a petition in bankruptcy, the Association may refer the account to legal counsel.

g. Remedies Not Exclusive. All rights and remedies provided in this Policy and herein above are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that may be available to the Association, whether provided by law, equity, the Association's governing documents or otherwise.

14. Compromise. In order to expedite the resolution of a delinquent account, the Board may, at any time, compromise or waive the payment of interest, late charges, handling charges, collection costs other than collection fees, unless approved by the managing agent, legal fees or any other application charge.

15. Severability and Legal Interpretation. In the event that any provision herein shall be determined by a court with jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision, and this Policy shall be enforced as if such provision did not exist. Furthermore, in the event that any provision of this Policy is deemed by a court with jurisdiction to be ambiguous or in contradiction with any law, this Policy and any such provision shall be interpreted in a manner that complies with an interpretation that is consistent with the law. In the event any provision of this Policy conflicts with the Declaration, the Declaration controls.

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Policy replaces and supersedes in all respects any prior policy and resolution with respect to the collection of assessments filed by the Association or its predecessor-in-interest, is effective upon its filing with the Office of the Denton County Clerk, and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked, modified or amended by the Board of Directors.

SCHEDULE 4

NOTICE AND FINING POLICY

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Alcove at Hickory Creek Homeowners Association, Inc. has adopted the following Notice and Fining Policy for the enforcement of the Association's Governing Documents (to include the CC&R's, By-Laws, and Rules & Regulations). This policy shall prevail over the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions and is subject to amendment by the Declarant or Board of Directors at their sole discretion. The amending of this policy shall not require the consent or joinder of the Members and may be amended as a stand-alone policy notwithstanding, any amendment shall be posted to the HOA's website, if applicable, and a copy shall be mailed to each Owner via regular U.S. mail.

1. **Violation Notice (Warning):** Homeowners will be notified when a violation occurs and will be given a time period of not more than ten (10) days in which to correct the violation. Violations which present hazards for residents, are damaging property, creating an ongoing nuisance or can be considered an emergency requiring immediate correction shall be subject to self-help actions by the Association as described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (the "CCR's") or in this Notice and Fining Policy should Owner fail to cure the violation. Self Help actions considered an emergency requiring immediate attention will be addressed within seventy-two (72) hours or less by the Association. A notice in the case of an emergency may be delivered by hand, posted to the front door of the property, electronic mail, or U.S. mail. Any costs for initiating Self Help to cure a violation including the costs of postage and handling shall be assessed to the Owner's account. ****The Association may, but is not obligated, to provide more than one initial notice of violation as set forth in the CCR's and this Fining Policy. Should additional violation notices be sent, each notice shall allow a period of not more than ten (10) days in which to correct the violation. ****
2. **Assessment of Fine (Hearing Notice):** If after the initial notice (or subsequent notices if given) the violation continues, the Owner will be notified that a fine will be levied against his/her account (Notice of Fine Warning). This notice shall include the amount of the fine to be levied and shall contain verbiage pursuant to Section 209.006 of the Texas Property Code regarding an Owner's right to request a hearing before a committee (or the Board in the absence of a committee). Owner shall have not more than an additional ten (10) days to correct the violation and up to thirty (30) days to request a hearing in writing from the date of notice. The Association or its Managing Agent shall set the hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written request and the Owner shall be notified in writing of the hearing date, time and place not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing date.

3. **“Damage Assessment”**: Violations that result in property damage or cause the Association to incur cleanup costs will result in a “Special Assessment” on the homeowner’s account. Non-payment of this type of assessment may result in additional fees, and collection actions as allowed by law. Any attorney fees or other costs incurred by the Association will be assessed to the Owner’s account.

FINE SCHEDULE

Each fine notice shall contain the verbiage as required by the Texas State Property Code or the Declaration and Bylaws. The fine schedule below are suggested amounts. The Board may set fines at any reasonable amount and charge as lump sum or in increments.

- 1st Fine:** First fine for a violation not cured by the Owner after the initial fine warning notice has been given shall be \$50.00, then;
- 2nd Fine:** After not more than ten (10) days, the Board or its Managing Agent shall inspect the Owner’s property for compliance. If the violation remains, a second fine warning letter shall be sent to the violating Owner advising that a second fine in the amount of \$75.00 shall be assessed to the Owner’s account, then;
- 3rd Fine:** After five (5) additional days, the Board or its Managing Agent shall inspect the Owner’s property for compliance. If the violation remains, a third fine warning letter shall be sent to the violating Owner advising that a third fine in the amount of \$100.00 shall be assessed to the Owner’s account.
- 4th & After:** If compliance is not met after the end of five (5) days and third fine warning notice, the Owner will receive one (1) final notice advising that fines shall escalate at the rate of \$25.00 per week for every week the violation remains until the maximum fine amount of \$750.00 is reached at which time the violation process shall start over and shall be treated as a recurring violation subject to additional fines as outlined in this section (“4th and After”) so long as the violation remains.
4. The maximum fine amount is based on a per violation occurrence and can be assessed each time a violation occurs whether or not it is the same type or kind or whether it is a recurring violation. Based on the severity of the violation or a history of recurring violations, the Association or its Board of Directors

shall, in their sole discretion, have the right to issue a one-time fine for the maximum amount allowed of \$750.00.

If Owner submits a written request for a hearing, all fines shall be suspended until after the hearing. The committee or the Board of Directors shall provide written notice to the Owner with copies to the Association and its Managing Agent which shall outline the findings and subsequent results of the hearing. The Association or its Managing Agent shall immediately proceed and comply with any instructions and/or with the findings and results as written in the notification received. If the hearing is held by a committee appointed by the Board, the Owner shall have the right to appeal the decision of the committee to the Board of Directors and the decision of the Board of Directors is final. If the hearing is held by the Board of Directors in the absence of a committee, the decision of the Board of Directors is final.

Note: All fines are subject to collections and will be collected in the same manner as are the association dues.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Policy replaces and supersedes in all respects any prior policy and resolution with respect to the notice and fining and hearing policy filed by the Association or its predecessor-in-interest, is effective upon its filing with the Office of the Denton County Clerk, and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked, modified or amended by the Board of Directors.

SCHEDULE 5

E-MAIL REGISTRATION POLICY

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Terms used but not defined in this policy will have the meaning subscribed to such terms in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Alcove at Hickory Creek Recorded in the Official Public Records of Denton County, Texas, as the same may be amended from time to time by Resolution of the Board.

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Email Registration. Policy is to facilitate proper notice of annual and special meetings of members of the Association pursuant to Section 209.0051(e) of the Texas Property Code.

2. Email Registration. Should the owner wish to receive any and all email notifications of annual and special meetings of members of the Association, it is the owner's sole responsibility to register his/her email address with the Association and to continue to keep the registered email address updated and current with the Association. In order to register an email address, the owner must provide their name, address, phone number and email address through the method provided on the Association's website, if any, and/or to the official contact information provided by the Association for the community manager.

3. Failure to Register. An owner may not receive email notification or communication of annual or special meetings of members of the Association should the owner fail to register his/her email address with the Association and/or properly and timely maintain an accurate email address with the Association. Correspondence to the Association and/or Association manager from an email address or by any method other than the method described in Paragraph No. 2 above will not be considered sufficient to register such email address with the Association.

4. Amendment. The Association may, from time to time, modify, amend, or supplement this Policy or any other rules regarding email registration.

This policy shall be filed with the Bylaws of the Association notwithstanding, the policy is subject to amendment from time to time as a stand-alone policy at the sole discretion of the Board

SCHEDULE 6
ALCOVE AT HICKORY CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

GENERATOR POLICY

Terms used but not defined in this policy will have the meaning subscribed to such terms.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW APPROVAL REQUIRED

As part of the installation and maintenance of a generator on an Owner's Lot, an Owner may submit plans for and install a standby electric generator ("**Generator**") upon written approval by the architectural review authority under the Declaration (the "**ACC**").

A. GENERATOR PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Application. Approval by the ACC is required prior to installing a Generator. To obtain the approval of the ACC for a Generator, the Owner shall provide the ACC with the following information: (i) the proposed site location of the Generator on the Owner's Lot; (ii) a description of the Generator, including a photograph or other accurate depiction; and (iii) the size of the Generator (the "**Generator Application**"). The ACC is not responsible for: (i) errors or omissions in the Generator Application submitted to the ACC for approval; (ii) supervising installation or construction to confirm compliance with an approved Generator Application or (iii) the compliance of an approved application with Applicable Law.

2. Approval Conditions. Each Generator Application and all Generators to be installed in accordance therewith must comply with the following:

(i) The Owner must install and maintain the Generator in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and meet all applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes.

(ii) The Owner must use a licensed contractor(s) to install all electrical, plumbing, and fuel line connections and all electrical connections must be installed in accordance with all applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes.

(iii) The Owner must install all-natural gas, diesel fuel, biodiesel fuel, and/or hydrogen fuel line connections in accordance with applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes.

(iv) The Owner must install all liquefied petroleum gas fuel line connections in accordance with the rules and standards promulgated and adopted by the Railroad Commission of Texas and other applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes.

(v) The Owner must install and maintain all non-integral standby Generator fuel tanks in compliance with applicable municipal zoning ordinances and governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes.

(v) The Owner must install all liquefied petroleum gas fuel line connections in accordance with the rules and standards promulgated and adopted by the Railroad Commission of Texas and other applicable governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes.

(vi) The Owner must install and maintain all non-integral standby Generator fuel tanks in compliance with applicable municipal zoning ordinances and governmental health, safety, electrical, and building codes.

(vii) The Owner must maintain in good condition the Generator and its electrical lines and fuel lines. The Owner is responsible to repair, replace, or remove any deteriorated or unsafe component of a Generator, including electrical and fuel lines.

(viii) The Owner must screen a Generator if it is visible from the street faced by the residence, located in an unfenced side or rear yard of a Lot, and is visible either from an adjoining residence or from adjoining property owned by the Association, and/or is located in a side or rear yard fenced by a wrought iron or residential aluminum fence and is visible through the fence either from an adjoining residence or from adjoining property owned by the Association.

(ix) The Owner may only perform periodic testing of the Generator consistent with the manufacturer's recommendations between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(x) No Owner shall use the Generator to generate all or substantially all of the electric power to the Owner's residence unless the utility-generated electrical power to the residence is not available or is intermittent due to causes other than nonpayment for utility service to the residence.

(xi) No Owner shall locate the Generator (i) in the front yard of a residence; or (ii) in the side yard of a residence facing a street.

(xii) No Owner shall locate a Generator on property owned by the Association.

(xiii) No Owner shall locate a Generator on any property owned in common by members of the Association.

3. Process. Any proposal to install a Generator on property owned by the Association or property owned in common by members of the Association must be approved in advance and in writing by the Board, and the Board need not adhere to the requirements set forth in this Generator Policy when considering any such request.

4. Approval. Each Owner is advised that if the Generator Application is approved by the ACC, installation of the Generator must: (i) strictly comply with the Generator Application; (ii) commence within thirty (30) days of approval; and (iii) be diligently prosecuted to completion. If the owner fails to cause the Generator to be installed in accordance with the approved Generator Application, the ACC may require the Owner to: (a) modify the Generator Application to accurately reflect the Generator installed on the Property; or (b) remove the Generator and reinstall the Generator in accordance with the approved Generator Application. Failure to install the Generator in accordance with the approved Generator Application or an Owner's failure to comply with the post-approval requirements constitutes a violation of the Declaration and may subject the Owner to fines and penalties. Any requirement imposed by the ACC to resubmit a Generator Application or remove and relocate a Generator in accordance with the approved Generator Application shall be at the Owner's sole cost and expense.