### NAUTICAL CHASE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (ORIGINAL ADOPTION)

# ARTICLE I

Section 1: The proposed name of this organization shall be: "Nautical Chase Homeowners Association, Inc.

### ARTICLE II

Section 1: The Purpose of this Association is to promote a desired and enjoyable place to live and beautify the community through cooperative efforts by its members.

Section 2: This Constitution and Bylaws are designed and intended for the government of the Board of Directors and members of the "Nautical Chase Homeowners Association."

### ARTICLE III

Section 1: Lot Owners of Nautical Chase Lake Community are members of the Nautical Chase Homeowners Association.

### **ARTICLE IV**

Section 1: The fiscal year of this Association shall be on a calendar year basis, i.e., January 1 through December 31.

#### **ARTICLE V**

Section 1: The annual yearly assessment for each residence, with an occupancy permit, shall be \$250.00, and \$50.00 per unimproved lot, except for lots belonging to the developer which shall be assessed \$0.00 per lot, subject to change by majority vote.

Section 2: Billing will be due March 1st of each year with all bills payable by (dates to be determined later).

Section 3: A late fee of \$25.00 per month will be charged on all past due accounts (to be discussed further by Board of Directors and legal counsel).

Section 4: The Association shall have the authority to place a lien on property if payment is not received within 90 days of the due date June 1(specific date to be determined later; to be discussed further by Board of Directors and legal counsel).

### **ARTICLE VI**

Section 1: Regular meetings of this Association shall be held at least once per quarter, with the last quarterly meeting of the year to be considered as the annual meeting, i.e., 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the first month of each quarter with the location to be determined at a later date.

Section 2: The date/location of the next regular meeting shall be announced at each meeting.

Section 3: Special business meetings may also be called by the President as may warrant, with members receiving notice of special meetings by mail, with 1 weeks notice. Agendas for special called meetings will be item/incidence specific and no further business shall be transacted at that time.

Section 4: Any business of the Association may be transacted at any quarterly meeting.

Section 5: Each home is entitled to one vote on issues brought before the Association meetings. (home defined as improved dwelling with an occupancy permit in possession, i.e., 1 house, 1 vote). Further, renters will not be entitled to vote (see Article III, Sect. 1).

# ARTICLE VII

Section 1: The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and four At-Large Members elected by the general membership, which along with the Officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2: All officers shall be elected for a two year term, or until their successors have been duly elected. Officers will be elected on a rotating basis so that consistency may be established in the administration of the Association.

Section 3: Any officer may resign at any time. Upon resignation, an election to fill the vacancy shall occur at the next meeting.

Section 4: Regular elections shall be held at the last quarterly meeting of each year and officers shall take office on January 1 of each year.

Section 5: Any officer may be removed from office upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present at a meeting.

### ARTICLE VIII

Section 1: The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Association. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside.

Section 2: The four (4) At-large Board of Directors members shall constitute a Standing Committee for the purpose of making recommendations to the General Membership on the use of excess funds generated each year and submit suggestions for homeowners events.

Section 3: The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect the yearly assessments and shall keep the funds in such a manner so as to allow the balance to be verified by the Officers at any time.

Section 4: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a roster of the membership (lot owners) of the Association, with residence/post office address and phone numbers for each member

Section 5: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Association and shall be bonded. Books will be audited on an annual basis.

Section 6: Under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Association, the Secretary-Treasurer shall make payment of the known general expenses. These expenses shall include landscaping/mowing, as required, utilities, stationary and postage.

Section 7: Payment of the Association expenses shall be made by check with the authorized signature of the Secretary-Treasurer and one other Officer.

Section 8: The membership shall have the authority to disburse other funds appropriate for the welfare of the Association. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership shall be required for such expenditures. Proxy votes will be allowed for additional disbursements by means of a signed affidavit to be maintained on file with the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 9: The annual salary of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be a free yearly assessment plus any incurred expenses.

# ARTICLE IX

Section 1: The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint such committees as are necessary for the proper and successful operation of the association.

Section 2: *Roberts Rules of Order* shall be used in the transaction of business meetings of the Association.

Section 3: No officer or member of the Association may incur any indebtedness in the name of Nautical Chase Homeowners Association without a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

# **ARTICLE X**

Section 1: This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by submitting the proposed amendment, in writing, signed by a member of the Association. Such proposal shall be referred to the Board of Directors for study and recommendation to the membership of the Association. A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to amend the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2: This Constitution and Bylaws shall become effective in it's entirety upon adoption by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Nautical Chase Homeowners Association, Inc.

Section 3: All lot owners (members) shall abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Nautical Chase Homeowners Association, Inc.

Section 4: Bylaws are subject to change at annual meetings. Proxy votes will be allowed for changes to bylaws.