

Statutes from time to time, at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare or have prepared an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the Members.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

The Association shall appoint an Architectural Control Committee, as provided in the Declaration, and a Nominating Committee, as provided in these By-Laws. In addition, the Board of Directors shall appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

ARTICLE IX BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 1. The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost. If the Association has a copy machine, it must provide Owners with copies requested if fewer than twenty-five (25) pages. The Association may charge up to \$.50 per page. If the copies requested exceed twenty-five (25) pages, an outside vendor may be used and actual costs may be charged.

Section 2. Minutes of all meetings of Members and of the Board of Directors shall be kept in a businesslike manner and shall be available for inspection by Members, or their authorized representatives, and Board members at reasonable times. The Association shall retain these minutes for at least 7 years.

Section 3. The Association shall maintain each of the following items, when applicable, which shall constitute the official records of the Association:

(a) A copy of the plans, specifications, permits, and warranties for the improvements to the Common Area, if any, but not including the construction drawings of the individual homes and lots.

(b) A copy of the By-Laws of this Association and of each amendment to the By-Laws.

(c) A copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, or other documents creating the Association, and of each amendment thereto.

(d) A copy of the Declaration and each amendment thereto.

(e) A copy of the current rules of the Association.

(f) The minutes of all meetings of the Association, of the Board of Directors and of Members, which minutes shall be retained for at least seven (7) years.

(g) A current roster of all Members and their mailing addresses, parcel identifications, and, if known, telephone numbers.

(h) All current insurance policies of the Association or a copy thereof, which policies must be retained for at least seven (7) years.

(i) A current copy of all contracts to which the Association is a party, including any management agreement, lease, or other contract to which the Association is a party or under which the Association has an obligation or responsibility. Bids for work to be performed shall also be considered official records and shall be maintained for a period of one (1) year.

(j) Accounting records for the Association and separate accounting records for each parcel, according to generally accepted accounting principles. All accounting records shall be maintained for at least seven (7) years. The accounting records shall be open to inspection by Members or their authorized representatives at reasonable times. The failure of the Association to permit inspection of its accounting records by a Member or their authorized representatives entitles any person prevailing in an enforcement action to recover reasonable attorney's fees from the person in control of the books and records who, directly or indirectly, knowingly denied access to the books and records for inspection. The accounting records shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Accurate, itemized, and detailed records of all receipts and expenditures.
2. A current account and a periodic statement of the account for each Member of the Association, designating the name of the Member, the due date and amount of each assessment, the amount paid upon the account, and the balance due.
3. All tax returns, financial statements, and financial reports of the Association.
4. Any other records that identify, measure, record, or communicate financial information.

(k) A copy of the disclosure summary described in Section 720.410(1), Florida Statutes.

(l) All other records related to the Association's operation, except matters governed by the attorney-client privilege.

ARTICLE X ASSESSMENTS AND FINES

Section 1. As more fully provided in the Declaration, each Member is obligated to pay to the Association all assessments as listed in the Declaration which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the assessment is made. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within ten (10) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum, and shall be subject to

a late fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00). The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property, and interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment, provided however, in no event shall this interest rate exceed the maximum allowed by law. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

Section 2. The Association has the power to levy fines up to the maximum amount allowed by law from time to time, but fines shall not become a lien against a Lot.

ARTICLE XI CORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: Panther Trace Townhomes Association, Inc., and within the center the word "Florida" and the year of incorporation.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Association's By-Laws will initially be adopted by the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the By-Laws shall be altered, amended, or rescinded solely by the approval of the Board of Directors. In certain circumstances set forth in the Declaration or as may be set forth in any future supplemental declaration the members may have authority to approve amendments to the By-laws; in those circumstances such provisions shall control the alteration, amendment or rescission of the By-laws.

Section 2. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these By-laws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and the By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XIII 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.

ARTICLE XIV FNMA/FHA/VA APPROVAL

As long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or Veterans Administration (VA):