

## BYLAWS of RUDDER POINTE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Property Owners Association: Rudder Pointe Owners Association, Inc. (the "Association"), a Texas nonprofit association, established by the certificate of formation filed with the secretary of state of Texas on June 26, 2019 under file number 803354810.

Principal Office: 311 Cecilia Loop, College Station, Texas 77845. The Property Owners Association may have other offices.

Declaration: The Declaration of Restrictive Covenants of Rudder Pointe Subdivision, recorded in Volume 15386, Page 40 of the Official Public Records of Brazos County, Texas, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

Definitions: Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Declaration.

Voting Members: Members entitled to vote or their proxies. Any Member delinquent in payment of any Assessment is not a Voting Member.

### A. Members

1. *Membership.* Every Owner is a Member of the Property Owners Association. Membership is appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a Lot. The Property Owners Association has two classes of voting Members:

- a. *Class A.* Class A Members are all Owners of Lots, other than Declarant. Class A Members have one vote per Lot. When more than one person is an Owner of a Lot, each is a Class A Member, but only one vote may be cast for a Lot.
- b. *Class B.* The Class B Member is Declarant and has four votes for each Lot owned and sixteen votes for each acre of Property owned that has not been subdivided into Lots. The Class B membership ceases and converts to Class A membership on the earlier of—
  - i. when the Class A Members' votes together exceed the total of Class B Member's votes; or
  - ii. the date specified in the Declaration.

2. *Place of Meeting.* Members meetings will be held at the Association's Principal Office or at another place designated by the Board.

3. *Annual Meetings.* The first Members meeting will be held within six (6) months after the formation of the Association. Subsequent regular annual Members meetings will be held on the first Tuesday in April.

4. *Special Meetings.* The president may call special meetings. The president must call a special meeting if directed by the Board or by a petition signed by thirty percent (30%) of the Class A Voting Members.

5. *Notice of Meetings.* Written notice stating the place, day, and hour of each Members meeting, other than a reconvened meeting, must be given to each Member: (a) if mailed to Members, not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days before the meeting, or (b) posted in a Common Area or on the Association's website and emailed to all Members who have emailed their email address to the Association. The special Members meeting notices must also state the meeting's purpose, and no business may be conducted except as stated in the notice. Notice to a Member is deemed given when hand delivered or mailed. If mailed, notice is deemed given (whether actually received or not) when deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid.

6. *Waiver of Notice.* A Member may, in writing, waive notice of a meeting. Attendance at a meeting is a waiver of notice of the meeting, unless the Member objects to lack of notice when the meeting is called to order.

7. *Quorum.* The number of Members present at a meeting for which notice has been given is a quorum.

8. *Majority Vote.* Votes representing more than 50 percent of the Voting Members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present are a majority vote. Votes must be in writing and signed by the Member casting such vote, except in the case of uncontested associate-wide elections which require no written vote. Ballots will be kept confidential and must be counted by a person who is not the subject of the vote.

9. *Proxies.* Voting Members may vote by written proxy.

10. *Conduct of Meetings.* The president will preside over Members meetings. The secretary will keep minutes of the meetings and will record in a minutes book the votes of the members.

11. *Action without Meeting.* Any action that may be taken at a Members meeting may be taken without a meeting by written consent setting forth the action taken signed by a majority of the Voting Members.

## **B. Board**

1. *Governing Body; Composition.* The affairs of the Association are governed by the Board. Each director has one vote. The initial Board is composed of the directors appointed in the Certificate of Formation. During the Development Period, the directors will be appointed by the Declarant. After the Development Period, each director must be a Member or, in the case of an entity Member, a person designated in writing to the secretary by such entity Member.

2. *Number of Directors.* During the Development Period, the Board consists of three (3) directors. After the Development Period, the Board consists of not less than three (3)

nor more than nine (9) directors. Within those limits, the Board may change the number of directors. No decrease may shorten the term of a director.

3. *Term of Office.* During the Development Period, the directors will serve until replaced by the Declarant.

After the Development Period, the terms of directors will be staggered. At least one-third of the Board will be elected each year. After the Development Period, the initial Board will determine the initial term, not to exceed three years, of each director. At the expiration of the initial term of a director, each successor will have a term of two (2) years.

Directors may serve consecutive terms.

4. *Election of Directors After Development Period.* At the first annual meeting of Members after the end of the Development Period, the Voting Members will elect directors to succeed the then serving directors. At subsequent annual Members meetings, successors for each director whose term is expiring will be elected. Cumulative voting is prohibited. The candidate or candidates receiving the most votes will be elected. The directors elected by the Voting Members will hold office until their respective successors have been elected.

5. *Removal of Directors and Vacancies*

- a. *Removal by Members.* During the Development Period, any director may be removed by Declarant, with or without cause. After the Development Period, any director may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority of the Voting Members. Any director whose removal is sought will be given notice of the proposed removal.
- b. *Removal by Board.* Any director may be removed at a Board meeting if the director—
  - i. failed to attend three (3) consecutive Board meetings;
  - ii. failed to attend thirty percent (30%) of Board meetings within one year;
  - iii. is delinquent in the payment of any Assessment for more than thirty (30) days; or
  - iv. is the subject of an enforcement action by the Association for violation of the Governing Documents.
- c. *Vacancies.* A director's position becomes vacant if the director dies, becomes incapacitated, resigns, or, after the Development Period, is no longer a Member.
- d. *Successors.* After the Development Period, if a director is removed or a vacancy exists, a successor will be elected by the Members at a regular

meeting or a special meeting called for such purpose.

6. *Compensation.* Directors will not receive compensation. A director may be reimbursed for expenses approved by the Board.

7. *Powers.* The Board has all powers necessary to administer the Association's affairs.

8. *Management.* The Board may employ a managing agent. Declarant, or an affiliate of Declarant, may be the managing agent.

9. *Accounts and Reports.* Accounting and controls must conform to good accounting practices. Accounts will not be commingled with accounts of other persons. The following financial reports will be prepared at least annually:

- a. An income statement reflecting all income and expense activity for the preceding period.
- b. A statement reflecting all cash receipts and disbursements for the preceding period.
- c. A variance report reflecting the status of all accounts in an "actual" versus "approved" budget format.
- d. A balance sheet as of the last day of the preceding period.
- e. A delinquency report listing all Owners who are delinquent by more than ninety (90) days in paying any Assessment and describing the status of any action to collect those delinquent Assessments.

10. *Borrowing.* The Board may borrow money to maintain, repair, or restore the Common Area without the approval of the Members. If approved in advance by the Members in the same manner as approving a Special Assessment, the Board may borrow money for any other purpose.

11. *Rights of Association.* With respect to the Common Area, and in accordance with the Declaration, the Association will have the right to contract with any person for the performance of various duties and functions. Such agreements require the approval of the Board.

12. *Enforcement Procedures*

- a. *Notice.* Before the Board may (i) suspend an Owner's right to use a Common Area, (ii) file a suit against an Owner other than a suit to collect any Assessment, (iii) foreclose the Association's lien, (iv) charge an Owner for property damage, or (v) levy a fine for a violation of the Governing Documents, the Property Owners Association or its agent must give written notice to the Owner by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice must describe the violation or property damage that

is the basis for the suspension action, charge, or fine and state any amount due the Association from the Owner. The notice also must inform the Owner that the Owner (i) is entitled to a reasonable period to cure the violation and avoid the fine or suspension unless the Owner was given notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure a similar violation within the preceding six months and (ii) may request a hearing on or before the thirtieth day after the date the Owner receives the notice.

- b. *Hearing.* If the Owner is entitled to an opportunity to cure the violation, the Owner has the right to submit a written request for a hearing to discuss and verify facts and resolve the matter in issue before a committee appointed by the Board or before the Board if the Board does not appoint a committee. If a hearing is to be held before a committee, the notice must state that the Owner has the right to appeal the committee's decision to the Board by written notice to the Board.

The Association must hold a hearing under this section not later than the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day after the date the Board receives the Owner's request for a hearing and must notify the Owner of the date, time, and place of the hearing not later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day before the date of the hearing. The Board or the Owner may request a postponement, and, if requested, a postponement will be granted for a period of not more than ten (10) days. Additional postponements may be granted by agreement of the parties. The Owner or the Association may make an audio recording of the meeting.

The hearing will be held in executive session affording the alleged violator a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Before any sanction hereunder becomes effective, proof of proper notice will be placed in the minutes of the meeting. Such proof will be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice, together with a statement of the date and manner of delivery, is entered by the officer, director, or agent who delivered the notice. The notice requirement will be satisfied if the alleged violator appears at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting will contain a written statement of the results of the hearing and the sanction, if any, imposed. The Board may, but will not be obligated to, suspend any proposed sanction if the violation is cured within a ten (10) day period. Such suspension will not constitute a waiver of the right to sanction violations of the same or other provisions and rules by any person.

- c. *Appeal.* Following hearing before a committee, if any, the violator will have the right to appeal the decision to the Board. To perfect this right, a written notice of appeal must be received by the managing agent, if any, president, or secretary within five (5) days after the hearing date.
- d. *Changes in Law.* The Board may change the enforcement procedures set out in this section to comply with changes in law.

### C. Board Meetings

1. *Regular Meetings.* Regular meetings of the Board will be held at such time and place as determined by the Board, and after the Development Period, at least two (2) such meetings will be held during each fiscal year. Notice of the time and place of the meetings will be given to directors not less than ten (10) days before the meetings.

2. *Special Meetings.* Special meetings will be held when called by written notice signed by the president or by any two (2) directors. The notice will specify the time and place of the meeting and the matters to be covered at the meeting.

3. *Waiver of Notice.* The actions of the Board at any meeting are valid if (a) a quorum is present and (b) either proper notice of the meeting was given to each director or a written waiver of notice is given by any director who did not receive proper notice of the meeting. Proper notice of a meeting will be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of proper notice.

4. *Quorum of Board.* At all meetings, a majority of the Board will constitute a quorum, and the votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present constitutes the decision of the Board. If the Board cannot act because a quorum is not present, a majority of the directors who are present may adjourn the meeting to a date not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business that may have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.

5. *Conduct of Meetings.* The president will preside at Board meetings. The secretary will keep minutes of the meetings and will record in a minute book the votes of the directors.

6. *Proxies.* Directors may vote by written proxy.

7. *Action without Meeting.* Any action that may be taken at a Board meeting may be taken without a meeting by written consent setting forth the action taken signed by a sufficient number of the Board as would be necessary to take that action at a meeting.

### D. Officers

1. *Officers.* The officers of the Association are a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, to be elected from the Members; provided, however, during the Development Period, officers need not be Members. The Board may appoint other officers having the authority and duties prescribed by the Board. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of president and secretary.

2. *Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies.* Officers will be elected annually by the Board at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the Voting Members. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

3. *Removal.* The Board may remove any officer whenever, in the Board's judgment, the interests of the Association will be served thereby.

4. *Powers and Duties.* Officers have such powers and duties as are generally associated with their respective offices and as may be specifically conferred by the Board. The president is the chief executive officer of the Association. The treasurer has primary responsibility for the preparation of the budget and financial reports and may delegate all or part of the preparation and notification duties to a finance committee, management agent, or both.

5. *Resignation.* Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the president, or the secretary. Resignation takes effect on the date of the receipt of the notice or at any later time specified in the notice.

#### **E. Committees**

The Board may establish committees by resolution and authorize the committees to perform the duties described in the resolution.

#### **F. Miscellaneous**

1. *Fiscal Year.* The Board may establish the Association's fiscal year by resolution. In the absence of a Board resolution determining otherwise, the Association's fiscal year is a calendar year.

2. *Rules for Meeting.* The Board may adopt rules for the conduct of meetings of Members, Board, and committees.

3. *Conflict.* The Declaration controls over these Bylaws.

4. *Inspection of Books and Records*

a. *Inspection by Member.* After a written request to the Association, a Member may examine and copy, in person or by agent, any Association books and records relevant to that purpose. The Board may establish rules concerning the (i) written request; (ii) hours, days of the week, and place; and (iii) payment of costs related to a Member's inspection and copying of books and records.

b. *Inspection by Director.* A director has the right, at any reasonable time, and at the Association's expense, to (i) examine and copy the Association's books and records at the Association's Principal Office and (ii) inspect the Association's properties.

5. *Notices.* Any notice required or permitted by the Governing Documents must be in writing. Notices regarding enforcement actions must be given by certified mail, return receipt requested. All other notices may be given by regular mail. Notice is deemed delivered (whether actually received or not) when properly deposited with the United States Postal Service, addressed to (a) a Member at the Member's last known address according to the Association's

records and (b) the Association, the Board, or a managing agent at the Association's Principal Office or another address designated in a notice to the Members. Unless otherwise required by law or the Governing Documents, actual notice, however delivered, is sufficient.

6. *Amendment.* These Bylaws may be amended at any time by the vote of forty percent (40%) of the Voting Members in the Property Owners Association. This provision will not be construed as limiting the Board's power to amend the enforcement procedures to comply with changes in law.

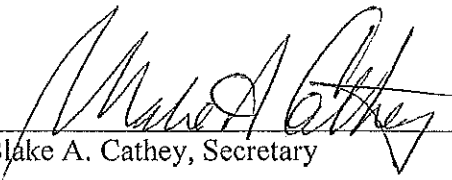


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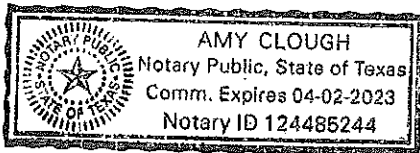
1. I am the Secretary of Rudder Pointe Owners Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation.
2. The foregoing Bylaws are the original Bylaws of the Association unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors where all members were present on June 26, 2019.

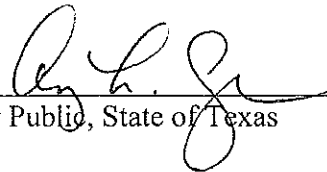
Executed the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

  
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Blake A. Cathey, Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
COUNTY OF BRAZOS           §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, by **Blake A. Cathey**, Secretary of RUDDER POINTE OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC., a Texas non-profit corporation, on behalf of said corporation.



  
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Notary Public, State of Texas



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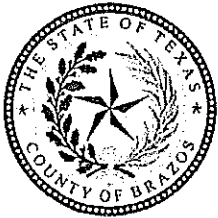
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