

Directors shall fix the amount of the assessment against each lot at least thirty days in advance of the annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every owner subject thereto. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors of the Association and the Board of Directors shall have the authority to require the assessment to be paid in pro-rata monthly installments, quarterly and semi-annually as well as annually. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified lot have been paid.

(b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum assessment may be increased each year not more than twenty five percent (25%) above the maximum assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership.

(c) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased above 25% by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of members who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Except, however, increases attributable solely to the annexation of new areas, including new Common Areas, shall not be subject to this limitation.

Section 5. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements: In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

Section 6. Remedies for Non-Payment of Assessments: Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the highest rate allowed by law, together with such late fees as may be set by the Board. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay any assessments and interest or foreclose the lien created herein in the same manner as prescribed by the laws of the State of North Carolina for the foreclosure of Deeds of Trust. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees (as set forth in Section 2 above), of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by the non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his dwelling unit or site.

In the event of such action at law and in the further event that such action results in a judgment being entered against the Owner and in favor of the Association, then, and in that event, the Association shall be further empowered to execute on that judgment in such manner and to the extent provided and permitted by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Section 7. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages: The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessment as to payments which become due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or