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OF
ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Article I    Name and Location, Purpose, Controlling Laws and Documents

Section 1: Corporate Name, Address, Meeting Locations   The name of the corporation is Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as The Association. The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 1 La Hacienda Loop, Eldorado at Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508, but the meetings of The Members and The Board may be held at such places within the State of New Mexico as may be designated by The Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is hereby granted full power and authority to change the place of the principal office to another location within the Eldorado at Santa Fe subdivision.

Section 2: Purpose of Bylaws   These Bylaws are adopted for the regulation and management of the affairs of the common interest community known as the Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc. (also referred to as “ECIA”):

• which is organized as a New Mexico nonprofit corporation under the New Mexico Nonprofit Corporation Act, §§ 53-8-1, et seq., NMSA 1978 (the “Nonprofit Act”);
• in conformance with the New Mexico Homeowners Association Act, §§ 47-16-1, et seq., NMSA 1978, et seq. (“the HOA Act”);
• and is The Association created by the Declaration of Covenants Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc., dated July 10, 1972, as more specifically defined below.

The Declaration of Covenants relates to the real estate and the community located in the County of Santa Fe, New Mexico, which is subject to the Governing Documents.

*Section 2 broken into bullets for readability purposes.

Section 3: Controlling Laws and Documents   These Bylaws are controlled by and must always be consistent with the provisions of the Nonprofit Act, applicable provisions of the HOA Act, the Declaration of Covenants and all other Governing Documents as defined below.

*Article I broken into three distinct sections for clarity and improved definition of each section.

Article II   Definitions

Section 1: Agreement To Serve shall mean(s) and refer(s) to the most recent document on file which all elected and appointed Directors must sign prior to participating in Board business.

Section 2: The Association shall mean(s) and refer(s) to the Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

Section 3: The Board shall mean(s) and refer(s) to The Board of Directors of The Association.
Section 4: The Bylaws shall mean and refer to the most current version of The Association’s Fifth Amended and Restated Bylaws as approved by the Membership, subsequently amended from time to time.

Section 5: The Common Properties shall mean and refer to those areas of land shown on any recorded subdivision plat of The Properties and any facilities or improvements now or hereafter placed thereon which land, facilities or improvements are dedicated to the common use and enjoyment of the owners of The Properties.

Section 6: Conflict Of Interest shall mean a person accepts or is a beneficiary of a fee, brokerage, gift or other item of value, other than a fixed salary or compensation, as consideration for an investment, loan, deposit, purchase, sale, exchange, insurance, reinsurance or other transaction made by or for The Association, an officer of The Board or The Board; or a person is financially interested in any capacity in a transaction for The Association, except on behalf of The Association, an officer of The Board or The Board, and refer to any circumstance, including legal matters, in which a Director’s private or personal interests conflict with the Director’s duties, including Fiduciary Responsibility to The Association, or when, to a reasonable person, it appears the Director has acted or might act in a partial, biased or self-interested manner.

*Definition rewritten to be consistent with the revised Homeowner Association (HOA) Act.

Section 7: Cumulative Voting shall mean and refer to the casting of more than one vote per Lot for any specific particular candidate for The Board.

Section 8: Date of Record shall mean and refer to the date on which final determination is made of Members Eligible To Vote in an event which requires voting:

(a) The Board of Directors annual election - First business day of March at 5:00 p.m.; or
(b) Any other issue requiring voting - To be determined by The Board.

Section 9: Declaration Of Covenants shall mean and refers to the Declaration Of Covenants for The Association dated July 10, 1972 and recorded July 18, 1972 in Book 292, pages 597 to 610 of the Records of the Office of the Clerk of Santa Fe County, State of New Mexico and such supplemental declarations to the Declaration Of Covenants as have been recorded from time to time.

Section 10: Designated Staff shall mean and refers to The Association’s General Manager or their designee.

Section 11: Electronic Meeting shall mean and refers to a meeting of The Board, Standing Committee or Ad hoc Committee, as defined in Article XI, Sections 3 (Standing Committees) and 4 (Ad hoc Committees), where at least one member is attending via electronic medium such as audio conferencing, video conferencing, computer based application, software...
application or similar media. A majority of members of The Board or the Committee shall be physically present at a designated meeting site.

Section 12: Fiduciary Responsibility shall mean and refer to the legal responsibility of the Directors of The Association to act solely in the best interests of The Association and its Members in managing the monies, The Properties and the affairs of The Association, in good faith, and with such care as an ordinarily prudent person would use under similar circumstances in a like position, as required by Section 53-8-25.1 of the New Mexico Nonprofit Corporation Act and the provisions of the New Mexico Homeowner Association Act [NMSA 1978 § 47-16-1, et seq.]. It shall also mean to not exploit the position of Director of The Association for personal gain or advantage nor to act on behalf of The Board or Association without the knowledge and consent of The Board.

*Definition rewritten to be consistent with the revised NonProfit Corporation Act (NPCA) and the HOA Act.

Section 13: Full-Time Resident shall mean and refers to an individual who resides at a Lot year-round and intends to fulfill their Board responsibilities in person.

*Definition enhanced and agreed to by ECIA attorney.

Section 14: Governing Documents shall mean and refer to the following documents as they exist and are hereafter amended:

(a) Declaration of Covenants Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc. as defined above (07/10/1972)
(b) Articles of Incorporation of Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc. (10/17/1994) ("Articles of Incorporation");
(c) Exhibit A Amended and Restated Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions for Eldorado at Santa Fe recorded on April 24, 1996 at Book 1263, page 581, and the Correction Certificate thereto recorded on December 2, 1996 at Book 1327, page 256, all in the records of Santa Fe County, New Mexico ("Protective Covenants") (10/01/1996); and
(d) Fifth Amended and Restated Bylaws of Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc. (05/07/2018). The Bylaws as defined above.

*Improved accuracy of references; established abbreviated names to be used elsewhere in this document

Section 15: Lot shall mean and refers to any plot of land shown on any recorded subdivision map of The Properties with the exception of The Common Properties.

Section 16: Lot Owner shall mean and refers to the owner or owners of record of a fee simple title, or the beneficial owner of a Lot held in trust, to any Lot situated upon The Properties. However, but notwithstanding any applicable theory of mortgage or deed of trust, this definition does not mean or refer to the mortgage holder or trustee unless
and until such mortgage holder or trustee has acquired title to the Lot pursuant to foreclosure, or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure.

Section 17: Member and Membership shall mean and refer to all of those Lot Owners who are Members of The Association, as provided for in Article III, Section 1 of the Declaration Of Covenants.

Section 18: Member Eligible To Vote shall mean and refers to a Member whose assessments are paid in full and have been received and credited posted to The Association’s financial account on or prior to the Date Of Record.

*Rewritten to use a more modern term for “posted”.

Section 19: Member In Good Standing (MIGS) shall mean and refers to a Member whose assessments are paid in full and have been received and credited posted to The Association’s financial account, and whose rights and privileges have not been suspended pursuant to Article III, Section 2 (Suspension of Membership) of the Bylaws.

*Rewritten to use a more modern term for “posted”.

Section 20: Official Decision shall mean and refers to a decision approved by a majority vote of The Board as recorded in the minutes of a duly convened official meeting of The Board.

Section 21: Policy shall mean and refers to a rule, standard or course of action to be followed or avoided as determined by an Official Decision of The Board.

Section 22: Quorum means and refers to the minimum number of current members who must be in attendance at a meeting for business to be transacted.

*Added new definition per rewritten Sections 1 and 5 of Article 5.

Section 232: The Properties shall mean and refer to all properties subject to the Declaration Of Covenants.

Section 243: Voting shall mean and refers to the casting of a single vote per lot in any process governed by The Bylaws in which a decision or choice is made by the Members.

Article III  Membership

Section 1: Membership Membership in The Association shall be governed by Article III, Section 1 of the Declaration Of Covenants.
Section 2: Suspension of Membership

(a) The rights of Membership are subject to the payment of annual and special assessments levied by The Association, as provided by Article V, Section 1 of the Declaration Of Covenants to which The Properties are subject. During any period in which a Member shall be in default in the payment of any annual or special assessment levied by The Association, The Board, with written notice to the Member by its designee, shall suspend the Member’s voting right and the right to use The Common Properties and facilities until such assessment(s) has been paid.

(b) The Board, with written notice to the Member by its designee, shall suspend the right of a Member to use The Common Properties and facilities for thirty (30) days for violation of any rules and regulations established by The Board governing the use of The Common Properties and facilities.

(c) With written notice to the Member by the Board’s designee, the rights of a Member shall be suspended if, at the conclusion of the enforcement process outlined in Article III, Section 2(c) of the The Amended and Restated Protective Covenants, of Eldorado at Santa Fe dated October 1, 1996, the Member remains in violation of these Covenants.

(d) Prior to the suspension of a Member’s rights pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) above, The Board or its Designee shall give notice to the Member they have fourteen (14) days to submit a written statement to be considered by The Board or a designated committee. Following review of the written statement, The Board or designated committee must approve the suspension of rights before it can be enforced. If the Member fails to submit a written statement within fourteen (14) days, the Member’s rights may be suspended without further notice. This procedure shall not apply to violations that pose an imminent threat to public health or safety.

*New section added per Attorney to reflect revised HOA act requirements.

Article IV Property Rights: Rights of Enjoyment

Each MIGS shall be entitled to the use and enjoyment of The Common Properties and facilities as provided by Article IV of the Declaration Of Covenants. MIGS may delegate their rights of enjoyment of The Common Properties and facilities to family members residing in the same household or to any tenants who reside upon The Properties under a leasehold interest. Members shall notify the Secretary of The Association or Designated Staff in writing of such tenancy. The rights and privileges so delegated are subject to suspension to the same extent as those of Members.

Article V Board of Directors

Section 1: Number of Directors and Term of Office A Board of Directors comprised of an uneven number of Directors, of at least five (5), shall manage the affairs of The
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Association. All Directors must be MIGS and Full-Time Residents of Eldorado at Santa Fe. If a Director fails to maintain their status as a MIGS during their term in office, they are immediately suspended from all Board duties until their status as a MIGS is re-established. Should the number of Directors ever fall below five (5), The Board must take immediate action to fill any vacancy as provided in Section 5 of this Article. Until such vacancy is filled, The Board will continue to operate in substantially the same manner as before the vacancy occurred.

Section 2: Term of Office  Terms of Directors shall be three (3) years, subject to Article VII, Section 3 (Sequence of Board Terms) of The Bylaws. The Board may alter the number of Directors subject to the provisions of this Article. If the number of Directors is changed by action of The Board, terms of existing Directors shall will not be affected and the terms of newly elected or appointed Directors shall will be a maximum of three (3) years subject to Article VII, Section 3 (Sequence of Board Terms) of The Bylaws.

Section 32: Board Member Agreement To Serve  All Directors shall must sign the Agreement To Serve at the beginning of each year of their term. Directors shall must sign the Agreement directly following the Annual Meeting of the Members and before the Organizational meeting to be able to participate in Board business. Appointed Directors shall must sign the agreement no later than fourteen (14) days from the date they are voted onto The Board, official confirmation of their appointment.

A Director who does not sign the Agreement To Serve within the required time frame shall will be suspended by The Board until the Director either complies with this requirement or is removed from The Board.

The Association shall must retain each Director’s signed Agreement to Serve for inspection by the Members for five years after the Director’s election or appointment. Failure of The Association to have a Director’s signed Agreement to Serve on file does not affect the validity of any action taken by The Board or any protections provided to Board members under the HOA Act or the Non-Profit Act.

This provision is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 47-16-7(B), (C) and (D) of the HOA Act.

Section 43: Resignation of a Director  A Director may resign at any time by giving a signed hard copy written notice to the President or Secretary of The Board. If no date of resignation is specified in the notice, the resignation shall will become effective fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt by the President or Secretary when it is received.

*Original Section 1 split into two with all following sections renumbered accordingly; added language for if a Director loses MIGS status.

*Clarified date signature requirements; Added retention requirements per NPCA and HOA act.
*Required resignations to be hardcopy written and added default date stipulations.

**Section 54: Vacancies**  In the event a vacancy occurs due to death, resignation, removal of a Director, or for any other reason, a successor shall be appointed by the majority vote of the remaining Directors to fill the vacancy. Within 30 calendar days of a vacancy, the Directors shall give notice to the Members that MIGS are eligible to apply at the ECIA office for the vacant position. Candidates shall be presented to the Membership prior to Board interviews. At an interview meeting open to the Members of The Association, each candidate will be interviewed from, but not limited to, a prepared list of questions and the proposed Appointee(s) selected. At the next Board Meeting, a vote will be taken on the proposed Appointee(s) will be officially voted on and seated and such action recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The term of office for the Appointee(s) will be to serve for the unexpired term of the vacated Director(s), predecessor or the remaining portion of a vacant position.

If, in the event the number of current Directors falls below the minimum number of five (5), then the remaining directors:

(a) must hold an organizational meeting to vote for new officers;
(b) must carry on the operation of The Association diligently and in substantially the same manner as it had previously been carried out; and
(c) must appoint additional Director(s) as quickly as feasible following the requirements of this Section, to raise the number of Directors minimally to 5 (five) but not exceed the established number of Directors set by The Board.

If in the event all Director positions become vacant at the same time, then the Chairs of each Standing Committee of The Association will hold an emergency meeting and will appoint by majority vote a minimum of three (3) Directors.

If a vacancy occurs within sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Members, such vacancy shall be filled by the incoming Board of Directors duly elected by The Membership.

*Clarified the interview session; clarified step requirements; added language of Director responsibilities/requirements if # of Directors falls below minimum number; added language for an emergency situation if all Director positions are vacant.

**Section 65: Leave of Absence**  A Director may submit a written request for a leave of absence, not to exceed 60 days, to the President or the Secretary of The Board specifying the reason(s) for and the beginning and end dates of the leave. A majority of the other Directors must approve the leave and notify the Membership if the request is approved and the reason(s) for the leave.

During the term of the leave of absence, The Board shall continue to be bound by the quorum requirements of Article VI, Section 7 (Quorum) of The Bylaws.
Directors who have been granted a leave of absence shall must not, during the term of their leave, undertake any roles, responsibilities or actions they otherwise would be authorized to do perform as Directors, including but not limited to:

(a) serving as officers of The Association;
(b) participating as Directors in any activities of The Board, including work sessions and committee meetings;
(c) participating in the administration of The Association's business;
(d) inspecting books or records of The Association except as permitted of any Lot Owner;
(e) possessing keys or codes given to officers or directors which provide access to real property or other property of The Association, including but not limited to equipment and records;
(f) signing checks, contracts or any other legal documents on behalf of The Association; and
(g) representing The Association in any community, public or governmental meeting.

Section 76: Compensation  Directors shall may not receive compensation for any services rendered to The Association. However, Directors may be reimbursed for actual approved expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, subject to policies adopted by The Board.

Section 87: Conflict(s) of Interest  Any Directors must shall:

(a) disclose any potential raise the issue of a Conflict Of Interest and move for an Official Decision of The Board on recusal, which shall excludes the discussion or vote of the Directors having the potential Conflict Of Interest; or
(b) voluntarily recuse themselves from discussion or voting on an issue presenting a Conflict Of Interest.

Section 98: Fiduciary Responsibility  Directors and officers of The Association, individually and collectively, shall must act in the best interests of The Association and its Members in managing the monies, The Properties and the affairs of The Association as trustees for the benefit of The Association and its Members in scrupulous good faith and shall be held to the highest level of fiduciary responsibility in managing the monies, The Properties and the affairs of The Association in accordance with the Governing Documents, the provisions of the New Mexico Nonprofit Corporation Act and the provisions of the HOA act [NMSA 1978 § 53-8-1, et seq.] and the provisions of the New Mexico Homeowner Association Act [NMSA 1978 § 47-16-1, et seq.], as the same may be amended from time to time.

*Section rewritten (and made more concise) per revised glossary definition and per requirements of the revised NPCA and HOA act.

Section 109: ECIA RepresentationCommunity Issues  On community issues a Directors or officer shall will not represent themselves as a spokespersons of The Association and its Members unless authorized by a majority of The Board.
*Clarified Directors may not speak for the ECIA as a representative of the ECIA unless authorized to do so. They may speak representing themselves as individuals.

Article VI  Meetings of Directors

Section 1: Written and Audio Records  Written minutes of all duly called organizational, regular and special meetings of The Board which shall must be retained kept in a Book of Minutes and shall be available for review by the Membership. At a minimum, written minutes shall include attendance of Directors, any change in attendance of Directors during the meeting, and the general subject of any motion upon which voting takes place. Any written or audio recordings of these meetings shall must be kept retained in accordance with The Association’s Retention Policy.

*Added minimum requirements for minutes of regular Board meetings.

Section 2: Organizational Meetings  An organizational meeting of The Board shall must be held within a two (2) week period following the Annual Meeting of the Members or additionally as needed. Scheduling of any Organizational Meetings shall must be conducted with a minimum notice of forty-eight (48) hours to the Members of The Association. Organizational meetings are open to all Members.

*Noted organizational meetings are also open to all Members.

Section 3: Regular Meetings and Working Sessions  The Board will determine the monthly structure and schedule of Regular Meetings and Working Sessions during the Organizational Meeting and as necessary. The regular schedule is to be posted to The Association’s event calendar on the website. Any changes to the regular schedule shall must be communicated to the Members with a minimum notice of forty-eight (48) hours. Regular Meetings are open to all Association Members.

*Slightly enhanced language.

Section 4: Special Meetings  Special meetings of The Board shall must be held when called by the President or by the Secretary of The Association upon written or electronic consensus of a majority of Directors and providing a minimum notice of forty-eight (48) hours to the Members of The Association. No business shall will be transacted except as specified in the notice. Special Meetings are open to all Association Members.

Section 5: Executive Sessions  The Board may enter into, with the approval of a majority of a quorum of The Board, adjourn a meeting and reconvene in Executive Session to discuss and vote upon:

(a) legal advice from an attorney for The Board or The Association;
(b) pending or contemplated litigation; or
(c) personal, health or financial information about an individual Member, an individual employee of The Association or an individual contractor for The Association, personnel matters, potential litigation involving The Association and business of a similar nature.

The Board may enter into Executive Session by either adjournment from an open meeting (Regular or Special) given majority approval of The Board, or by scheduling the Executive Session independent of any other meeting as long as forty-eight (48) notice is provided to the Members.

In either case the Members are to be notified of the general nature of all business to be considered at the Executive Session, either at the open meeting or within the forty-eight hour notice.

Minutes of the Executive Session, to only include time, place, attendance and general explanation of agenda, motions, voting results, and a brief description of any action taken by The Board, must be taken and retained by The Board. Minutes of an Executive Session are not subject to record disclosure to Members, in accord with § 47-16-5(C)(5) of the HOA Act.

The nature of all business to be considered at any Executive Session shall first be announced in the open meeting. Minutes of the Executive Session, to only include time, place, attendance and general explanation of agenda, motions, voting results, and a brief description of any action taken by The Board, shall be taken and retained by The Board. Minutes of an Executive Session shall not be subject to record disclosure to Members, in accord with the New Mexico Homeowner Association Act [NMSA 1978 § 47-16-5(C)(5)], as the same may be amended from time to time.

*Modified language per Attorney advice so as to be consistent with HOA act. Added capability of the Board calling an Executive Session meeting only.

Section 6: Electronic Meeting Criteria

Electronic meetings may be held through a simultaneous communication medium such as teleconference or videoconference, which allows for concurrent audio communication among all participants. Non-simultaneous communication mediums such as email, instant messaging or fax shall not be used to conduct a meeting except as defined in Article VI, Section 11 (Action Taken Without a Meeting). A member will be considered present if their identity is confirmed by voice or facial recognition. A majority of members of The Board or of a committee shall be physically present at a designated meeting site when quorum is established. The Membership may physically attend such meetings as specified in Article VI Meetings of Directors.

Quorum shall be established as per Article VI, Section 7 (Quorum). The presiding Officer Secretary is charged with monitoring confirming the number of members in attendance at the beginning of during an Electronic Meeting. Official business shall only be transacted if the number of members in attendance meets or exceeds the value required for obtaining quorum at the beginning of a meeting.
The Organizational Meeting is exempt from Electronic Meetings. Notice of all Electronic Meetings shall be provided as defined within Article VI, Section 10 (Notice of Meetings).

Specific Electronic Meeting procedures and guidelines shall be adopted by The Board.

*Moved language from glossary to this section where it belongs; modified establishment of quorum to mirror New Mexico state law.

**Section 7: Quorum** A majority of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A quorum cannot be achieved with less than three (3) Directors. In the event a quorum of Directors is not present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to some future time. Notice of such adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner required for any other meeting of The Board.

*Added language to reflect conditions/restrictions within state law.

**Section 8: Attendance** A Director may, with good reason, request an excused absence from a duly called Regular or Special Meeting. Such a request must be made to and approved by the President or designee in advance of the meeting.

**Section 9: Voting** All Board members attending duly called Regular or Special Meetings shall be required to vote on motions before The Board and all votes shall be recorded. Votes permitted are yes (aye), no (nay), and abstain.

**Section 10: Notice of Meetings** A forty-eight (48) hour notice of meetings specifying the time and place of each meeting shall be given to each Director in person or by mail to the last known address as shown in the records of The Association or, with each Director’s permission, by email. In order for transactions to be binding in the event that a meeting is held without notice as specified in this section, all Directors, whether or not present for the meeting, are required to sign a Waiver of Notice, which shall be appended to the official minutes of such meeting.

**Section 11: Action Taken Without a Meeting** In emergency situations, The Board has the authority to take any action normally taken at a stated meeting by obtaining the unanimous written approval (via hardcopy or electronic means) of all the Directors. Any action so approved must be recorded in the minutes reconfirmed by vote at the next duly convened meeting of The Board and included in the minutes. Such actions shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Directors.

*Per advice of Attorney modified so a confirmation vote at the next duly convened meeting is no longer required, but electronic action taken must still be read into the record (minutes). Language also changed to require only unanimous and not “all”.

**Article VII Nomination and Election of Directors**
Section 1: Nomination  Any MIGS may become a candidate for The Board by filing a Nomination Petition with Designated Staff. The Petition shall have been signed by not less than twenty-five (25) Lot Owners, one signature per Lot, each of whom is a MIGS with The Association as of the date of signature. Such petitions must be filed by the Date of Record. Nominations may not be made in any manner other than the foregoing.

Section 2: Election  Election to The Board shall will be conducted as follows:

(a) Voting: by voting will be done with a written Ballot mailed to Members Eligible To Vote not later than twenty (20) working days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Members and the results of said election shall be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Members.

(b) Date of Record: The Board shall establish a Date Of Record to determine Members Eligible To Vote.

(c) Methods of Voting: A Member Eligible To Vote may cast as many Ballots as said Member is entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration Of Covenants. For each Ballot a Member may vote for as many candidates as they wish up to the number of open vacancies. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative Voting is not permitted.

*Section restructured into three distinct subsections.

Section 3: Sequence of Board Terms  Annually, a designated number of positions will be open to prospective candidates. The sequence of the number of positions over a three-year election cycle is the whole number results determined by dividing the number of established director positions (See Article V Section 1 (Number of Directors) by three (3). As an example, the sequence for seven (7) established Director positions is 2, 3, and 2. Should this sequence become disrupted, the Election Committee is empowered to establish a new rotation for the terms of elected Board members. The procedure shall be presented by the Election Committee to The Board for approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

*Section language modified so that it will work with any number of directors instead of specifically referencing seven.

Article VIII  Removal of Directors

Section 1: Removal By The Board  The Board, via a Regular Meeting and by a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) vote of all current Directors, may remove a Director and declare a vacancy if, during the term of office the Director has:

(a) Been declared of unsound mind by court order;
(b) Been convicted of a felony;
(c) Had, within a twelve (12) month period, three (3) or more unexcused absences from meetings of The Board which have been duly noticed;
(d) Failed to maintain the status of a MIGS;
(e) Been derelict in committee liaison assignments;
(f) Failed to disclose a Conflict Of Interest;
(g) Failed to uphold Fiduciary Responsibility or;
(h) Failed to sign or comply with the Agreement To Serve per Article V, Section 32 (Board Member Agreement to Serve).

Section 2: Removal by Members  The Members may remove a Director from The Board for just cause by the following procedure:

(a) Removal Process: A petition requesting removal of one or more Board members must be signed by at least 15% of all Lot Owners, all of whom must be MIGS, and must be submitted to the ECIA office. The petition will then be delivered to the Election Committee, which, provided all requirements for a valid removal petition have been met, will then conduct a vote on the petition by written ballot, subject to the conditions listed below. At that time, at least 60% of all votes cast must support removal in order for removal to be effective.

(b) Petition Requirements: The completed petition form must meet all of the following conditions:
   i. The petition is completed on a form pre-authorized by the Board, which will be available to any MIGS.
   ii. The petition must list the reason why the signatories propose to remove the director or directors.
   iii. Signatures of Members supporting the petition with their legibly printed name, address and date of signature. Signatories must be a MIGS as of the date signed. Only one signatory per Lot is valid. Valid signatures for removal must be obtained equaling or exceeding 15% of the number of Lots.

(c) Timing: The petition is valid if completed and submitted to the ECIA Office before a date four (4) months prior to the expiration of the term of the Director or Directors subject to removal; and four (4) months after receipt of the form by the Petitioner. The completed petition will be retained by ECIA after submission. Petitioner may request a copy of the petition at time of submission.

(d) Action on the Petition - Election: Within five (5) business days the Designated Staff must provide the petition to the Board and the Election Committee. The Election Committee will validate the petition meets all requirements of this Section. If validated, the Election Committee will notify the Director(s) identified by the petition and provide them five (5) business days to write a rebuttal to the petition’s cause. The Election Committee will then proceed to conduct a vote by written Ballot within two (2) months of the date of submission of a valid petition. The rebuttal and cause will be included within the ballot packet mailed to the Members Eligible to Vote, where the Date of Record is set to the date the petition was delivered to Designated Staff.

(e) Percentage of Approval Necessary: The removal of a Director(s) becomes effective if at least sixty percent (60%) of all votes cast were in favor of removal of the Director(s).
(a) A petition for removal of a Director signed by MIGS owning a total of not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the Lots under assessment shall be presented to the Secretary of The Association or Designated Staff. Such petition must contain a statement describing the reason(s) for seeking the removal of the Director and the printed name and the Lot number(s) or address of each signatory;  
(b) Within seven (7) business days after receipt of the petition, the Secretary of The Association shall acknowledge its receipt to the MIGS who first signed the petition and The Board and certify if the petition meets the requirements of Subsection (a) above. If the petition does not meet these requirements, the acknowledgement shall state the reason(s).  
(c) If the petition is certified as meeting the requirements of Subsection (a) above, The Board shall establish the Date Of Record to determine Members Eligible To Vote.  
(d) Within seven (7) business days after certification of the petition, the Director whose removal is being sought shall be given the opportunity to provide a written rebuttal to the allegations in the petition which shall be mailed with the Ballot.  
(e) The Election Committee, in a timely manner, shall conduct voting by written Ballot mailed to Members Eligible To Vote.  
(f) The removal of a Director shall become effective upon certification to the Secretary of The Association of not less than sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast were in favor of the removal.  

*Section enhanced to place time requirements upon ECIA to respond; additional requirements placed on petitioner; section restructured for clarification.

Section 3: Candidacy Restriction for Removed Board Members  A Director removed by the Board or by The Membership may not become a candidate for the Board of Directors until the remaining length of the term from which they were removed has expired.

Section 4: Resulting Vacancy  A vacancy on The Board caused by removal of a Director shall be filled in accordance with Article V, Section 54 (Vacancies) of The Bylaws.

Article IX  Authorities and Duties of the Board

Section 1: Authority  In general, the Board has the duty to manage and supervise the affairs of The Association and has all powers necessary to permit it to do so. Without limiting the generality of the previous sentence, the Board has the power to exercise or cause to be exercised for the benefit of The Association, all of the powers, rights and authority of The Association not reserved to the Members in The Association’s Governing Documents, the Nonprofit Act or the HOA Act. For example, the Board has: 

The Board shall have the authority to:  
(a) Adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the following:  
   i. the use of The Common Properties and facilities;  
   ii. the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon;
iii. the assessment of reasonable user fees for the use of The Common Properties and facilities;
iv. the establishment of penalties for the violation of said rules and regulations;
v. the establishment of penalties for the violation of Covenants as permitted under Article III, Section 2, Enforcement Actions, of the Amended and Restated Protective Covenants, and Building Restrictions for Eldorado at Santa Fe.

(b) Exercise for The Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to The Association and not reserved to the Membership by other provisions of the Governing Documents; and
(c) Employ a manager, other employees, management company or independent contractors as it deems necessary.

*Section enhanced to clarify authorities of the Board and to align with revised state law.

Section 2: Duties To the extent not otherwise inconsistent with New Mexico law, in general the Board has the duty to manage the affairs of The Association consistent with The Association’s Governing Documents and any applicable law, including but not limited to: policy governance; financial management; agent, vendor and contractor selection and oversight; and the interpretation, enforcement and compliance of The Association’s Governing Documents. For example, it is 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 of corporate status to the Members at the Annual Meeting of the Members or at any special meeting of the Members when such a statement is requested in writing by one-fourth (1/4) of the MIGS with The Association;
(b) Ensure that management policies and procedures are developed and maintained;
(c) Cause to be supervised, all agents, committee chairs and employees of The Association, and to see that their duties are properly defined and performed;
(d) Establish, levy and assess, and collect the assessments or charges referred to in Article V of the Declaration Of Covenants;
(e) Issue or cause to be issued upon Member’s demand a certificate setting forth whether or not the specific member’s assessment has been paid. The Board may make a reasonable charge for the issuance of certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;
(f) Procure and maintain adequate and appropriate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by The Association;
(g) Cause all officers, Directors and employees to be indemnified and insured which protects them in the exercise of their duties per Article XIX, Section 1 (Indemnification), of these amended Bylaws;
(h) Cause all Directors to be covered by insurance, which protects them in the exercise of their duties;
(i) Cause The Common Properties to be maintained, repaired or improved in accordance with established procedures;
(j) Cause an annual budget to be prepared and adopted, a copy of which shall be sent to the Membership within thirty (30) calendar days after adoption. The annual assessment.
(k) Cause an annual audit of The Association’s books to be performed and prepare a statement of Income and Expenditures, which shall be mailed to the Membership not later than twenty thirty (\(2^{30}\)) working calendar days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Members.

(l) Cause policy and policy changes to be adopted by Board decision, which shall be published and maintained in the Book of Policy for review by the Membership.

*Attorney approved language for duties enhanced to more closely align with revised state law; date requirements changed to comply with state law.

Article X    Officers and Their Duties

Section 1: Enumeration of Officers    The elected officers of The Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall at all times be members of The Board.

Section 2: Election of Officers    The election of officers shall take place at the organizational meeting of The Board per Article VI Section 2, and as needed following each Annual Meeting of the Members.

Section 3: Term    The officers of The Association, shall be elected annually by The Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless they shall resign or be removed, or otherwise be disqualified to serve, or until a successor is determined. Officers may succeed themselves if duly elected.

Section 4: Special Appointments    The Board may appoint 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 5: Resignation and Removal    Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors then in office. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to The President or Secretary of The Association. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified.

Section 6: Vacancies    A vacancy in any office may be filled at the next regular meeting of The Board in the manner prescribed for regular election under Article X, Sections 2 (Election of Officers) and 3 (Term) of The Bylaws. The officer elected to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer replaced.

Section 7: Compensation    Compensation of officers shall be subject to the same limitations as compensation of Directors under Article V, Section 76 (Compensation) of The Bylaws.
Section 8: Duties  Each officer shall adhere to and uphold all provisions in the Governing Documents.

The specific duties of the officers are as follows:

President

The President:

(a) Or The Board’s designee, shall provide supervision as per Article IX, Section 2, Item (c);
(b) Shall preside at all meetings of The Board;
(c) Shall see that orders and resolutions of The Board are carried out;
(d) Shall sign all of The Association’s leases, mortgages, promissory notes, deeds, and other written instruments;
(e) Shall appoint Directors as liaisons and alternate liaisons for all Committees during the Organizational Meeting or as needed with majority approval of The Board;
(f) May remove liaisons and alternate liaisons for any Committee, with majority approval of The Board for any of the following reasons
   i. The Chair of the Committee requests the removal of the appointed liaison or alternate liaison,
   ii. A liaison or alternate liaison of a Committee has been derelict in their assignment, or
   iii. A liaison or alternate liaison failed to act as a neutral conduit of information between the Committee and The Board;
(g) Or their designee, shall be the primary contact with the General Manager of The Association or with a Home Owner Association management company which has a contract with The Association;
(h) May co-sign all checks exceeding $5,000.00; and
(i) May, in the absence of the Treasurer, sign all checks exceeding $1,000.00.

Vice President

The Vice President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of the President’s absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required by The Board.

Secretary

The Secretary:

(a) Or The Board’s designee, shall record the votes and the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of The Board and of the Members;
(b) Shall keep the corporate seal of The Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal;
(c) Shall ensure that notice of meetings of The Board and of the Members are issued;
(d) Or The Board’s designee, shall keep appropriate current records showing the names and addresses of the Members of The Association;
(e) Shall perform such other duties as required by The Board;
(f) Shall not be a check signatory; and
(g) Shall, if the President and Vice President are absent, preside at all meetings of The Board.

TREASURER

The Treasurer:

(a) Or The Board’s designee, shall receive and deposit in appropriate federally secured instruments all monies of The Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by the decision of The Board;
(b) May sign all checks in excess of $1,000.00 and sign or authorize all other checks less than $1,000.00;
(c) Shall sign all promissory notes of The Association;
(d) Or The Board’s designee, shall keep proper books of account;
(e) Shall cause an annual budget to be prepared, a copy of which shall be mailed to the Membership with the annual assessment;
(f) Shall cause an annual audit of The Association’s books to be performed by public accountants at the completion of each fiscal year and prepare a Statement of Income and Expenditures which shall be mailed to the Membership not later than thirty (30) calendar twenty (20) working days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Members; and
(g) Shall, if the President, Vice President, and Secretary are absent, preside at all meetings of The Board.

Article XI  Advisory Committees

Section 1: Appointment and Definition of Purpose  The Board has the authority to appoint and dissolve standing and ad-hoc committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out their purposes and shall define the function, scope and responsibilities of these committees. A list of current committees as well as their charters, goals, duties, guidelines and membership, shall be on file in The Association office and available to the Membership. Unless stated within a committee’s charter, committees may not convene an executive session.

All appointees to committee membership shall remain MIGS for as long as they serve on said committees. The Board shall have the authority upon recommendation of committees to approve MIGS as voting members to said committees. The Board shall have the authority to remove members of either ad hoc or Standing Committees if such committee members. All committee members serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed by a majority vote of the Board. Without limitation, reasons why the Board may decide to remove members of either standing or ad hoc committees include:
(a) Do not Failure to retain their MIGS status as a MIGS;
(b) Do not Failure to adhere to Committee Charter, rules or guidelines; or
(c) Are in Dereliction in their Committee assignments.

Association Members are welcome to attend committee meetings and participate in the open forums. Committees shall must not exceed the authority or duties granted by The Board.

*Clarified committees may not convene in executive session unless specifically permitted by Board approved charter. All committee members (standing and ad hoc) serve at pleasure of Board and as such may be removed by majority vote.

Section 2: Charter and Procedural Guidelines Committees shall must be empowered to draft have a Charter according to the specific Charter template of The Association, and if appropriate, procedural guidelines for the operation of their committee. Charters and procedural guidelines shall must not supersede the Governing Documents and shall must be approved by brought to The Board for approval.

Section 3: Standing Committees Standing Committees perform a continuing function. It shall will be the duty of each committee to fulfill the mission according to their Charter of record. Members interested in serving on committees shall must attend committee meetings, be vetted and then recommended by the sitting committee to The Board for approval. A subcommittee may be created by a Standing Committee to examine a specific area of responsibility as outlined in its charter. A subcommittee can only be comprised of members of the Standing Committee. No Standing Committee shall will appoint an ad hoc committee to further their mission. Standing Committees shall serve at the pleasure of The Board.

Section 4: Ad hoc Committees Ad hoc committees may be formed solely by The Board as a need arises. Ad hoc committees are established for a limited period of time to address a specific purpose and are dissolved upon completion of that purpose. Members serving on an ad hoc committee created and approved by The Board shall focus only on that purpose as directed by The Board. With The Board’s approval, an ad hoc committee may retain an expert consultant who is not a Member of The Association.

Article XII Meetings of Members

Section 1: Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting of the Members shall be held each year on the first Monday in May at a time and place designated by The Board. Written notice of the Annual Meeting of the Members shall be mailed to all Lot Owners with an annual information packet not later less than twenty ten (20) working calendar days nor more than fifty (50) calendar days prior to the meeting.
Draft minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members shall be posted online and in the Board Minutes Book no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the meeting. These minutes are to be formally approved at the next Annual Meeting.

*Language changed to reflect revised state law requirements

Section 2: Special Meetings Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President, by The Board, or upon written request by one-third (1/3) of MIGS with The Association. The Secretary of The Association or designated staff shall give written notice of each meeting by mailing a notice to all Lot Owners using the last address of record not less than at least ten (10) calendar days nor more than fifty (50) calendar days before the meeting specifying the date, location, time and purpose of the meeting. No business shall be transacted at a Special Meeting except as stated in the notice.

*Language changed to reflect revised state law requirements

Section 3: Quorum The presence at a meeting of one-tenth (1/10) of the Members Eligible To Vote in person, by proxy, or by absentee ballot shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Governing Documents.

If action cannot be taken because a quorum is not present, a majority of the Members Eligible To Vote who are present may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) seven (7) calendar days nor more than thirty (30) calendar days from the time the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called.

If a time and place for reconvening the meeting is not fixed by a majority of those Members Eligible To Vote at the original meeting or if for any reason a new date is fixed for reconvening the meeting after adjournment, notice of the time and place for reconvening the meeting shall be given to all Lot Owners in the manner prescribed for regular meetings.

Section 4: Proxies; Absentee Ballots Members entitled to vote shall have the right to do so in person, by absentee ballot or by an agent or agents authorized by written proxy, executed by such Members or their duly authorized agent and filed with the Secretary of The Association. The manner of execution, revocation, and use of absentee ballots and proxies shall be governed by the provisions of the New Mexico Homeowner Association Act, NMSA 1978, § 47-16-9.

Article XIII Assessment and Rates

Section 1: Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments Liens, personal obligations, basis of assessments, special assessments, and effect of non-payment are. The creation of the lien and personal obligation of assessments is governed by Article V, Section 4 of the Declaration Of Covenants.
Section 2: Purpose of Assessments — The purpose of assessments is as specified in Article V, Section 2 of the Declaration Of Covenants.

Section 3: Basis and Maximum of Annual Assessments — The basis and maximum of annual assessments is as specified in Article V, Section 3 of the Declaration Of Covenants.

Section 4: Rate — Annual and special assessments shall be fixed by The Board on a per Lot or on a frontage foot basis as circumstances, current and future needs and costs may warrant, and may be collected on an annual, or a monthly, or other installment basis as defined by The Board.

Section 5: Special Assessment For Capital Improvements — Special assessments for capital improvements are as specified in Article V, Section 4 of the Declaration Of Covenants.

Section 6: Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Sections 3, 4 and 5 — The quorum called for actions authorized under Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this Article shall be as determined in Article V, Section 5 of the Declaration Of Covenants.

Section 7: Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments — The dates of commencement of annual assessments are as specified in Article V, Section 6 of the Declaration Of Covenants.

Section 8: Effect of Non-payment of Assessments: Remedies of The Association — The effect of non-payment of assessments and the remedies of The Association shall be as specified in Article V, Section 8 of the Declaration Of Covenants.

Section 9: Subordination of the Lien to Contracts and Mortgages — The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinated pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 9 of the Declaration Of Covenants.

Section 10: Exempt Property — Property exempt from the assessments created in the Declaration Of Covenants shall be those properties specified in Article V, Section 10 of the Declaration Of Covenants.

Many of the sections in this Article merely referenced sections within Declaration of Covenants which supersedes this document. Bylaws cannot modify the Declaration of Covenants as such no reason to replicate the text. One section left as a general pointer to the Covenants as well as one section describing Rates.

Article XIV Books and Records

Section 1: Records Available for Inspection — All “Financial and other records” of The Association as defined in HOA §47-16-5, or otherwise required to be disclosed by law, will
be made available for inspection by Members during regular business hours within ten business days after The Association receives a written request as defined by Board policy.

Section 2: Confidential or Privileged Content  The Association reserves the right to refuse to disclose records of a private or confidential nature such as personnel records and contractual and real estate negotiations. Where possible, The Association will redact such records so that Members may inspect the portion(s) of the records that are not of a private or confidential nature. The Association further reserves the right to refuse to disclose any records protected by the attorney-client privilege or any other privilege recognized by law. The books, records and papers of The Association (except for minutes of Executive Sessions of The Board, personnel records, contractual and real estate negotiations and ongoing legal matters) shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member for association or noncommercial purposes. The Governing Documents shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of The Association, where copies may be purchased at a reasonable cost.

Other documents open to inspection include but are not limited to Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions along with Architectural Committee Solar Installation Review Procedures, Responsible Dog Ownership Policy, Eldorado Dog Park Rules, Eldorado Horse Stable Rules, and Eldorado Committee Charters, Guidelines and Procedures.

This section rewritten by Attorney to comply with both NPCA and HOA acts, which between them do not have consistent requirements.

Article XV  Corporate Seal

The Secretary of The Association shall cause to be kept the corporate seal of The Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal.

Article XVI  Amendments

Section 1: General  The Bylaws may be amended provided that those provisions of The Bylaws which are governed by the Articles of Incorporation may not be amended except as provided in the Articles of Incorporation or applicable law; and provided further that any matter stated herein to be or which is in fact governed by the Declaration Of Covenants applicable to The Properties may not be amended except as provided in such Declaration Of Covenants.

On a biannual basis or as needed, The Board will appoint an ad hoc committee of five (5) MIGS to conduct a review of The Bylaws. The committee shall be comprised of 1 (one) Director, at least 1 (one) Election Committee member and the remainder appointed from the Members with at least 1 (one) not currently serving on any committee when
possible. Revisions deemed necessary shall be presented to the Membership for approval per the Governing Documents in advance of the Annual Meeting of the Members.

Section 2: Procedure  Except as provided for in Section 1 (General) above, The Bylaws may be amended and new Bylaws adopted by written Ballot upon the affirmative vote of not less than sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast by Members Eligible To Vote as of the Date Of Record established by The Board.

Section 3: Certification  The Secretary of The Association shall must certify the adoption of a duly approved amendment and a copy of said the certificate and the amendment shall must be included in The Association's corporate records.

Article XVII  Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of The Association shall begins on the first (1st) day of January and ends on the thirty-first (31st) day of December of every year.

Article XVIII  Construction

Section 1: Conflict  In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and The Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Declaration Of Covenants applicable to The Properties and The Bylaws, the said Declaration Of Covenants shall control.

Section 2: Rules  The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, published by Da Capo, shall govern all deliberations of The Association and The Board, except as otherwise provided in The Bylaws, in the Articles of Incorporation or in the Declaration Of Covenants and as long as the Rules are consistent with the management and operation of The Association as a nonprofit corporation.
Article XIX  Indemnification

Section 1: Officers, Directors and Committee Members  In accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978 § 53-8-26, each officer, Director and Board approved committee member of this Association shall be indemnified against reasonable expenses, costs, and attorney's fees actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which they are made a party by reason of being or having been an officer, Director or committee member. Such indemnification shall include amounts reasonably paid to satisfy a judgment or to compromise or settle a claim.

An officer, Director or committee member shall not be indemnified if they shall be adjudged to be liable on the basis that they have breached or failed to perform the duties of their office and the breach or failure to perform constitutes willful misconduct or recklessness. Advance indemnification may be allowed of an officer, Director or committee member for reasonable expenses to be incurred in connection with the defense of the action, suit or proceeding by a general or a specific action of The Board, provided that the officer, Director or committee member must reimburse The Association if it is subsequently determined that the officer, Director or committee member was not entitled to indemnification.

Section 2: Others  In accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978 § 53-8-26, The Association may, to a lesser extent or to the same extent that The Association is required to provide indemnification and make advances and reimbursements for expenses to its officers, Directors or committee members, provide indemnification and make advances and reimbursements for expenses to its employees, agents, and any other person serving The Association in any capacity at the request of The Association, and, if authorized by a general or a specific action of The Board, may contract in advance to do so.

Section 3: Plan  The Board may from time to time adopt an Indemnification Plan implementing the rights granted in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article. This Indemnification Plan shall set forth in detail the mechanics of how the indemnification rights granted in Section 1 and 2 shall be exercised.

Section 4: Insurance  The Board may cause The Association to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director or officer of The Association, or on behalf of its employees, agents, and any other person serving The Association in any capacity at the request of The Association, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred in any such capacity or arising out of such status, whether or not The Association would have the power to indemnify such person.
Declaration Certification of Adoption

These amended Bylaws shall take effect upon adoption by the Membership and certification by the Secretary of The Association, and shall supersede in entirety all previous versions.

Signed on this ___ day of May, 2018:

Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc., a New Mexico non-profit corporation.

By: ____________________________ By: ____________________________

John Henriksen Carol Sanguinetti
President ECIA Secretary

State of New Mexico
County of Santa Fe

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me this ___ day of May, 2018, by John Henriksen as President and Carol Sanguinetti Barrett Jody Price as Secretary of Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc., a New Mexico non-profit corporation, for and on behalf of the corporation.

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Notary Public