EXHIBIT "E" TO DECLARATION OF GATEWAY VILLAS, A CONDOMINIUM

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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ARTICLE I. <u>Name, Membership, Applicability and Definitions</u>

- Name. The name of the Association shall be GATEWAY VILLAS, A CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Association").
- 1.2 <u>Membership</u>. All Unit Owners, as that term is defined in the Declaration of Gateway Villas, A Condominium, shall be members of the Association and the terms of the above referenced Declaration which pertain to membership are specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- 1.3 <u>Definitions</u>. The words used in these Bylaws shall have the same meaning as set forth in said Declaration, unless the context shall prohibit.

ARTICLE II. <u>Association: Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies</u>

- 2.1 <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the members as may be designated by the Board either in GATEWAY VILLAS, A CONDOMINIUM or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.
- Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the Unit Owners shall be held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the third Tuesday in March of each year, provided, however, that if the third Monday in March is a legal holiday, then the meeting shall be held at the same time on the second business day following the legal holiday, for the purpose of electing members of the Board and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.
- 2.3 <u>Substitute Annual Meetings</u>. If the annual meeting shall not be held on the day designated by the Bylaws, a substitute annual meeting may be called in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.4 of this Article. A meeting so called shall be designated and treated for all purposes as the annual meeting.
- 2.4 <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Unit Owners may be called at any time by the Board, the chairman or upon the written request of the Unit Owners owning at least fifty percent (50%) in common interest in the Common Elements other than those Units held by the Declarant.

2.5 <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting shall be delivered or mailed not less than ten (10) days nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the date thereof, either personally or by postage prepaid mail, at the direction of the Board, the chairman or Unit Owners calling the meeting, to each person entitled to vote at such meeting, and, to all Eligible Mortgage Holders so requesting under the provisions of Section 13.9 of the Declaration, who may request a representative to attend the meeting of Unit Owners.

The notice of any meeting must state the time and place of the meeting and the items on the agenda, including the general nature of any proposed amendment to the Declaration or these Bylaws, and budget changes, and any proposal to remove Board members or officers.

When a meeting is adjourned for less than thirty (30) days in any one adjournment, it is not necessary to give any notice of the adjourned meeting, other than by announcement at the meeting at which the adjournment is effective.

Quorum. The presence in person or by proxy at any meeting of the Voting members (as defined in Section 2.7 of this Article) having five percent (5%) or more of the total votes shall constitute a quorum. If there is no quorum at the opening of the meeting of Unit Owners, such meeting may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of a majority of the Voting Members present, either in person or by proxy; and at any adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting.

The Voting Members at a meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Voting Members to leave less than a quorum.

- 2.7 <u>Voting Rights</u>. There shall be one person with respect to each Unit ownership who shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Unit Owners (the "Voting Member"). The Voting Member may be the Owner, or one of a group composed of all of the Owners of a Unit, or may be some other person designated by such Owner(s) to act as proxy on his or their behalf, and who need not be an Owner. Each Owner or group of Owners (including the Board, if the Board or its designee shall then hold title to one or more Units) shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Unit owned.
- 2.8 <u>Majority Vote</u>. The vote of a majority of the Voting Members present at a meeting at which a quorum shall be present shall be binding upon all Unit Owners for all purposes except where a higher percentage vote is required by the Declaration, these Bylaws or by law.

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- 2.9 Proxies. The Voting Members may vote either in person or by agents duly authorized by written proxy executed by such Unit Owner or his duly authorized attorney-in-fact. A proxy shall be valid only for the particular meeting designated therein, unless the person executing it specifies therein the length of time for which it is to continue in force, which time shall not extend beyond eleven months from the date of its execution. Unless a proxy otherwise provides, any proxyholder may appoint in writing a substitute to act in his place. In order to be effective, all proxies must be filed with the secretary or duly acting secretary of the Association, either during or prior to the meeting in question.
- 2.10 <u>Waiver or Notice</u>. Any Voting Member may, at any time, waive notice of any meeting of the Association in writing, and such waiver shall be deemed to be equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a Voting Member at any meeting of the Association shall constitute a waiver of notice by him of the time and place thereof, except where a Voting Member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called. If all of the Voting Members are present at any meeting of the Unit Owner, no notice shall be required, and any business may be transacted at said meeting.
- 2.11 <u>Informal Action by Unit Owners</u>. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Association may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Voting Members and filed with the secretary of the Association to be kept in the Association's minute book.

ARTICLE III. Executive Board

- 3.1 <u>Number</u>. The business and property of the Condominium shall be managed and directed by the Executive Board (the "Board"), composed of three (3) persons, or by such executive committees as the board may establish pursuant to the Bylaws; provided, however, that the initial Board shall be composed of three persons.
- 3.2 <u>Initial Members</u>. The initial members of the Board (referred to as "directors" herein) shall be selected by the Declarant, and need not be Unit Owners. Such initial directors shall serve at the election of the Declarant from the date upon which the Declaration is recorded in the Brazos County Clerk's Office until such time as their successors are duly elected and qualified.
 - The names of the persons who shall serve on the initial Board from the date upon which the Declaration is recorded in the Brazos County Clerk's Office until such time as their successors are duly elected and qualified, are as follows:

David W. Scarmardo

1289 N. Harvey Mitchell Parkway

Bryan, Texas 77803

3.3 <u>Election</u>. Except as provided herein, the directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association, and those persons who receive the highest number of votes shall be deemed to have been elected. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Board shall consist of three (3) directors during the period that Declarant is entitled to appoint a majority of the directors. The Declarant shall have the right to appoint all of the directors until the earlier of the following four dates: (a) the date one hundred twenty (120) days after the Declarant has conveyed seventy-five percent (75%) of the maximum number of Units which Declarant may create on the Phase 1 of the property and on the Additional Real Estate to Unit Owners other than a Declarant, or (b) the date upon which Declarant surrenders control of the Condominium to the Unit Owners, or (c) the date two (2) years after Declarant has ceased to offer Units for sale in the ordinary course of business, or (d) the date two (2) years after any development right to add Additional Units under the Act was last exercised by Declarant.

The Declarant may turn over control of the Association to such Unit Owners other than the Declarant prior to such dates in its sole discretion by causing all or part of its appointed directors to resign, whereupon it shall be the affirmative obligation of Unit Owners other than the Declarant to elect directors and assume control of the Association. Provided at least thirty (30) days' notice of Declarant's decision to cause it appointees to resign is given to Unit Owners, neither the Declarant, nor such appointees, shall be liable in any manner in connection with such resignations even if the Unit Owners other than the Declarant refuse or fail to assume control.

Within sixty (60) days after conveyance of twenty-five percent (25%) of the maximum number of Units which Declarant may create on the Phase 1 of the property and on the Additional Real Estate to Unit Owners other than the Declarant, at least one director and not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the directors of the Board shall be elected by Unit Owners other than the Declarant. Within sixty (60) days after conveyance of fifty percent (50%) of said maximum number of Units to Unit Owners other than the Declarant, not less than thirty-three percent (33%) of the directors of the Board shall be elected by Unit Owners other than the Declarant.

Within sixty (60) days after the Unit Owners other than the Declarant are entitled to elect such director or directors, or sooner if the Declarant has elected to accelerate such event as aforesaid, the Association shall call, and give not less than ten (10) days' nor more than fifty (50) days' notice of a meeting of the Unit Owners to elect such

director or directors of the Board. The meeting may be called and the notice given by any Unit Owner if the Association fails to do so.

The size of the Board may be increased or decreased from time to time upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of all Unit Owners, provided that said Board shall not be less than three (3) in number.

- Term and Qualification. Each director shall hold office for the term for which he was 3.4 elected, or until his death, resignation, retirement, removal, disqualification or until his successor is elected and qualified. At the meeting of the Association in which the Unit Owners are entitled to elect a majority of the directors, the directors of the Board shall be divided into three (3) classes; the first class to consist of one (I) director. The second class to consist of one (I) director, and the third class to consist of one (I) director. The director of the first class shall initially hold office for a term of three (3) years; the director of the second class shall initially hold office for a term of two (2) years; and the director of the third class shall initially hold office for a term of one (1) year. At all annual elections thereafter, one director shall be elected by the voting members to succeed the director whose terms then expires. Each such director shall serve for a three (3) year term. So long as Declarant shall own one (1) or more Units, the director of the Board which Declarant has the right to designate shall be a member of the third class. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the election of a director to succeed himself. Each director, except those selected by the Declarant pursuant to the Bylaws, shall be one of the Unit Owners or co-owners, or a spouse of a Unit Owner or co-owner provided, however, that in the event a Unit Owner is a corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity other than a natural person or persons, then an officer or director of such corporation, partner of such partnership, beneficiary of such trust or manager of such other legal entity, shall be eligible to serve as a director.
- Removal. Directors may be removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Voting Members. If any directors are so removed, new Board members may be elected at the same meeting; provided, however, that the person(s) selected by Declarant cannot be removed without the prior written consent of Declarant.
- 3.6 <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy occurring in the Board may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum, or by the sole remaining director; but a vacancy created by an increase in the authorized number of directors shall be filled only by election at an annual meeting or a special meeting of Unit Owners called for that purpose. The Voting Members may elect a director at any time to fill any vacancy not filled by the Board.

In the event that Declarant, in accordance with the rights herein established, selects any person to serve on any Executive Board of the Association, Declarant shall have the absolute right at any time, in its sole discretion, to replace such person with another person to serve on any Board. Replacement of any person designated by Declarant to serve on the Board shall be made by written instrument delivered to any officer of the Association, which instrument shall specify the name of the person to be replaced and the name of the person designated as successor to the person so removed from the Board. The removal of any such Board member and the designation of his successor shall be effective immediately upon delivery of such written instrument by Declarant to any officer of the Association.

- 3.7 <u>Compensation</u>. The Board Members shall receive no compensation for the services unless expressly allowed by the Board at the direction of the Unit Owners other than the Declarant having two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes.
- 3.8 <u>Executive Committees</u>. The Board may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the number of directors fixed by these Bylaws, designate two or more of its members to constitute an executive committee, which committee, to the extent provided in such resolution, shall have and may exercise all of the authority of the Board in the management of the Condominium.

The Board may, in like manner, create such other committees as it deems necessary and appropriate in aiding the Board to carry out its duties and responsibilities with respect to the management of the Condominium.

- 3.9 <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The Board shall have the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Condominium, and may do all such acts and things, except such acts as by law or the Declaration or by these Bylaws may not be delegated to the Board. Such powers and duties of the Board shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) Determining the Common Expenses required for the affairs of the Condominium, including, without limitation, the operation and maintenance of the Property.
 - (b) Collecting the Common Expenses from the Unit Owners.
 - (c) Supervising the operation, care, upkeep and maintenance of the Common Elements.
 - (d) Employing and dismissing the personnel necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Common Elements.

- (e) Adopting and amending such reasonable rules and regulations as it may deem advisable for the maintenance, conservation and beautification of the Property, and for the health, comfort, safety and general welfare of the owners and occupants of the Property. Written notice of such rules and regulations shall be given to all Unit Owners and occupants, and the entire Property shall at all times be maintained subject to such rules and regulations.
- (f) Opening bank accounts on behalf of the Condominium and designating the signatories required therefor.
- (g) Selling, mortgaging, voting the votes appurtenant to or otherwise dealing with Units acquired by the Association, or its designee, corporate or otherwise, on behalf of all Unit Owners, subject to the Declaration and other applicable restrictions, and organizing corporations to act as designees of the Board in acquiring title to Units on behalf of all Unit Owners.
- (h) Maintaining and repairing any Unit, if such maintenance or repair is necessary in the discretion of the Board or by operation of applicable restrictions to protect the Common Elements, or any other portion of the Property, and a Unit Owner has failed or refused to perform such maintenance or repair within a reasonable time after written notice of the necessity of said maintenance or repair has been delivered or mailed by the Board to said Unit Owner; provided, that the Board shall levy a specific assessment against such Unit Owner for the costs of said maintenance or repair, including a reasonable amount of supervision.
- (i) Entering any Unit when necessary in connection with any maintenance or construction for which the Board is responsible; provided, that except in the event of emergencies, such entry shall be made during reasonable hours with as little inconvenience to the Unit Owner as practical, and any damage caused thereby shall be repaired by the Board, with such expenses being treated as a Common Expense.
- (j) Signing all agreements, contracts, deeds and vouchers for the payment of expenditures and other instruments in such manner as from time to time shall be determined by written resolution of the Board. However, any contracts or leases executed on behalf of the Association prior to the passage of control of the
 - Board to the Association must be terminable by the Association without penalty on not more than ninety (90) days written notice. In the absence of such determination by the Board, such document shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the President.

- (k) Obtaining insurance for the Property, including the Units, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Declaration.
- (I) Making or contracting for repairs, additions and improvements to or alterations or restoration of the property in accordance with the other provisions of these bylaws and the Declaration, after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, or as a result of condemnation or eminent domain proceeding.
- (m) Contracting for all goods, services and insurance, payment for which is to be made from the Common Expense fund.
- (n) Instituting, defending, or intervening in litigation or administrative proceedings in the name or of on behalf of the Association or two or more Unit Owners on matters affecting the Condominium.
- (o) Borrowing money on behalf of the Condominium when required in connection with the operation, care, upkeep and maintenance of the Common Elements or the acquisition of property, and granting mortgages on and/or security interests in Association owned property; provided, however, that the consent of the Unit Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Units represented at a meeting at which a quorum has been attained in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws shall be required for the borrowing of any sum in excess of \$10,000.00.
- (p) Imposing charges for late payment of assessment and, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, levy reasonable fines for violations of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or rules and regulations established by the Association, all in accordance with Section 82.113 of the Act.
- (q) At its discretion, authorizing Unit Owners or other persons to use portions of the Common Elements for private parties and gatherings and imposing reasonable charges for such private use.
- (r) Exercising (i) all powers specifically set forth in the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws and in the Act, (ii) all powers incidental thereof, and (iii) all other powers of a non-profit Texas corporation.
- (s) Suspending the right of any Unit Owner to vote as long as said Unit Owner is delinquent in the payment of Common Expenses or is otherwise in violation of the Declaration or any exhibits thereto or applicable rules and regulations.
- 3.10 <u>Managing Agent</u>. The Board may engage the services of any person, firm, or corporation to act as managing agent at a compensation established by the Board, to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize, other than the powers

set forth in subdivisions (a), (e), (g), (h), (i), (p), and (q) of Section 3.9 of this Article III. Any management agreement for the Condominium shall be terminable by either party without cause and without payment of a termination fee or penalty upon 90 days or less written notice thereof and the terms of such agreement may not exceed one year, renewable by agreement of the parties for successive one year periods. Any management agreement shall be terminable by either party for cause upon the giving of not more than thirty (30) days written notice. When professional management has been previously required, any decision to establish self-management by the Association shall require the prior consent of sixty-seven (67%) percent of the Unit Owners, and in addition, when professional management has been previously required by any Eligible Mortgage Holder the decision to establish self-management by the Association shall require the approval of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Eligible Mortgage Holders, counting one vote for each first mortgage owned.

- Duties of Declarant. Within a reasonable time after Unit Owners other than the Declarant elect a majority of the members of the Board (but not more than sixty (60) days after such event), the Declarant shall deliver control of the Association and shall deliver to the Association all property [noted in Subsection (a) through (o)] of the Unit Owners and of the Association held or controlled by the Declarant, including, if applicable:
 - (a) The original or a photocopy of the recorded Declaration of Condominium, and all amendments thereto. If a photocopy is provided, the Declarant must certify by affidavit that it is a complete copy of the actual recorded Declaration.
 - (b) A copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.
 - (c) A copy of the Bylaws of the Association.
 - (d) The minute books, including all minutes, and other books and records of the Association.
 - (e) Any rules and regulations which have been adopted.
 - (f) Resignations of resigning officers and Board members.
 - (g) Association funds or the control thereof.
 - (h) A copy of the plans and specifications utilized in the construction or remodeling of improvements on the Property and the supplying of equipment; and for the construction and installation of all mechanical components servicing the improvements and the Condominium, with a certificate, in affidavit form, of an officer of the Declarant or an architect or engineer authorized to practice in

Texas, that such plans and specifications represent, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the actual plans and specifications utilized in the construction or improvement of the Condominium and the construction or installation of the mechanical components servicing the Improvements and the Condominiums.

- (i) Insurance policies.
- (j) Copies of any Certificates of Occupancy which may have been issued for the Condominium.
- (k) Any other permits issued by governmental bodies applicable to the Condominium in force or issued within one (1) years prior to the date the Unit Owners take control of the Association.
- (l) All written warranties of contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and manufacturers, if any, that are still effective.
- (m) A roster of Unit Owners and their addresses and telephone numbers, if known, as shown on the Declarant's records.
- (n) Employment contracts or service contracts in which the Association is one of the contracting parties, or service contracts in which the Association or Unit Owners have an obligation or responsibility, directly or indirectly, to pay some or all of the fee or charge of the person or persons performing the service.
- (o) All other contracts to which the Association is a party.

ARTICLE IV. <u>Meetings of Directors</u>

- 4.1 Organizational Meeting. The first meeting of the initial Board designated In these Bylaws shall be held at such time as the Declarant shall determine, but in no event later than one year from the date of incorporation of the Association. The first meeting of a newly elected Board shall be held within fifteen (15) days following the meeting of the Unit Owners at which the Board was elected. No notice shall be necessary to the newly elected members of the Board in order to legally constitute such meeting, providing that a quorum is present.
- 4.2 <u>Regular Meeting</u>. A regular meeting of the Board shall be held immediately after, and at the same place as, the annual meeting or substitute annual meeting of the Unit Owners. In addition, the Board may provide by resolution the time and place, either

- within or without the State of Texas for the holding of a regular meeting of the Board, with such meeting to be held as decided by the Board during each fiscal year.
- 4.3 <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board may be called by or with the request of the chairman, or by any two (2) directors. Such meetings may be held either within or without the State of Texas.
- Notice of Meetings. Regular meeting of the Board may be held without notice. The person(s) who called a special meeting of the directors shall, at least two (2) days prior to said meeting, give notice thereof by any usual means of communication. Such notice need not specify the purpose for which the meeting is called.

Attendance by a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a member attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called. Meeting of the Board shall be open to all Unit Owners and notices of meeting shall be posted conspicuously for the attention of Unit Owners in advance of the meeting, except for regular meeting of the Board, which may be held without notice.

- 4.5 <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Any member of the Board may at any time waive notice of any meeting of the Board in writing, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a director at any meeting of the Board shall constitute a waiver of notice by him of the time and place thereof. If all of the directors are present at any meeting of the Board, no notice shall be required, and any business may be transacted at such meeting.
- 4.6 Quorum. A majority of the number of directors fixed by these Bylaws shall be required for and constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.
- 4.7 <u>Manner of Acting</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the act of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board. A vote of a majority of the number of directors fixed by these Bylaws shall be required to adopt a resolution constituting an executive committee. Vacancies in the Board may be filled as provided in Section 3.6 of these Bylaws.
- Organization. Each meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman, and in the absence of the Chairman, by a person selected to preside by vote of the majority of the Board members present. The secretary, or in his absence, an assistant secretary, or in the absence of both the secretary and the assistant secretary, any person designated by the chairman of the meeting shall act as secretary of the meeting.
- 4.9 <u>Informal Action of Board</u>. Action taken by a majority of the directors without a meeting is nevertheless Board action if written consent to the action in question is

- signed by all of the directors and filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, whether done before or after the action so taken.
- 4.10 <u>Minutes</u>. The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, which shall be available for inspection by the Unit Owners during reasonable business hours.
- Liability of the Board and Officers. The directors and the officer provided for in Article 4.11 IV hereof shall not be liable to the Unit Owners for any mistake of judgment, negligence or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misconduct or bad faith. The Unit Owners shall indemnify and hold harmless each of the directors and the officers against all contractual liability to others arising out of contracts made by the Board or the officers on behalf of the Condominium, unless any such contract shall have been made in bad faith or contrary to the provisions of the Declaration or these Bylaws. It is intended that the directors or any officer shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract made by them on behalf of the Condominium, except to the extent that they are Unit Owners and have liability as such. It is also intended that the liability of any Unit Owner arising out of any contract made by the Board or the officers, or out of the aforesaid indemnity in favor of the directors of the officers, shall be limited to such proportion of the total liability thereunder as his interest in the Common Elements bears to the interests of all the Unit Owners in the Common Elements. Every agreement made by the Board, by the managing agent or by the officers on behalf of the Condominium shall provide that the members of the Board, the managing agent or the officers, as the case may be, are acting only as agents for the Unit Owners, and shall have no personal liability thereunder.

ARTICLE V. Officers

- Number. The principal officers of the Condominium shall consist of a Chairman of the Board, a secretary, a treasurer, and, if the management of the Condominium becomes self directed by the Board, such vice chairmen, assistant secretaries, assistant treasurers and other officers as the Board may from time to time elect. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of chairman and secretary.
- 5.2 <u>Election and Term</u>. The officers of the Condominium shall be elected by the Board. The chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer shall be elected from among the Board and all other officers, if any, need only be a Unit Owner. The officers elected by the initial Board are not required to be Unit Owners. The election of officers may be held at the regular annual meeting of the Board.
 - Each officer shall hold office for a period of one year or until his death, resignation, retirement, removal, disqualification, or until his successor is elected and qualifies.