#### **BYLAWS**

**OF** 

## HARTMAN VREIT XXI, INC.

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **OFFICES**

Section 1.01 <u>PRINCIPAL OFFICE</u>. The principal office of Hartman vREIT XXI, Inc. (the "Corporation") in the State of Maryland shall be located at such place as the board of directors may designate from time to time.

Section 1.02 <u>ADDITIONAL OFFICES</u>. The Corporation may have additional offices, including a principal executive office, at such places as the board of directors may from time to time determine or otherwise as the business of the Corporation may require.

### **ARTICLE II**

### MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS

Section 2.01 <u>PLACE</u>. All meetings of stockholders shall be held at the principal executive office of the Corporation or at such other place as shall be set by the board of directors and stated in the notice of the meeting.

Section 2.02 <u>ANNUAL MEETING</u>. An annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors and the transaction of any business within the powers of the Corporation shall be held on a date and at the time set by the board of directors.

Section 2.03 SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of stockholders (a) may be called by (1) the president, (2) the chief executive officer, (3) a majority of the board of directors, or (4) a majority of the Independent Directors, as defined in the charter of the Corporation (the "Charter"); and (b) must be called by the secretary of the Corporation to act upon any matter than may properly be considered at a meeting of stockholders upon the written request of stockholders entitled to cast not less than ten percent (10%) of all the votes entitled to be cast on such matter at such meeting whereby such written request states the purpose of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted upon at such meeting. In the event of a stockholders' meeting called by the secretary as required above, the secretary of the Corporation shall, within ten days of his or her receipt of the written request, notify, in the manner proscribed herein, each stockholder entitled to vote at the meeting. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, such meeting shall be held not less than fifteen days nor more than sixty days after the secretary's delivery of such notice. Subject to the foregoing sentence, such meeting shall be held at the time and place specified in the stockholder request; provided, however, that if none is so specified, the meeting shall be held at such time and place convenient to the stockholders. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.03, unless requested by the stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting, a special meeting need not be called by the secretary of the Corporation to consider any matter that is substantially the same as a matter voted on at any special meeting of the stockholders held during the preceding twelve months.

Section 2.04 NOTICE FOR MEETINGS. Except as provided otherwise in Section 2.03 of this Article II, the secretary shall, not less than ten nor more than ninety days before each meeting of stockholders, give to each stockholder entitled to vote at the meeting and each other stockholder entitled to notice of the meeting, notice in writing or by electronic transmission stating the time and place of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting or as otherwise required by the Maryland General Corporation Law, as amended from time to time (the "MGCL"), the purpose of the meeting. Notice shall be deemed delivered to a stockholder upon being: (a) personally delivered to the stockholder; (b) left at the stockholder's residence or usual place of business; (c) mailed to the stockholder at the stockholder's address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, in which case such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail with postage prepaid thereon; or (d) transmitted to the stockholder by electronic transmission to any address or number of the stockholder at which the stockholder receives electronic transmissions. The Corporation may give a single notice to all stockholders who share an address, which single notice shall be effective as to any stockholder at such address, unless such stockholder objects to receiving such single notice or revokes a prior consent to receiving such single notice. Failure to give notice of any meeting to one or more stockholders, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any meeting fixed in accordance with this Article II, or the validity of any proceedings at any such meeting. The Corporation may postpone or cancel a

meeting of stockholders by making a public announcement (as defined in Section 2.12(c)(2)(B)) of such postponement or cancellation prior to the meeting. Notice of the date to which the meeting is postponed shall be given not less than ten days prior to such date and otherwise in the manner set forth in this Section 2.04.

Section 2.05 <u>SCOPE OF NOTICE</u>. Any business of the Corporation may be transacted at an annual meeting of stockholders without being specifically designated in the notice, except as otherwise set forth in Section 2.12(a) and except for such business as is required by the MGCL or any other relevant statute to be stated in such notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting of stockholders except as specifically designated in the notice.

Section 2.06 ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT, Every meeting of stockholders shall be conducted by an individual appointed by the board of directors to be chairman of the meeting or, in the absence of such appointment, by the chairman of the board or, in the case of a vacancy in the office or absence of the chairman of the board, by one of the following officers present at the meeting: the vice chairman of the board, if there be one, the president, the vice presidents in their order of rank and seniority, the secretary, or, in the absence of such officers, a chairman chosen by the stockholders by the vote of a majority of the votes cast by stockholders present in person or by proxy. The secretary or, in the secretary's absence or the secretary's appointment as chairman of the meeting, an assistant secretary or, in the absence of both the secretary and assistant secretaries, an individual appointed by the board of directors or, in the absence of such appointment, an individual appointed by the chairman or co-chairmen of the meeting, as applicable, shall act as secretary. In the event that the secretary presides at a meeting of the stockholders, an assistant secretary or, in the absence of an assistant secretary, an individual appointed by the secretary shall record the minutes of the meeting. The order of business and all other matters of procedure at any meeting of stockholders shall be determined by the chairman or co-chairmen of the meeting, as applicable. The chairman or co-chairmen of the meeting, as applicable, may prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and take such action as, in the discretion of such chairman or co-chairmen and without any action by the stockholders, are appropriate for the proper conduct of the meeting, including, without limitation: (a) restricting admission to the time set for the commencement of the meeting; (b) limiting attendance at the meeting to stockholders of record of the Corporation, their duly authorized proxies or other such persons as the chairman or co-chairmen of the meeting, as applicable, may determine; (c) limiting participation at the meeting on any matter to stockholders of record of the Corporation entitled to vote on such matter, their duly authorized proxies or other such persons as the chairman or co-chairmen of the meeting, as applicable, may determine; (d) limiting the time allotted to questions or comments by participants; (e) determining when and for how long the polls should be opened and when the polls should be closed; (f) maintaining order and security at the meeting; (g) removing any stockholder or any other individual who refuses to comply with meeting procedures, rules or guidelines as set forth by the chairman or co-chairmen of the meeting, as applicable; (h) concluding a meeting or recessing or adjourning the meeting to a later date and time and place announced at the meeting; and (i) complying with any state and local laws and regulations concerning safety and security. Unless otherwise determined by the chairman or co-chairmen of the meeting, as applicable, meetings of stockholders shall not be required to be held in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure.

Section 2.07 <u>QUORUM</u>; <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>. At any meeting of the stockholders, the presence in person or by proxy of stockholders entitled to cast at least fifty percent (50%) of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting shall constitute a quorum except as otherwise provided by law, the Charter or these bylaws. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the stockholders, the chairman or co-chairman of the meeting, as applicable, may adjourn the meeting from time to time to a date not more than 120 days after the original record date without notice other than announcement at the meeting. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally noticed.

The stockholders present either in person or by proxy, at a meeting which has been duly called and convened, may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough stockholders to leave fewer than required to establish a quorum.

Section 2.08 <u>VOTING</u>. The holders of a majority of the shares of stock entitled to vote who are present in person or by proxy at an annual meeting at which a quorum is present may, without the necessity for concurrence by the board of directors, vote to elect a director. Each share may be voted for as many individuals as there are directors to be elected and for whose election the share is entitled to be voted. Except as otherwise required by law, the Charter or these bylaws, a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to approve any other matter which may properly come before the meeting. Unless otherwise provided in the Charter, each outstanding share, regardless of class, shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the stockholders.

Section 2.09 <u>PROXIES</u>. A stockholder may cast the votes entitled to be cast by the shares of stock owned of record by the stockholder in person or by proxy executed by the stockholder or by the stockholder's duly authorized agent in any manner permitted by law. Such proxy or evidence of authorization of such proxy shall be filed with the secretary of the Corporation before or at the time of the meeting. No proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

Section 2.10 <u>VOTING OF STOCK BY CERTAIN HOLDERS</u>. Stock registered in the name of a corporation, partnership, trust or other entity, if entitled to be voted, may be voted by the president, a vice president, a general partner, or trustee thereof, as the case may be, or a proxy appointed by any of the foregoing individuals, unless some other person who has been appointed to vote such stock pursuant to a bylaw or a resolution of the governing body of such corporation or other entity or agreement of the partners of a partnership presents a certified copy of such bylaw, resolution or agreement, in which case such person may vote such stock. Any director or other fiduciary may vote stock registered in his or her name as such fiduciary, either in person or by proxy.

Shares of the Corporation's stock owned directly or indirectly by it shall not be voted at any meeting and shall not be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares entitled to be voted at any given time, unless they are held by it in a fiduciary capacity, in which case, subject to the terms of the Charter, they may be voted and shall be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time.

The board of directors may adopt by resolution a procedure by which a stockholder may certify in writing to the Corporation that any shares of stock registered in the name of the stockholder are held for the account of a specified person other than the stockholder. The resolution shall set forth: the class of stockholders who may make the certification, the purpose for which the certification may be made, the form of certification and the information to be contained in it; if the certification is with respect to a record date or closing of the stock transfer books, the time after the record date or closing of the stock transfer books within which the certification must be received by the Corporation; and any other provisions with respect to the procedure which the board of directors considers necessary or desirable. On receipt of such certification, the person specified in the certification shall be regarded as, for the purposes set forth in the certification, the stockholder of record of the specified stock in place of the stockholder who makes the certification.

## Section 2.11 INSPECTORS.

- (a) The board of directors or the chairman or co-chairmen of the meeting, as applicable, may, but need not, appoint one or more individual inspectors or one or more entities that designate individuals as inspectors to act at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. If an inspector or inspectors are not appointed, the person presiding at the meeting may, but need not, appoint one or more inspectors. In case any person appointed as an inspector fails to appear or act, the vacancy may be filled by appointment made by the board of directors in advance of the meeting or at the meeting by the chairman or co-chairmen of the meeting, as applicable.
- (b) The inspectors, if any, shall: (1) determine the number of shares outstanding and the voting power of each, the shares represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, the validity and effect of proxies; (2) receive votes, ballots or consents; (3) hear and determine all challenges and questions arising in connection with the right to vote; (4) count and tabulate all votes, ballots or consents; (5) determine the result; and (6) do such acts as are proper to conduct the election or vote fairly. Each such report shall be in writing and signed by him or her or by a majority of them if there is more than one inspector acting at such meeting. If there is more than one inspector, the report of a majority shall be the report of the inspectors. The report of the inspector or inspectors on the number of shares represented at the meeting and the results of the voting shall be prima facie evidence thereof.

## Section 2.12 NOMINATIONS AND STOCKHOLDER BUSINESS.

## (a) Annual Meetings of Stockholders.

(1) Nominations of persons for election to the board of directors and the proposal of other business to be considered by the stockholders may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders (A) pursuant to the Corporation's notice of such meeting; (B) by or at the direction of the board of directors; or (C) by any stockholder of the Corporation who (i) was a stockholder of record both at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 2.12(a) and at the time of the annual meeting in question; (ii) is entitled to vote at such meeting in the election of each individual so nominated or on any such other business; and (iii) has complied with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 2.12(a) as to such business or nomination; (clause (C) shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to make nominations or submit other business (other than matters properly brought under Rule 14a-8 under the Securities

Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and included in the Corporation's notice of the meeting) before an annual meeting of stockholders).

(2) Without qualification, for any nominations or other business to be properly brought at an annual meeting by a stockholder pursuant to this Section 2.12(a)(2) or Section 2.12(a)(1), the stockholder must give timely notice thereof in writing to the secretary of the Corporation and such other business must otherwise be a proper matter for stockholder action. To be timely, a stockholder's notice shall be delivered to the secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not earlier than one hundred and fifty days nor later than one hundred-twenty days prior to the first anniversary of the date of mailing of the notice for the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the date of mailing of the notice for the annual meeting is advanced or delayed by more than thirty days from the first anniversary of the date of mailing of the notice for the preceding year's annual meeting, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not later than the close of business on the later of the ninetieth day prior to the date of mailing of the notice for such annual meeting or, if the first public announcement of the date of such annual meeting, the tenth day following the day on which public announcement of the date of mailing of the notice for such meeting is first made. In no event shall the postponement or adjournment of an annual meeting, or the announcement thereof, commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

To be in proper form, a stockholder's notice (whether given pursuant to this Section 2.12(a)(2) or Section 2.12(b)) must: (A) set forth, as to each person, if any, whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director (i) the name, age, business address, and residence address of such person; the number of shares of each class or series of stock of the Corporation that are, directly or indirectly, owned beneficially or of record by such person; and all other information relating to such person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or is otherwise required pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected); and (ii) a description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material monetary agreements, arrangements and understandings during the past three years, and any other material relationships, between or among such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made, and their respective affiliates and associates, or others acting in concert therewith, on the one hand, and each proposed nominee, and his or her respective affiliates and associates, or others acting in concert therewith, on the other hand, including, without limitation all information that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 404 promulgated under Regulation S-K if the stockholder making the nomination and any beneficial owner on whose behalf the nomination is made, if any, or any affiliate or associate thereof or person acting in concert therewith, were the "registrant" for purposes of such rule and the nominee were a director or executive officer of such registrant; (B) with respect to each nominee for election or re-election to the board of directors, include a completed and signed questionnaire, representation and agreement required by Section 2.13; (C) if the notice relates to any business other than a nomination of a director or directors that the stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting, set forth (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the meeting, the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting and any material interest of such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made, in such business and (ii) a description of all agreements, arrangements and understandings between such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, and any other person or persons (including their names) in connection with the proposal of such business by such stockholder; (D) set forth, as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made, (i) the name and address of such stockholder as they appear on the Corporation's books, and of such beneficial owner, if any, (ii) (a) the number of shares of each class or series of stock of the Corporation that are, directly or indirectly, owned beneficially or of record by such stockholder and such beneficial owner, (b) any option, warrant, convertible security, stock appreciation right, or similar right with an exercise or conversion privilege or a settlement payment or mechanism at a price related to any class or series of shares of the Corporation or with a value derived in whole or in part from the value of any class or series of shares of the Corporation, whether or not such instrument or right shall be subject to settlement in the underlying class or series of capital stock of the Corporation or otherwise (a "Derivative Instrument") directly or indirectly owned beneficially by such stockholder and any other direct or indirect opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase or decrease in the value of shares of the Corporation, (c) any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding, or relationship pursuant to which such stockholder has a right to vote any shares of any security of the Corporation, (d) any short interest in any security of the Corporation (for purposes of this Section 2.12 a person shall be deemed to have a short interest in a security if such person directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise, has the opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any decrease in the value of the subject security), (e) any rights to dividends on the shares of the Corporation owned beneficially by such stockholder that are separated or separable from the underlying shares of the Corporation, (f) any proportionate interest in shares of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments held, directly or indirectly, by a general or limited partnership in which such stockholder is a general partner or, directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a general partner and (g) any performance-related fees (other than an asset-based fee) to which the stockholder is entitled, based on any increase or decrease in the value of shares of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments, if any, as of the date of such notice, including without limitation any such interests held by members of such stockholder's immediate family sharing the same household (which information shall be supplemented by such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, not later than ten days after the record date for the meeting to disclose such ownership as of the record date), and (iii) any other information relating to such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for, as applicable, the proposal and/or for the election of directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and (E) set forth, to the extent known by the stockholder giving the notice, the name and address of any other stockholder supporting the nominee for election or reelection as a director or the proposal of other business on the date of such stockholder's notice. In addition, the Corporation may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Corporation to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an Independent Director of the Corporation or that could be material to a reasonable stockholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such nominee.

- (3) Notwithstanding anything in the second sentence of Section 2.12(a)(2) to the contrary, in the event that the number of directors to be elected to the board of directors is increased and there is no public announcement naming all of the nominees for directors or specifying the size of the increased board of directors made by the Corporation at least 100 days prior to the first anniversary of the date of mailing of the notice for the preceding year's annual meeting, a stockholder's notice required by this Section 2.12(a) shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it shall be delivered to the secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation no later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such public announcement is first made by the Corporation.
- (b) Special Meetings of Stockholders. Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of said meeting. Nominations of individuals for election to the board of directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected pursuant to the Corporation's notice of said meeting (1) by or at the direction of the board of directors or (2) provided that such special meeting has been called in accordance with Section 2.03 for the purpose of electing directors, by any stockholder of the Corporation who (A) is a stockholder of record both at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 2.12(b) and at the time of the special meeting; (B) is entitled to vote at the meeting in the election of each individual so nominated; and (C) complied with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 2.12(b). In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more directors to the board of directors, any such stockholder may nominate an individual or individuals (as the case may be) for election to such position as specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting, if the stockholder's notice containing the information required by Section 2.12(a)(2) with respect to any nomination (including the completed and signed questionnaire, representation and agreement required by Section 2.13) shall be delivered to the secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not later than the close of business on the later of the ninetieth day prior to such special meeting or, if the first public announcement of the date of such special meeting is made less than 100 days prior to the date of such special meeting, the tenth day following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the board of directors to be elected at such meeting. In no event shall the postponement or adjournment of a special meeting, or the announcement thereof, commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

# (c) General.

(1) Only such individuals who are nominated in accordance with this Section 2.12 shall be eligible for election by stockholders as directors and only such business shall be conducted at a meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with this Section 2.12. The chairman or co- chairman of the meeting, as applicable, shall have the power to determine whether a nomination or any business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made or proposed, as the case may be, in accordance with this Section 2.12 and, if any proposed nomination or business is not in compliance with this Section 2.12, to declare that such defective nomination or proposal, if any, be disregarded.

- (2) For purposes of these bylaws, (A) the "date of mailing of the notice" shall mean the date of the proxy statement for the solicitation of proxies for election of directors and (B) "public announcement" shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press or comparable news service or in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Sections 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.12, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of state law and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this Section 2.12; provided, however, that any references in this Section 2.12 to the Exchange Act or the rules promulgated thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit the requirements applicable to nominations or proposals as to any other business to be considered pursuant to Section 2.12(a)(1)(C) or Section 2.12(b). Nothing in this Section 2.12 shall be deemed to affect any rights of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in, or the right of the Corporation to omit a proposal from, the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act.
- Section 2.13 SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONNAIRE; REPRESENTATION AND AGREEMENT. To be eligible to be a nominee for election or re- election as a director of the Corporation pursuant to Section 2.12(a)(1)(C), a person must deliver (in accordance with the time periods prescribed for delivery of notice under Section 2.12) to the secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive office of the Corporation a written questionnaire with respect to the background and qualification of such person and the background of any other person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made (which questionnaire shall be provided by the secretary upon written request) and a written representation and agreement (in the form provided by the secretary upon written request) that such person (a) is not and will not become a party to (1) any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how such person, if elected as a director of the Corporation, will act or vote on any issue or question (a "Voting Commitment") that has not been disclosed to the Corporation or (2) any Voting Commitment that could limit or interfere with such person's ability to comply, if elected as a director of the Corporation, with such person's fiduciary duties under applicable law, (b) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Corporation with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with service or action as a director that has not been disclosed therein, and (c) in such person's individual capacity and on behalf of any person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made, would be in compliance, if elected as a director of the Corporation, and will comply with all applicable publicly disclosed corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality and stock ownership and trading policies and guidelines of the Corporation.
- Section 2.14 <u>VOTING BY BALLOT</u>. Voting on any question or in any election may be viva voce unless the presiding officer shall order, or any stockholder shall demand, that voting be by ballot.
- Section 2.15 EXEMPTION FROM CONTROL SHARE ACQUISITION STATUTE. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter or these bylaws or any contrary provision of law, the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Statute, found in Title 3, Subtitle 7 of the MGCL or any successor statute thereto, shall not apply to any acquisition of shares of stock of the Corporation by any person. This Section 2.15 may be repealed, in whole or in part, at any time, whether before or after an acquisition of control shares and, upon such repeal, may, to the extent provided by any successor bylaw, apply to any prior or subsequent control share acquisition.

# **ARTICLE III**

### **DIRECTORS**

Section 3.01 <u>GENERAL POWERS</u>. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of its board of directors.

Section 3.02 NUMBER, TENURE AND RESIGNATION. At any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose, a majority of the entire board of directors may establish, increase, or decrease the number of directors, provided that, except as otherwise provided in the Charter, the number thereof shall never be less than the minimum number required by the MGCL or the Charter (whichever is greater), nor more than the maximum number of directors set forth in the Charter, and further provided that, except as may be provided in the terms of any preferred stock issued by the Corporation, the tenure of office of a director shall not be affected by any decrease in the number of directors. Any director of the Corporation may resign at any time by delivering his or her resignation to the board of directors, the chairman of the board or the secretary. Any resignation shall take effect immediately upon its receipt

or at such later time specified in the resignation. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless otherwise stated in the resignation.

Section 3.03 <u>ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS</u>. An annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held immediately after and at the same place as the annual meeting of stockholders, no notice other than this bylaw being necessary. In the event such meeting is not so held, the meeting may be held at such time and place as shall be specified in a notice given as hereinafter provided for special meetings of the board of directors. The board of directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place, either within or without the State of Maryland, for the holding of regular meetings of the board of directors without other notice than such resolution.

Section 3.04 <u>SPECIAL MEETINGS</u>. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by or at the request of the chairman of the board or the president or by a majority of the directors then in office. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the board of directors may fix any place, either within or without the State of Maryland, as the place for holding any special meeting of the board of directors called by them. The board of directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place for the holding of special meetings of the board of directors without other notice than such resolution.

Section 3.05 NOTICE. Notice of any special meeting of the board of directors shall be delivered personally, or by telephone, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, United States mail, or courier to each director at his or her business or residence address. Notice by personal delivery, telephone, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission shall be given at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Notice by United States mail shall be given at least three days prior to the meeting and shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail properly addressed, with postage prepaid thereon. Notice by courier shall be given at least two days prior to the meeting. Telephone notice shall be deemed to be given when the director or his agent is personally given such notice in a telephone call to which he or his agent is a party. Electronic mail notice shall be deemed to be given upon transmission of the message to the electronic mail address given to the Corporation by the director. Facsimile transmission notice shall be deemed to be given upon completion of the transmission of the message to the number given to the Corporation by the director and receipt of a completed answer-back indicating receipt. Notice by courier shall be deemed to be given when deposited with or delivered to a courier properly addressed. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any annual, regular or special meeting of the board of directors need be stated in the notice, unless specifically required by statute or these bylaws.

Section 3.06 <u>QUORUM</u>. A majority of the directors then serving shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the board of directors; provided that if less than a majority of such directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice; and provided further that, if pursuant to applicable law, the Charter or these bylaws, the vote of a majority or other percentage of a particular group of directors is required for action, a quorum must also include a majority or such other percentage of such group. The directors present at a meeting which has been duly called and at which a quorum was established may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough directors to leave fewer than required to establish a quorum.

Section 3.07 <u>VOTING</u>. The action of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the board of directors, unless the concurrence of a greater proportion is required for such action by the MGCL or the Charter. If enough directors have withdrawn from a meeting to leave fewer than required to establish a quorum but the meeting is not adjourned, the action of the majority of that number of directors necessary to constitute a quorum at such meeting shall be the action of the board of directors, unless the concurrence of a greater proportion is required for such action by the MGCL or the Charter.

Section 3.08 <u>ORGANIZATION</u>. At each meeting of the board of directors, the chairman of the board or, in the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman of the board, if any, shall act as chairman of the meeting. In the absence of both the chairman and vice chairman of the board, the chief executive officer or, in the absence of the chief executive officer, the president, or in the absence of the president, a director chosen by a majority of the directors present, shall act as chairman of the meeting. The secretary or, in his or her absence, an assistant secretary of the Corporation, or in the absence of the secretary and all assistant secretaries, an individual appointed by the chairman, shall act as secretary of the meeting.

Section 3.09 <u>ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT OR BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION; INFORMAL ACTION</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the board of directors may be taken without a meeting, if a consent to such action is given in writing or by electronic transmission by each director, and such consent is filed in paper or electronic form with the minutes of proceedings of the board of directors.

Section 3.10 <u>TELEPHONE MEETINGS</u>. Directors may participate in a meeting of the board of directors by means of a conference telephone or other communications equipment if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation in a meeting by these means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 3.11 <u>REMOVAL</u>. At any meeting of stockholders called expressly, but not necessarily solely, for that purpose, any director or the entire board of directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast generally for the election of directors.

Section 3.12 <u>VACANCIES</u>. If for any reason any or all the directors cease to be directors, such event shall not terminate the Corporation or affect these bylaws or the powers of the remaining directors hereunder (even if fewer than the statutory minimum remain). Until such time as the Corporation becomes subject to Section 3-804(c) of the MGCL, any vacancy on the board of directors for any cause other than an increase in the number of directors may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, even if such majority is less than a quorum; any vacancy in the number of directors created by an increase in the number of directors may be filled by a majority vote of the entire board of directors; and any individual so elected as director shall serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until his or her successor is elected and qualifies. At such time as the Corporation becomes subject to Section 3-804(c) of the MGCL and except as may be provided by the board of directors in setting the terms of any class or series of preferred stock, any vacancy on the board of directors may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum, and any director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the full term of the directorship in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualifies. Independent Directors shall nominate replacements for vacancies among the Independent Directors positions.

Section 3.13 <u>COMPENSATION</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Charter, the directors may, in the discretion of the entire board of directors, receive annual or monthly salary for their services as directors, fixed sums per meeting and/or per visit to real property or other facilities owned or leased by the Corporation, and/or for any service or activity performed or engaged in as directors on behalf of the Corporation. Directors may be reimbursed for expenses of attendance, if any, at each annual, regular or special meeting of the board of directors or of any committee thereof and for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, if any, in connection with each such meeting, property visit, and/or other service or activity they performed or engaged in as directors on behalf of the Corporation. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

Section 3.14 <u>LOSS OF DEPOSITS</u>. No director shall be liable for any loss which may occur by reason of the failure of the bank, trust company, savings and loan association, or other institution with whom monies or stock have been deposited.

Section 3.15 <u>SURETY BONDS</u>. Unless required by law, no director shall be obligated to give any bond or surety or other security for the performance of any of his or her duties.

Section 3.16 RELIANCE. Each director and officer of the Corporation shall, in the performance of his or her duties with respect to the Corporation, be entitled to rely on any information, opinion, report or statement, including any financial statement or other financial data, prepared or presented by an officer or employee of the Corporation whom the director or officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented, by a lawyer, certified public accountant or other person, as to a matter which the director or officer reasonably believes to be within the person's professional or expert competence, or, with respect to a director, by a committee of the Board of Directors on which the director does not serve, as to a matter within its designated authority, if the director reasonably believes the committee to merit confidence.

Section 3.17 <u>RATIFICATION</u>. The board of directors or the stockholders may ratify and make binding on the Corporation any action or inaction by the Corporation or its officers to the extent that the board of directors or the stockholders could have originally authorized the matter. Moreover, any action or inaction questioned in any stockholders' derivative proceeding or any other proceeding on the ground of lack of authority, defective or irregular execution, adverse interest of a director, officer or stockholder, non-disclosure, miscomputation, the application of improper principles or practices of accounting or otherwise, may be ratified, before or after judgment, by the board of directors or by the stockholders, and if so ratified, shall have the same force and effect as if the questioned action or inaction had been originally duly authorized, and such ratification shall be binding upon the Corporation and its stockholders and shall constitute a bar to any claim or execution of any judgment in respect of such questioned action or inaction.

Section 3.18 <u>CERTAIN RIGHTS OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS</u>. The directors shall have no responsibility to devote their full time to the affairs of the Corporation. For so long as the Corporation is externally advised, no officer or employee of the Corporation who is affiliated with the Corporation's advisor shall be expected to devote his or her full time to the efforts of the Corporation unless he agrees in writing to do so. Any director or officer of the Corporation, in his or her personal capacity or in a capacity as an affiliate, employee, or agent of any other person, or otherwise, may have business interests and engage in business activities similar to, in addition to, or in competition with those of or relating to the Corporation, subject to the provisions of the Charter.

### ARTICLE IV

### **COMMITTEES**

Section 4.01 <u>NUMBER</u>, <u>TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS</u>. The board of directors may designate an Executive Committee, an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, a Conflicts Committee and other committees composed of at least one director.

Section 4.02 <u>COMPOSITION</u>. Except as provided in the Charter, such committees shall serve at the pleasure of the board of directors. The members of the Conflicts Committee, Audit Committee and Compensation Committee, if designated, shall at all times consist solely of Independent Directors, and the majority of the members of all committees shall be Independent Directors.

Section 4.03 <u>MEETINGS</u>. Notice of committee meetings shall be given in the same manner as notice for special or regular meetings of the board of directors. If a Conflicts Committee has been designated, proper notice of any meeting of the board of directors shall also constitute notice of a meeting of the Conflicts Committee that may be held contemporaneously and/or immediately following the board meeting. A majority of the members of a committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the committee. Except as provided in these bylaws, the act of a majority of the committee members present at a meeting shall be the act of such committee. The board of directors may designate a chairman of any committee, and such chairman or, in the absence of a chairman, any two members of any committee may fix the time and place of its meeting unless the board shall otherwise provide. In the absence of any member of any such committee, the members thereof present at any meeting, whether or not they constitute a quorum, may appoint another director to act in the place of such absent member. Each committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings.

Section 4.04 <u>TELEPHONE MEETINGS</u>. Members of a committee of the board of directors may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or other communications equipment if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation in a meeting by these means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 4.05 <u>ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT OR BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION; INFORMAL ACTION</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of a committee of the board of directors may be taken without a meeting, if a consent to such action is given in writing or by electronic transmission by each member of the committee and such consent is filed in paper or electronic form with the minutes of proceedings of such committee.

Section 4.06 <u>VACANCIES</u>. Subject to the provisions hereof, and the Charter, the board of directors shall have the power at any time to change the membership of any committee, to fill any vacancy, to designate an alternate member to replace any absent or disqualified member or to dissolve any such committee.

# ARTICLE V

### **OFFICERS**

Section 5.01 <u>GENERAL PROVISIONS</u>. The officers of the Corporation shall include a president, a secretary and a treasurer and may include a chairman of the board, a vice chairman of the board, one or more vice presidents, a chief executive officer, a chief operating officer, a chief financial officer, one or more assistant secretaries and one or more assistant treasurers. In addition, the board of directors may from time to time appoint such other officers with such powers and duties as they shall deem necessary or desirable. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the board of directors at the first meeting of the board of directors held after each annual meeting of stockholders, except that the president may from time to time appoint one or more vice presidents, assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as may be convenient. Each officer shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and qualifies or

until his or her death, resignation or removal in the manner hereinafter provided. Any two or more offices, except president and vice president, may be held by the same person. In its discretion, the board of directors may leave unfilled any office except that of president, treasurer and secretary. Election of an officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights between the Corporation and such officer or agent.

Section 5.02 <u>REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION</u>. Any officer or agent of the Corporation may be removed by the board of directors if in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Any officer of the Corporation may resign at any time by delivering his or her resignation to the board of directors, the chairman of the board, the president or the secretary. Any resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if the time when it shall become effective is not specified therein, immediately upon its receipt. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless otherwise stated in the resignation. Such resignation shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the Corporation.

Section 5.03 <u>VACANCIES</u>. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the board of directors or, to the extent permitted in Section 5.01, the president for the balance of the term.

Section 5.04 <u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</u>. The board of directors may designate a chief executive officer. In the absence of such designation, the president shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation. The chief executive officer shall have general responsibility for implementation of the policies of the Corporation, as determined by the board of directors, and for the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation. He may execute any deed, mortgage, bond, contract or other instrument, except in cases where the execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the board of directors or by these bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation or shall be required by law to be otherwise executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of chief executive officer and such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors from time to time.

Section 5.05 <u>CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER</u>. The board of directors may designate a chief operating officer. The chief operating officer shall have the responsibilities and duties as set forth by the board of directors or the chief executive officer.

Section 5.06 <u>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</u>. The board of directors may designate a chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall have the responsibilities and duties as set forth by the board of directors or the chief executive officer.

Section 5.07 <u>CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD</u>. The board of directors shall designate a chairman of the board. The chairman of the board shall preside over the meetings of the board of directors and of the stockholders at which he shall be present. The chairman of the board shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him, her or them by the board of directors.

Section 5.08 <u>PRESIDENT</u>. In the absence of a chief executive officer, the president shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Corporation. In the absence of a designation of a chief operating officer by the board of directors, the president shall be the chief operating officer. He may execute any deed, mortgage, bond, contract or other instrument, except in cases where the execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the board of directors or by these bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation or shall be required by law to be otherwise executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors from time to time.

Section 5.09 <u>VICE PRESIDENTS</u>. In the absence of the president or in the event of a vacancy in such office, the vice president (or in the event there be more than one vice president, the vice presidents in the order designated at the time of their election or, in the absence of any designation, then in the order of their election) shall perform the duties of the president and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president; and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the president or by the board of directors. The board of directors may designate one or more vice presidents as executive vice president or as vice president for particular areas of responsibility.

Section 5.10 <u>SECRETARY</u>. The secretary shall (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the stockholders, the board of directors and committees of the board of directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation; (d) keep a register of the post office address of each stockholder which shall be furnished to the secretary by such stockholder; (e) have general charge of the share transfer

books of the Corporation; and (f) in general perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the chief executive officer, the president or the board of directors.

Section 5.11 <u>TREASURER</u>. The treasurer shall have the custody of the funds and securities of the Corporation and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the board of directors. In the absence of a designation of a chief financial officer by the board of directors, the treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Corporation.

The treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the board of directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the president and board of directors, at the regular meetings of the board of directors or whenever it may so require, an account of all his or her transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation.

If required by the board of directors, the treasurer shall give the Corporation a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the board of directors for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of his or her death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, moneys and other property of whatever kind in his or her possession or under his or her control belonging to the Corporation.

Section 5.12 <u>ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT TREASURERS</u>. The assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, in general, shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the secretary or treasurer, respectively, or by the president or the board of directors. The assistant treasurers shall, if required by the board of directors, give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties in such sums and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the board of directors.

Section 5.13 <u>SALARIES</u>. The salaries and other compensation of the officers shall be fixed from time to time by the board of directors and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary or other compensation by reason of the fact that he is also a director.

### **ARTICLE VI**

## CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

Section 6.01 <u>CONTRACTS</u>. The board of directors and, to the extent permitted by the MGCL and the Charter, a committee of the board of directors, may authorize any officer or agent to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Any agreement, deed, mortgage, lease or other document executed by one or more of the directors or by an authorized person shall be valid and binding upon the board of directors and upon the Corporation when authorized or ratified by action of the board of directors or, to the extent permitted by the MGCL and the Charter, a committee of the board of directors.

Section 6.02 <u>CHECKS AND DRAFTS</u>. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or agent of the Corporation in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the board of directors or a committee of the board of directors.

Section 6.03 <u>DEPOSITS</u>. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the board of directors may designate.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### STOCK

Section 7.01 <u>CERTIFICATES</u>. If the board of directors authorizes the issuance of certificates, each certificate shall be signed by the chief executive officer, the president, the chief operating officer or a vice president and countersigned by the secretary or an assistant secretary or the treasurer or an assistant treasurer and may be sealed with the seal, if any, of the Corporation. The signatures may be either manual or facsimile. Certificates shall be consecutively numbered; and if the Corporation shall, from time to time, issue several classes of stock, each class may have its own number series. A certificate is valid and may be issued whether or not an officer who signed it is still an

officer when it is issued. Each certificate representing shares which are preferred or limited as to their dividends, which are restricted as to their transferability or voting powers, or as to their allocable portion of the assets upon liquidation or which are redeemable at the option of the Corporation, shall have a statement of such restriction, limitation, preference or redemption provision, or a summary thereof, plainly stated on the certificate. If the Corporation has authority to issue stock of more than one class, the certificate shall contain on the face or back a full statement or summary of the designations and any preferences, conversion and other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends and other distributions, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption of each class of stock and, if the Corporation is authorized to issue any preferred or special class in series, the differences in the relative rights and preferences between the shares of each series to the extent they have been set and the authority of the board of directors to set the relative rights and preferences of subsequent series. In lieu of such statement or summary, the certificate may state that the Corporation will furnish a full statement of such information to any stockholder upon request and without charge. If any class of stock is restricted by the Corporation as to transferability, the certificate shall contain a full statement of the restriction or state that the Corporation will furnish information about the restrictions to the stockholder on request and without charge. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, nothing in this Article VII shall be interpreted to limit the authority of the board of directors to issue some or all of the shares of any or all of its classes or series without certificates.

Section 7.02 TRANSFERS; REGISTERED STOCKHOLDERS. Transfers of shares of any class of stock will be subject in all respects to the Charter and all of the terms and conditions contained therein. The Corporation shall be entitled to treat the holder of record of any share of stock as the holder in fact thereof and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by the laws of the State of Maryland.

Section 7.03 <u>LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED CERTIFICATES</u>. The Corporation shall issue a new certificate in place of any certificate for shares previously issued if the registered owner of the certificate satisfies the following requirements:

- (a) Claim. The registered owner makes proof in affidavit form that a previously issued certificate for shares has been lost, destroyed, or stolen;
- (b) Timely Request. The registered owner requests the issuance of a new certificate before the Corporation has notice that the certificate has been acquired by a purchaser for value in good faith and without notice of an adverse claim;
- (c) Bond. Unless otherwise determined by an officer of the Corporation, the registered owner gives a bond in such form, and with such surety or sureties, with fixed or open penalty, as the board of directors may direct, in its discretion, to indemnify the Corporation (and its transfer agent and registrar, if any) against any claim that may be made on account of the alleged loss, destruction, or theft of the certificate; and
- (d) Other Requirements. The registered owner satisfies any other reasonable requirements imposed by the board of directors.

When a certificate has been lost, destroyed or stolen and the stockholder of record fails to notify the Corporation within a reasonable time after he has notice of it, if the Corporation registers a transfer of the shares represented by the certificate before receiving such notification, the stockholder of record is precluded from making any claim against the Corporation for the transfer or for a new certificate.

Section 7.04 CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS OR FIXING OF RECORD DATE. The board of directors may (a) set, in advance, a record date (1) for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders, (2) for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend, (3) for the purpose of determining the allotment of any other rights, or (4) in order to make a determination of stockholders for any other proper purpose (such record date, in any case, may not be prior to the close of business on the day the record date is fixed and shall be not more than ninety days before the date on which the meeting or particular action requiring such determination of stockholders of record is to be held or taken); or (b) in lieu of fixing a record date, direct that the stock transfer books be closed for a period not greater than 20 days. In the case of a meeting of the stockholders, the record date or the date set for the closing of the stock transfer books shall be at least ten days before the date of such meeting.

If no record date is fixed and stock transfer books are not closed for the determination of stockholders, (a) the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be the later of (1) the close of business on the day on which the notice of meeting is mailed or (2) the thirtieth day before the meeting; and (b) the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive payment of a dividend or an allotment of any other rights shall be the close of business on the day on which the resolution of the board of directors declaring the dividend or allotment of rights is adopted, provided that the payment or allotment may not be made more than sixty days after the date on which such resolution is adopted.

When a determination of stockholders entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders has been made as provided in this Section 7.04, such determination shall apply to any adjournment thereof, except when (a) the determination has been made through the closing of the transfer books and the stated period of closing has expired or (b) the meeting is adjourned to a date more than 120 days after the record date fixed for the original meeting, in either of which case a new record date shall be determined as set forth herein.

Section 7.05 <u>STOCK LEDGER</u>. The Corporation shall maintain at one or more of its principal offices or at the office of its counsel, accountants, or transfer agent, an original or duplicate share ledger containing the name and address of each stockholder and the number of shares of each class held by such stockholder.

Section 7.06 FRACTIONAL STOCK; ISSUANCE OF UNITS. The Corporation may issue fractional stock or provide for the issuance of scrip, all on such terms and under such conditions as the board of directors may determine. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter or these bylaws, the board of directors may issue units consisting of different securities of the Corporation. Any security issued in a unit shall have the same characteristics as any identical securities issued by the Corporation, except that the board of directors may provide that for a specified period securities of the Corporation issued in such unit may be transferred on the books of the Corporation only in such unit.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

## **ACCOUNTING YEAR**

The board of directors shall have the power, from time to time, to fix the fiscal year of the Corporation by a duly adopted resolution.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

### DISTRIBUTIONS

Section 9.01 <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>. Dividends and other distributions upon the stock of the Corporation may be authorized by the board of directors, subject to the provisions of law and the Charter. Dividends and other distributions may be paid in cash, property or stock of the Corporation, subject to the provisions of law and the Charter.

Section 9.02 <u>CONTINGENCIES</u>. Before payment of any dividends or other distributions, there may be set aside out of any assets of the Corporation available for dividends or other distributions such sum or sums as the board of directors may from time to time, in its absolute discretion, think proper as a reserve fund for contingencies, for equalizing any property of the Corporation or for such other purpose as the board of directors shall determine to be in the best interest of the Corporation, and the board of directors may modify or abolish any such reserve.

### ARTICLE X

#### INVESTMENT POLICY

Subject to the provisions of the Charter, the board of directors may from time to time adopt, amend, revise or terminate any policy or policies with respect to investments by the Corporation as it shall deem appropriate in its sole discretion.

### ARTICLE XI

### SEAL

Section 11.01 <u>SEAL</u>. The board of directors may authorize the adoption of a seal by the Corporation. The seal shall contain the name of the Corporation and the year of its incorporation and the words "Incorporated Maryland." The board of directors may authorize one or more duplicate seals and provide for the custody thereof.

Section 11.02 <u>AFFIXING SEAL</u>. Whenever the corporation is permitted or required to affix its seal to a document, it shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of any law, rule or regulation relating to a seal to place "[SEAL]" adjacent to the signature of the person authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Corporation.

### ARTICLE XII

### WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice of a meeting is required to be given pursuant to the Charter or these bylaws or pursuant to applicable law, a waiver thereof in writing or by electronic transmission, given by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any meeting need be set forth in the waiver of notice, unless specifically required by statute. The attendance of any person at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where such person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

### AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Board of Directors shall have the exclusive power to adopt, alter or repeal any provision of these Bylaws and to make new Bylaws."

The foregoing are certified as the Bylaws of the Corporation adopted by the board of directors as of April 26, 2016.

Mark T. Torok,

Secretary & General Counsel