

SOUTH CAROLINA:

WEST YARD LOFTS GP LLC
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

CHARLESTON COUNTY:

OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS OPERATING AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") made as of the 5th day of June, 2025, by and among the undersigned members of WEST YARD LOFTS GP LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company (the "Company"), such persons being hereinafter referred to individually as a "Member" and collectively as the "Members."

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to organize a limited liability company to engage in any lawful business in including ownership and development of real property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. NAME, BUSINESS, AND REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT. The Members do hereby form a limited liability company (an "LLC") under the name of WEST YARD LOFTS GP LLC in accordance with and pursuant to the South Carolina Limited Liability Company Act, SC Code Section 33-44-101 et seq. (the "Act"), to engage in any lawful business including ownership and development of real property. The organizing Members, or their representatives, shall execute and file Articles of Organization on behalf of the Company in the Office of the Secretary of State of South Carolina. The Members shall do or cause to be done all such filings, recordings or other acts as may be necessary or appropriate from time to time to comply with the requirements of the Act or otherwise as necessary for the operation of LLC's in the State of South Carolina. The Company shall promptly reimburse any cost incurred by the Members in connection with the foregoing. The registered office of the Company shall be:

508 Meeting Street

West Columbia, SC 29169

and the registered agent at such address shall be:

Corporation Service Company

The principal office of the business may, but need not, be the same as the registered office.

2. TERM. The Company shall begin as of the date of filing the aforementioned Articles, and shall continue perpetually unless sooner terminated as provided in paragraph 15 of this Agreement.

3. CAPITAL; LIABILITY OF MEMBERS.

(a) Initial Capital Contribution. The Members shall make initial capital contributions to the Company in amounts as mutually agreed upon such that their initial capital interests in the Company shall be as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Capital Interest</u>
Southeastern Housing Preservation, Inc.	51%
Fitch Irick SC LLC	49%

(b) Subsequent Capital Contributions. For purposes of paragraphs 3 - 6 of this Agreement, and with respect only to allocations and distributions to a Member, capital contribution obligations, and capital account maintenance rules (but not with respect to any other rights including voting rights of a Member), the term "Member" shall include the assignee, if any, of such Member. Each Member is personally liable for his proportionate part (determined with reference to his interest in profits as provided in paragraph 4(a)) of any capital contribution required for continuation of the Company business as determined reasonably and in good faith by the affirmative vote of at least 100% in voting interest (as determined in paragraph 7(c)) of the Members. In the event that any Member refuses or fails to make any such required capital contribution within thirty (30) days after written notice of the Members' approval of the additional contributions, then such Member (the "Defaulting Member") shall be in default of this Agreement and the other Members and the Company shall have any and all remedies available at law or in equity as a result of such default, including without limitation the right (upon the affirmative vote of a majority in voting interest of all Members other than the defaulting Member) to expel such defaulting Member from the Company, in which event the value to be paid for the defaulting Member's interest and the manner of payment shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12 of this Agreement. In addition, but without limiting any such rights or remedies of the other Members or the Company, the other Members may, but shall not be required to, contribute such deficiency to the Company. To the extent that any Member does contribute any deficiency to the Company for the Member failing to do so, such contribution at the sole election of the contributing Member(s) shall be deemed to be either

(i) an additional capital contribution requiring adjustments to the Percentage Interests as set forth in the next paragraph, or (ii) a loan to the defaulting Member repayable on demand which shall bear interest from the date of such contribution at a rate computed to be ONE PERCENT (1%) above the prime rate established by the Lending Institution on the date of such contribution. The defaulting Member shall have no voting rights on matters of Company business, and no further distributions or withdrawals may be made to or by the defaulting Member, until such loan with interest is paid in full. Any distributions, withdrawals, or rights thereto that would otherwise be distributed to or withdrawn by the defaulting Member (including any distribution made on expulsion of such Member as described below) during the term of any such demand loan shall be paid, credited, or accrued to the Member or Members who contributed the deficiency to the Company and shall be applied as a credit against the amount due from the defaulting Member, but such amounts shall be treated for book and tax purposes as if they had been distributed to the defaulting Member and then paid to the Member or Members actually receiving the same in respect of the loan. Failure to repay any such demand loan within thirty (30) days after written demand therefore shall be deemed sufficient grounds for expulsion of such Member from the Company. In such event, the value to be paid for the defaulting Member's interest and the manner of payment shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12 of this Agreement. Except for the payment to liquidate his membership interest in the Company as herein provided, such defaulting Member shall have no further interest or rights in the Company, its business or assets.

If the contributing Member(s) elect to treat the amount contributed on behalf of the defaulting Member as an additional capital contribution by them to the Company as provided in item “(i)” above, the Percentage Interests in net profits and net losses described in paragraph 4(a) shall be redetermined for each Member based on the ratio of his capital account balance as adjusted for the new contribution and an adjustment made pursuant to the methodology of paragraph 3(e), divided by the total capital account balances of all Members as adjusted above. Following such adjustments to capital accounts and Percentage Interests, the default shall be deemed cured.

(c) Credits and Debits to Capital Account. A separate capital account shall be maintained for each Member

(i) to which shall be credited:

(A) The amount of money and fair market value of other property comprising the Member's capital contributions,

(B) Any allocations of Company income, gains, and profits made to the Member for book purposes under paragraph 4, and

(C) The amount of any Company liabilities that are assumed by the Member or that are secured by any Company property distributed to the Member; and

(ii) to which shall be debited:

(A) The amount of cash and the fair market value of any Company property distributed to the Member pursuant to any provision of this Agreement,

(B) Any allocations of Company deductions and losses made to the Member for book purposes under paragraph 4, and

(C) The amount of any liabilities of the Member that are assumed by the Company or that are secured by any property contributed by the Member to the Company.

(d) Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b) Compliance. Paragraph 3(c) and any other provisions of this Agreement relating to the maintenance of capital accounts are intended to comply with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b), as amended, and shall be interpreted, applied, and modified to the extent necessary to comply with such Regulations. For all purposes of this Agreement, the phrase "for book purposes" shall be construed and applied according to the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b).

(e) Adjustment of Values. The gross value of Company property for book purposes, and the capital accounts of the Members, shall be simultaneously adjusted to reflect the gross fair market value (as determined in good faith by the affirmative vote of at least 100% in voting interest of the Members as required by paragraph 7(c)) of such assets as if the Company recognized gain or loss (determined with reference to the Company's bases in its assets for book purposes) in an actual disposition of such assets (i) at such times as is permitted under (and pursuant to the rules of) Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b), as amended, and (ii) upon any other change in a Member's Percentage Interest (defined in paragraph 4(a)). Any such adjustment to the individual capital accounts of the Members shall be made by allocations of any such deemed gains or losses in accordance with the Members' relative interests in such gains or losses as provided in paragraph 4 in effect immediately before the triggering event described in items "(i)" and "(ii)" of this subparagraph

(e). If the Members are unable to agree by the affirmative vote described above regarding the gross fair market value of Company assets, or if any Member otherwise requests the valuation determination to be made by appraisal, such value shall be determined by appraisal as follows. The Members unanimously shall select two qualified appraisers, such two appraisers shall then appoint a third qualified appraiser, and the three appraisers separately shall appraise such gross fair market value. The average of the two appraisals which are closest in amount shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and the other appraisal shall be ignored. The Company shall pay all expenses involved with such appraisers unless a Member requests an appraisal determination of value as provided above, in which case the costs of the appraisal shall be paid by the requesting Member. For purposes hereof, a qualified appraiser shall be any entity or person who regularly engages in the valuation of assets of the kind and nature owned by the Company and who holds themselves out as being in such business and qualified to make such valuation.

(f) Transfer of Interest. In the event any interest in the Company is transferred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the transferee shall succeed to the capital account of the transferor to the extent it relates to the transferred interest.

(g) Limitation on Personal Liability. Except as otherwise provided by the Act or this Agreement, no Member of the Company, as identified on the signature page hereof or who subsequent to the date hereof becomes a Member, shall be personally liable for or obligated to contribute money or property to or in respect of the debts, liabilities, contracts, or any other obligations of the Company (unless he was so liable prior to becoming a Member). Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, no Member shall be liable to restore a deficit balance in his capital account.

(h) No Interest to be Paid. No interest shall be paid on the capital accounts of the Members in the Company.

4. PROFIT AND LOSS.

(a) General. Generally, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph 4, the net profits and the net losses of the Company for book and tax purposes shall be allocated to the Members in the proportions of their "Percentage Interests", as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Percentage Interest</u>
Southeastern Housing Preservation, Inc.	51%
Fitch Irick SC LLC	49%

(b) Stop Loss Allocations. Notwithstanding paragraph 4(a), no allocation of loss or deduction shall be made which causes or increases a deficit balance in any Member's capital account as adjusted pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d) (unless such allocation is otherwise permitted by such Section); and any such deduction or loss allocation shall instead be made to the Members who are permitted to receive the same in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

(c) Qualified Income Offset. Notwithstanding paragraph 4(a), allocations of income and gain shall be made to the Members at such times and in such manner as required by the qualified income offset provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d) in order to eliminate any "adjusted" (within the meaning of such Section) deficit capital account balances which may exist.

(d) Gross Income Allocations. In the event that any Member receives a distribution that causes or increases a deficit (which he is not liable to restore) capital account balance (as maintained and adjusted pursuant to paragraph 3) after taking into account all other provisions concerning allocations of profits and losses of this Agreement, such Member shall be allocated items of gross income or gain for the tax year of such distribution in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficit.

(e) Allocations in Respect of Nonrecourse Liabilities. To the extent that the Company incurs any nonrecourse liabilities as described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2, the following provisions shall apply notwithstanding paragraph 4(a) hereof:

(i) Nonrecourse Deductions. Partner nonrecourse deductions shall be allocated to the Members based upon the ratios in which they bear the economic risk of loss for the applicable liability, and allocations of other nonrecourse deductions shall be made to the Members in accordance with their Percentage Interests in effect under Paragraph 4(a); all as determined in compliance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2, as amended or modified from time to time.

(ii) Minimum Gain Chargeback. Allocations of items of income and gain of the Company for any taxable year shall be made, prior to any other allocation for such year under this Agreement or otherwise, to the Members as required by the minimum gain chargeback provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2, as amended or modified from time to time.

(f) Curative Allocations. The Members acknowledge that allocations made pursuant to paragraphs 4(b)-(e) above (collectively, the "Regulatory Allocations") are intended to comply with

certain requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b) and may not be consistent with the manner in which the Members intend to share distributions of the Company. Accordingly, in the event any Regulatory Allocations are made to the Members, subsequent curative allocations provided for in this paragraph shall be made in a manner to prevent the Regulatory Allocations from distorting the manner in which Company allocations and distributions are shared pursuant to paragraphs 4(a) and 5, respectively. Such curative allocations of items of Company income, gain, loss, and deduction shall be made to the extent possible in any tax year in amounts sufficient such that the aggregate cumulative Regulatory Allocations and the cumulative curative allocations required by this sentence are made to the Members in proportion to their Percentage Interests described in paragraph 4(a) above in effect during the time period affected by such allocations, as if the Regulatory Allocations had not occurred.

(g) Other Allocations Rules. Although it is intended that paragraph 4(a) be the general rule for allocations of book and tax income or loss, such allocations shall be adjusted or modified in any given instance to the extent necessary to comply with Section 704(b) and (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder. For purpose of determining the profits, losses, or any other items allocable to any period, profits, losses, and any such other items shall be determined on a daily, monthly, or other basis using any permissible method under Code Section 706 and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

5. SALARIES AND DISTRIBUTIONS.

(a) Limitation of Member's Salary. No Member shall receive any salary, commission, or fee for services rendered to the Company unless the payment of such salary, commission, or fee is approved by a unanimous vote of the Members.

(b) Distributions of Cash Flow. Subject to paragraph 5(c), the net cash flow of the Company, as reasonably determined by the Managers, shall be distributed at such times as may be determined by the Managers (but no less frequently than annually) to the Members in accordance with the Percentage Interests which are in effect pursuant to paragraph 4(a) at the time of the distribution.

(c) Distribution upon Liquidation. In the event of termination and liquidation of the Company, then the assets of the Company remaining after settlement of Company obligations shall be distributed to the Members in accordance with their positive capital account balances as adjusted

to fair market value pursuant to paragraph 3(e), except as otherwise provided in this Agreement. Any distribution to a Member to liquidate his interest in the Company other than during the liquidation of the Company, and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, shall be in the amount of his positive capital account balance adjusted as provided above.

(d) Distribution in Kind. If any of the assets of the Company are to be distributed in kind, the fair market value of such assets shall be determined in accordance with paragraph 3(e) as of the time of such distribution. Allocations to the Members' capital accounts (using the methodology described in paragraph 3(e)) shall be made of the amount of gain or loss, if any, which would have been realized by the Company if such assets had been sold by the Company for prices equal to their respective fair market values as so determined. Such assets shall be distributed on the basis of the fair market value thereof and any Member entitled to any interest in such assets shall receive the same by separate distribution of such assets or by distributions of undivided interests therein with all other Members so entitled, as is determined by the unanimous agreement of the Members.

6. EXCESS LOAN AND CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS PROCEEDS. In the event that a loan is obtained on security of Company property in substitution or in addition to any existing loan or in the event of the sale or other disposition of such property in whole or in part, then, upon the consummation of such loan or the sale or other disposition of such property, as the case may be, the proceeds thereof shall be applied in the following order: (a) to the discharge of any existing loan, if necessary; (b) to the payment of the expenses incidental to such loan or the expenses of sale, and any unpaid expenses of operation or maintenance of such property, as the case may be; and (c) any remaining balance to be distributed to the Members as provided in paragraph 5(b), subject to paragraph 5(c).

7. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) In General. Any Member identified on the signature page of this Agreement or who becomes a new Member upon compliance with paragraph 18 below shall continue as a Member until his membership in the Company ceases. A Member's membership in the Company shall cease upon the events specified in Section 33-44-601 of the Act, including, without limitation: the Member's voluntary withdrawal from the Company (if permitted by paragraph 11), the Member's assignment of its entire interest in the Company in accordance with this Agreement, the removal of the Member as provided in this Agreement, an act of Bankruptcy by the Member as defined in paragraph 12, the Member's death or adjudication of incompetency, termination of a trust which is a Member,

liquidation of a Member which is a partnership, LLC, or corporation, or distribution of its entire interest in the Company by an estate or trust Member or by a partnership, corporate, or LLC Member. When the Member's membership in the Company ceases, he shall have no rights greater than those of a transferee as provided in Section 33-44-502 of the Act.

(b) Rights Accruing to Members. All Members shall have access to such information and records of the Company as provided in Section 33-44-408 of the Act, subject to the limitations provided therein.

(c) Action by Members. For purposes of this Agreement, whenever a decision or action by the Members on behalf of the Company is called for and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, then each Member shall be entitled to one vote (or fraction thereof) for each percentage point of his Percentage Interest as provided in paragraph 4(a) at such time. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, a majority vote of the Members shall be required to approve any such action or decision, provided that the following matters shall require the affirmative vote of at least 100% in voting interest of the Members:

(i) The amendment of this Agreement (except as to any matter the approval of which would require a greater affirmative vote, or except as to any of the economic rights of the Members, the amendment of which shall require the unanimous vote of the Members).

(ii) Merger of the Company,

(iii) The encumbrance, sale, transfer, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company,

(iv) The admission of a new Member to the Company, subject to compliance with paragraph 18 below,

(v) The adjustment of capital account balances of the Members described in paragraph 3(e),

(vi) The contribution of additional capital to the Company pursuant to paragraph 3(b),

(vii) The incurrence of indebtedness by the Company other than in the ordinary course of business,

(viii) A fundamental change in the nature of the business of the Company,
and

(ix) The dissolution and liquidation of the Company as provided in paragraph 15 below.

(d) Waiver of Right of Partition. Each of the Members irrevocably waives during the term of the Company any right to maintain any action for partition with respect to the Company's property.

8. MANAGEMENT.

(a) Initial Managing Members. All Members are not necessarily managers by virtue of their status as Members. The Members shall designate certain Members as the Managing Members from time to time. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the initial Managing Members of the Company (the "Managers") shall be:
Southeastern Housing Preservation, Inc. and Fitch Irick SC LLC

Each Manager shall continue as a Manager of the Company with all rights, authority, and responsibilities provided in this Agreement until the time that he ceases to be a Manager as provided in paragraph 8(d) below, whereupon his successor shall be appointed as provided therein.

(b) Authority of Manager. Any decisions made by the Managers shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Managers. Subject to the voting rights as provided in this Agreement, the Managers shall have all of the rights and powers which may be possessed by Managers under the Act including, without limitation, the right and power to:

(i) acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise any real or personal property which may be necessary, convenient, or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes of the Company;

(ii) operate, maintain, finance, improve, construct, own, grant options with respect to, sell, convey, assign, mortgage, and lease any real estate and any personal property necessary, convenient, or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes of the Company;

(iii) borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness necessary, convenient, or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes of the Company, and secure the same by mortgage, pledge, or other lien on any Company property;

(iv) execute any and all agreements, contracts, documents, certifications, and instruments necessary or convenient in connection with the management, maintenance, development and operation of Company property and Company business;

(v) execute, in furtherance of any or all of the purposes of the Company, any deed, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, mortgage note, promissory note, bill of sale, contract, or other instrument purporting to obligate the Company or convey or encumber any or all of the Company property;

(vi) prepay in whole or in part, refinance, recast, increase, modify, or extend any liabilities affecting the Company property and in connection therewith execute any extensions or renewals of encumbrances on any or all of the Company property;

(vii) care for and distribute funds to the Members by way of cash, income, return of capital, or otherwise, all in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and perform all matters in furtherance of the objectives of the Company or this Agreement;

(viii) contract on behalf of the Company for the employment and services of employees and independent contractors and delegate to such persons the duty to manage or supervise any of the assets or operations of the Company; and

(ix) engage in any kind of activity and perform and carry out contracts of any kind (including contracts of insurance covering risks to Company property and Managers liability) necessary or incidental to, or in connection with, the accomplishment of the purposes of the Company, as may be lawfully carried on or performed by an LLC under the laws of each state in which the Company is then formed or qualified.

The actions of the Managers hereunder shall be binding upon the Company. Any document, instrument, or agreement shall require the signature of all of the Manager(s) in order to be a valid and binding obligation of the Company. No Manager shall be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to any of the Members for any acts performed by the Manager within the scope of his authority except for acts of willful misconduct, fraud, bad faith, gross negligence, or

breach of his obligations or representations under this Agreement or any other agreement with or obligation to the Company.

(c) Reimbursement of Expenses. Each of the Members and Managers shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Company for direct expenses attributable to the organization, operation, and management of the Company, provided such expenses are approved as provided in or permitted by this Agreement.

(d) Resignation or Removal of Manager. Any Manager may resign or be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of 100% of the voting interest of the Members as determined in this paragraph 8. The term "for cause" shall mean:

(i) A Manager's failure or refusal to perform those duties which he is required hereunder or by law to perform in furtherance of the business of the Company;

(ii) A Manager's intentional activity which causes material injury to the Company;

(iii) A Manager's committing a fraud against the Company or using or appropriating for personal use or benefit funds or properties of the Company when not authorized to do so;

(iv) A Manager's committing an act of gross negligence regarding the business of the Company; or

(v) In conducting his own affairs or those of the Company, a Manager's jeopardizing the status of the Company for purposes of federal income taxation in accordance with the then existing provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, or the policies of the Internal Revenue Service.

Upon a Manager's resignation, removal, death, adjudication or other determination (as provided below) of incompetence, or upon any other event specified in Section 33-44-409 of the Act, the affected Manager shall cease to be a Manager and the Members upon the agreement of a majority in voting interest shall elect a successor Manager to replace the former Manager. A Manager shall be deemed incompetent (for purposes of the preceding sentence) upon the agreement of at least 50% in voting interest of the Members, and the written certification of incompetence by a duly licensed physician selected by at least 50% in voting interest of the Members. If the Members fail to elect a

successor Manager leaving the Company without one, then the Company shall liquidate and terminate as provided in paragraph 5(c).

(e) Other Rights of Managers. Each of the Managers and Members may have other business interests and may engage in any other business or trade, profession, or employment whatsoever, on his own account, or in partnership with or as an employee of or as an officer, director, shareholder, manager, member or partner of any person, firm, corporation, LLC, or partnership, and he shall not be required to devote his entire time to the business of the Company. No Manager or Member shall be obligated to devote more time and attention to the conduct of the business of the Company than shall be required for the supervision of the ownership, development, operation, and management of the Company's property and business.

(f) Contracting with Manager. The Company is expressly permitted in the normal course of its business to enter into transactions with a Manager or with any Affiliate (as hereinafter defined) of a Manager, provided that the price and other terms of such transactions are fair to the Company and that the price and other terms of such transaction are not less favorable to the Company than those generally prevailing with respect to comparable transactions. The term "Affiliate" shall mean any member, manager, shareholder or partner in or of a Manager, or any LLC, corporation, partnership or other entity in which a Manager or any member, manager, shareholder or partner of a Manager has an interest, or any person related by blood or marriage to the Manager.

(g) Partnership Representative. The person specifically authorized to act as the "Partnership Representative" under the Code and in any similar capacity under federal, state or local law is:

Fitch Irick SC LLC

9. INDEMNIFICATION. The Company shall indemnify every Manager in respect of payments made and personal liabilities reasonably incurred by the Manager in the authorized conduct of the Company's business or for the preservation of its business or property. Except as provided below or as otherwise provided in the Act, no Manager shall be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of any duty to the Company, and the Company shall indemnify any Manager or Member against judgements, settlements, penalties, fines, or expenses incurred in a proceeding to which such Manager or Member is a party because he is or was a Manager or Member of the Company, as provided in Section 33-44-403 of the Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the

personal liability of a Manager shall not be limited and the Company shall not indemnify him with respect to (i) acts or omissions that the Manager knew at the time of such acts or omissions were clearly in conflict with the interests of the Company, (ii) any transaction from which the Manager derived an improper personal benefit, (iii) acts or omissions occurring prior to the date of this Agreement, or (iv) matters expressed in the last sentence of paragraph 8(b) for which the Manager would be liable.

10. ASSIGNMENT.

(a) General Prohibition on Assignment. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each Member is prohibited from selling, assigning, transferring, setting over, mortgaging, creating a security interest in, or hypothecating his interest in the Company or the Company assets in any manner whatsoever, including without limitation transfers incident to separation, divorce, or equitable distribution, nor may the interest of any of the Members in the Company or the Company assets be transferred by operation of law or by any assignment by operation of law, unless otherwise agreed in writing by all Members. Any assignment in violation of this paragraph 10 shall be null and void.

(b) Right of First Refusal. The foregoing notwithstanding, if a Member ("Selling Member") desires to sell his interest in the Company, the Selling Member shall in writing express such an intention and make an offer ("the Offer") to the other Members to purchase the Selling Member's interest at a Purchase Price equal to the book value of the Selling Member's capital account plus the Selling Member's share of the current year's earnings through the date of the transfer as determined by the certified public accountant regularly employed by the Company for the most recent reporting period preceding the purchase and upon the payment terms contained in paragraph 12(b) herein. The other Members shall have sixty (60) days from receipt of the Offer within which to accept the Offer. Any of the other Members collectively desiring to purchase all, but not less than all, of the membership interest being offered, shall do so in the proportions that their Percentage Interests bear one to the other; provided that if any such Member does not want to purchase the full portion of the interest to which he is entitled, such portion may be purchased by the other purchasers in the manner provided above. Alternatively, if all of the other Members agree, the Company may exercise this first right of refusal and purchase and liquidate the Selling Member's interest upon the terms and conditions of this paragraph. If the other Members or the Company do not accept the Offer to purchase the entire membership interest being offered within sixty (60) days

of its receipt, then the Selling Member may transfer his interest pursuant to a bona fide purchaser provided that such transfer occurs within ninety (90) days after the receipt of the Offer by the other Members. Such transfer shall only entitle the transferee to the transferor's interests in the Company's profits and losses, distributions, and capital as an assignee in accordance with Section 33-44-502 of the Act, and the transferee shall receive the same only as provided in this Agreement. Such transfer shall not entitle the transferee to become a Member in the Company and the transferee can only become a Member pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 18 hereof. In the event that the Selling Member shall not make such transfer within the aforesaid time period then the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall again be complied with and a new offer shall be made before any transfer may thereafter be made. Any transferee or assignee of an interest pursuant to this Agreement (who has not become a Member) shall have all the obligations imposed upon a Member as set forth in this Agreement with respect to the transferred interest.

(c) Special Assignment Rights. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Member may from time to time transfer a portion or portions of his interest in the Company as a gift directly to or in trust for the benefit of his spouse, children, and issue provided the Grantor-Member remains as a Member and retains some interest in the Company. In the event of any such family transfer, all of such transferred membership interest shall be attributed to the Grantor-Member for purposes of obligations hereunder including contribution among the Members, and the transferee is entitled to become a Member of the Company only as provided in paragraph 18.

11. WITHDRAWAL. Without the unanimous written consent of the Members, except as provided below a Member may not voluntarily withdraw from the Company and thereby require the Company to dissolve and liquidate or to purchase or redeem such Member's interest.

12. EXPULSION.

(a) Default of a Member. Should any Member (a "defaulting Member") violate any of the provisions of this Agreement including (but not limited to) the failure to make any capital contribution required under paragraph 3 (which violation remains uncured thirty (30) days after written notice thereof to the defaulting Member, or in the case of a requirement to contribute money to the Company, within five (5) days after written request therefor has been given); or withdraw or attempt to withdraw from the Company in breach of this Agreement; or transfer or attempt to transfer his interest in breach of this Agreement; or become Bankrupt as defined in paragraph 12(c); (any of such events constituting a "default") then, a majority in voting interest of the remaining

Members shall have the right within the six (6) month period after the event constituting the default (irrespective of any cure or attempt to cure subsequent to the default) to elect that the defaulting Member's interest in the Company be purchased and redeemed by the Company, the election to be exercised by written notice to the defaulting Member. If such written notice is given, the defaulting Member shall be deemed to withdraw from the Company on the date fixed in such notice (the "Effective Date"), which must be on the last day of a month not later than sixty (60) days after such notice is given. On such withdrawal, the defaulting Member shall be entitled to be paid by the Company an amount for his membership interest calculated and payable as provided below. Any loss due to such default shall be charged against the capital account of the defaulting Member before he is entitled to receive the above payment. A defaulting Member shall not be entitled to any voting rights as to any matter of Company business while any such default shall remain uncured. For all purposes of this paragraph 12, any such event of default by (i) an assignee of a membership interest hereunder (if such assignee has not in fact become a Member), or (ii) a shareholder, partner, or member of a Member which is a corporation, partnership, or LLC, shall be deemed a default by such assignee or Member and shall subject such assignee's or such Member's interest to the purchase options of this paragraph.

(b) Price to Be Paid. The price to be paid for a defaulting Member's interest shall be equal to eighty percent (80%) of the capital account balance of the defaulting Member as of the Effective Date, which valuation is intended to reflect liquidated damages as a compensatory measure in favor of the non-defaulting Members as a result of the default. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the purchase price shall be paid on a level payment amortization basis, with principal and interest being due and payable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning one (1) year after the Effective Date, with interest on the unpaid balance accruing from the Effective Date at a fixed rate equal to the Prime Rate as established by Bank of America, N.A. existing on the Effective Date but in no event less than the applicable federal rate established pursuant to the Code for such month. The Company shall execute a promissory note in the amount of the purchase price in accordance with the terms hereof which shall be secured as provided in paragraph 14. The closing of the purchase shall occur within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.

(c) Special Provisions. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Bankruptcy" shall mean and a Member shall be deemed "Bankrupt" upon (i) the entry of a decree or order for relief of such Member or adjudication of such Member's insolvency by a court of competent jurisdiction in

any involuntary case involving such Member under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect; (ii) the Member's seeking, consenting to, or acquiescing in, the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or other similar agent for such Member or for any substantial part of such Member's assets or property; (iii) the ordering of the winding up or liquidation of such Member's affairs or of any substantial part of such Member's assets or property; (iv) the Member's filing of a petition or answer seeking for such Member any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any statute, law, or regulation; (v) the commencement by such Member of a voluntary case under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect; (vi) the Member's filing an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against the Member in any proceeding described in the prior items of this paragraph; (vii) the making by such Member of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (viii) the continuation of any proceeding against the Member seeking reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any statute, law, or regulation, for 120 days after the commencement thereof; or (ix) the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator for the person or all or any substantial part of the person's properties without the Member's agreement or acquiescence, which appointment is not vacated or stayed for 120 days or, if the appointment is stayed, for 120 days after the expiration of the stay during which period the appointment is not vacated

13. DEATH. Upon the death of any Member or assignee, the surviving Members shall have the right to purchase all of the decedent's interest in the Company exercisable upon written notice to the decedent's personal representative (the "P.R.") within six (6) months after the date of death. The P.R. shall continue as a Member (if decedent was a Member) until the decedent's estate transfers its interest in the Company as provided below. Such right to purchase shall be exercised by all surviving Members desiring to participate in the purchase in the proportions that their Percentage Interests bear one to the other; provided that if any such Member does not want to purchase the full portion of the interest to which he is entitled, such portion may be purchased by the other purchasers in the manner provided above. Such rights to purchase shall apply only to and be effective only for all of the decedent's interest in the Company. The purchase price shall be equal to the decedent's capital account balance plus the decedent's share of the current year's earnings through the date of

the transfer as determined by the certified public accountant regularly employed by the Company for the most recent reporting period preceding the event which triggers the purchase.

Payment of the purchase price shall be made in the same manner as that provided in paragraph 12 above, except that the Effective Date of withdrawal of the decedent shall be the date of such written notice to the P.R., the closing of such purchase shall occur within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, and any deferred payment shall be secured as provided in paragraph 14. Alternatively, if all remaining Members agree the Company may exercise this option to purchase and liquidate the decedent's interest upon the terms and conditions of this paragraph. If the Company and the Company business are continued as provided in paragraph 15 then, subject to the foregoing options, the decedent's heir, legatee or beneficiary, as the case may be, shall succeed to the decedent's interest in the Company in the same manner and in all respects as the decedent and become a Member if decedent was a Member, upon execution of a written undertaking to become a party to this Agreement.

14. SECURITY FOR PAYMENT. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, if any part of the purchase price payable to a Member hereunder is paid by the purchaser's delivery of a promissory note payable to the selling Member, then the purchaser shall secure such deferred payment as follows. If the purchaser is another Member, then the purchasing Member shall grant to the selling Member a security interest in the membership interest being purchased. The security interest shall be perfected by the purchaser's (i) executing financing statements in form suitable to the selling Member and filing the same in the Secretary of State's office in South Carolina and in the Register of Deeds' office in the county of residence of the purchasing Member and in such other places as shall be necessary to perfect the security interest of the selling Member, and (ii) undertaking any other actions as shall be necessary to perfect the security interest of the selling Member. If the purchaser is the Company, the Company shall deliver with its promissory note to the selling Member a deed of trust on the Company's real property (subject to any existing deed of trust or other encumbrance on the same) in form suitable to the selling Member, which deed of trust shall be recorded as required by law to perfect the selling Member's security in the same. If the Company has no real property, the Company shall grant to the selling Member a security interest in its personal property (subject to any existing perfected security interest thereon), which shall be perfected by the Company's executing and filing financing statements as provided above. So long as any part of the purchase price is unpaid, the selling Member shall have all of the rights, elections and remedies

available to a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of South Carolina.

15. DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP. The Company shall be dissolved and its affairs wound up upon the time specified in paragraph 2 for termination or upon the vote of the Members as provided in paragraph 7(c). Unless otherwise required by law or this paragraph, no event, including a Member's cessation of membership in the Company, shall dissolve the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any such dissolution of the Company occurs pursuant to requirement of law or otherwise, the Company shall continue and not be liquidated and terminated if (i) there is at least one remaining Member and (ii) the remaining Members elect to continue the Company pursuant to the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting interests of the remaining Members, such election to be made within ninety (90) days after the event of dissolution. If the Company is dissolved and is not continued as provided above, the Managers shall wind up the affairs of the Company and liquidate and terminate the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Act and paragraph 5(c).

16. BANKING. All funds of the Company shall be deposited in its name in such checking account or accounts as shall be designated unanimously by the Managers. All withdrawals therefrom are to be made upon checks signed by a signatory designated to the bank by the Managers.

17. BOOKS. The Company shall maintain such books and records as the Managers unanimously shall deem adequate. All books, records and accounts of the Company shall be open to all Members during normal business hours. For the purpose of Company accounting and for income tax reporting, the books shall be maintained on a cash or accrual basis as the Managers unanimously shall determine. The Company's fiscal year shall be the calendar year. At the close of each fiscal year, the Company's books shall be closed and the Managers may cause the books to be audited, reviewed, or compiled by an independent certified public accountant. Statements showing the results of operation shall be prepared and supplied to all Members.

18. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, new Members shall be admitted into the Company only upon the vote of the Members as provided in paragraph 7(c), and such new Member's 1) making any capital contribution to the Company required by the Managers, and 2) signing an agreement to observe and be bound by all terms and provisions of this Agreement.

19. NOTICES. All notices shall be given in person, or by registered or certified mail or by overnight mail carrier addressed to the Members at their most recent addresses as maintained in the books and records of the Company. Any Member may change such address by written notice sent by registered or certified mail to the Company.

20. APPLICABLE LAW. This Agreement, the relations, rights, and duties of the Members among themselves, and all matters pertaining to the Company and its property shall be governed by the statutes and laws of the State of South Carolina applicable to limited liability companies.


21. INUREMENT. The covenants and agreements contained herein shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon all of the parties hereto and their respective executors, personal representatives, successors in interest, heirs or legatees, and assigns.

[signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed and sealed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.


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a North Carolina non-profit corporation

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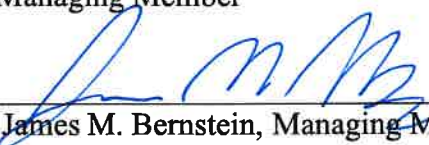
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