#### **EXHIBIT C**

### BYLAWS OF GERMANTOWN COMMONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

# ARTICLE I MEMBERS

Section 1. Identity.

- (a) These are the Bylaws of GERMANTOWN COMMONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "<u>Association</u>"), a corporation not for profit, incorporated under the laws of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act.
- (b) The Association has been organized for the purpose of serving as the property owners association for the residential development known as GERMANTOWN COMMONS, A CONDOMINIUM, in accordance with the Declaration of Germantown Commons, a Condominium dated September 29, 2013, and filed of record in the Register's Office for Davidson County, Tennessee (as the same may be modified, amended or restated, the "Declaration"). All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration.
- Section 2. <u>Members</u>. Every Owner shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. "<u>Owner</u>" shall mean and refer to the Person or entity, including Declarant, who holds the record title to any Unit which is part of the Property, but excluding in all cases any party holding an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. If a Unit is sold under a recorded contract of sale and the contract specifically so provides, then the purchaser (rather than the fee owner) will be the Owner.
- Section 3. <u>Succession</u>. The membership of each Member shall terminate when such Member ceases to be an Owner, and upon the sale, transfer or other disposition of such Member's ownership interest in a Unit, membership in the Association shall automatically be transferred to the new Owner succeeding to such ownership interest.
- Section 4. Regular Meetings. The first regular annual meeting of Members (the "First Meeting"), subject to the terms hereof, shall be held on the third Tuesday of October of the calendar year following the year in which the first Unit has been sold. Subsequent to the First Meeting, there shall be a regular annual meeting of Members within fifteen (15) days before or after each anniversary of the First Meeting. All such meetings of Members shall be held at a location in Davidson County, Tennessee, and at such time as specified in the written notice of such meeting which shall be sent to all Members at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting.
- Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings of all Members may be called by the President or by a majority of the Members of the Board, or by Members having at least three-fifths (3/5) of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting. Said special meetings shall be called by sending written notice to all Members not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of said meeting, stating the date, time and place of said special meeting and the matters to be considered.

- Section 6. <u>Delivery of Notice of Meetings</u>. Any notice to the Members required to be sent or given by the Bylaws shall be deemed to have been sent if such notice is in writing and is delivered to each Member by hand delivery, overnight courier, facsimile transmission or other form of wire or wireless communication or is sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid or by e-mail, to the address provided in writing from time to time by such Member to the Association.
- Section 7. <u>Voting.</u> No Owner, whether one (1) or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership vote per Unit owned. In the event the Owner of a Unit is more than one (1) Person, votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided herein. A Member or the Member's spouse, subject to the provisions of the Declaration and the Bylaws, may exercise the rights and privileges of membership. The membership rights of a Unit owned by a corporation or partnership shall be exercised by the individual designated by the Owner in a written instrument provided to the Secretary, subject to the provisions of the Declaration and the Bylaws. In any situation in which more than one (1) Person holds the interest in a Unit required for membership, the vote for such Unit shall be exercised as those Persons determine among themselves and advise the Secretary of the Association in writing prior to any meeting. In the absence of such advice, the Unit's vote shall be suspended if more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it.
- Section 8. Quorum. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Declaration or these Bylaws, a quorum of Members for any meeting shall be constituted by Members represented in person or by proxy and holding at least twenty percent (20%) of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

### ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. Number, Election and Term of Office. The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors (the "Board") composed of five (5) individuals (the "Directors" and each a "Director") appointed or elected as provided in these Bylaws, except that the Interim Board (as defined below) shall be composed of three (3) individuals. Prior to the First Meeting, the Board shall be an interim board composed of those individuals named in the Charter of this Association (the "Interim Board"). The Interim Board shall have and shall exercise all powers and obligations given to the Board by these Bylaws. At the First Meeting and at each annual meeting thereafter, Directors shall be appointed or elected as follows:
- (a) As long as the Declarant is a Member, the Declarant may appoint up to three (3) Directors, to serve for a one (1) year term. Directors appointed by the Declarant do not have to be Members.
- (b) The remaining Directors, including those seats, if any, as to which Declarant may decide, from time to time, not to exercise its appointment right, shall be elected by majority vote by the Membership to serve a one year term. Directors elected by the Members are required to be Members. Voting by proxy is allowed.

Any Director so appointed or elected may be appointed or elected to subsequent terms as a Director without limitation.

Section 2. <u>Qualification</u>. Except for members of the Interim Board and any Directors appointed by Declarant, each Director shall be a Member. If a Director shall cease to be a EXHIBIT C, PAGE - 2

Member during that Director's term, he or she shall thereupon cease to be a Director and such place on the Board shall be deemed vacant.

- Section 3. <u>Vacancies</u>. Any vacancy occurring in the Board shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining Directors. Any Director so elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- Section 4. <u>Meetings</u>. A regular annual meeting of the Board shall be held not less than ten (10) days following the regular annual meeting of Members. Special meetings of the Board shall be held upon a call by the President or by a majority of the Board on not less than forty-eight (48) hours' notice in writing to each Director, delivered by hand delivery, overnight courier, mail, e-mail, telegram or facsimile transmission or another form of wire or wireless communication. Any Director may waive notice of a meeting, or consent to the holding of a meeting without notice, or consent to any action proposed to be taken by the Board without a meeting. A Director's attendance at a meeting shall constitute his or her waiver of notice of said meeting.
- Section 5. <u>Removal</u>. Any Director may be removed from office for cause by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total vote of the Members.
- Section 6. <u>Compensation</u>. Directors shall receive no compensation for their services as Directors, unless expressly provided for in resolutions duly adopted separately by the Members.
  - Section 7. Quorum. Three (3) Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 8. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The Board shall have the following powers and duties:
- (a) to elect and remove the Officers of the Association as hereinafter provided;
- (b) to administer the affairs of the Association and the Common Elements, including the purchasing of casualty and liability insurance authorized by the Declaration;
- (c) to formulate policies for the administration, management and operation of the Common Elements;
- (d) to adopt rules and regulations, with written notice thereof to all Owners, governing the administration, management, operation and use of the Common Elements;
- (e) to provide for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Common Elements, certain elements of the Units as set forth in the Declaration and other expenses authorized by the Declaration and payments therefor, to approve payment vouchers or to delegate such approval to the Officers;
- (f) to provide for the designation, hiring and removal of employees and other personnel, including accountants and attorneys, and to engage or contract for the services of others, and to make purchases for the maintenance, repair, replacement, administration,

management and operation of the Common Elements, certain components of the Units as set forth in the Declaration and other expenses authorized by the Declaration;

- (g) to appoint committees of the Board and to delegate to such committees the Board's authority to carry out certain duties of the Board;
  - (h) to make architectural and other decisions as provided in the Declaration;
- (i) to determine the fiscal year of the Association and to change said fiscal year from time to time as the Board deems advisable;
- (j) to estimate the amount of the annual budget, and to provide the manner of assessing and collecting from the Members their respective shares of such estimated expenses, as hereinafter provided;
- (k) to exercise any other powers and duties ascribed to the Board or the Association in the Declaration; and
- (l) unless otherwise provided herein or in the Declaration, to comply with the instructions of a majority of the Members, as expressed in a resolution duly adopted at any annual or special meeting of the Members.
- Section 9. <u>Non-Delegation</u>. Nothing in this Article or elsewhere in these Bylaws shall be considered to grant to the Board, the Association or to the Officers of the Association any powers or duties which, by law, have been delegated to the Members.

## ARTICLE III OFFICERS

- Section 1. <u>Designation</u>. At each regular annual meeting, the Directors present at said meeting shall elect the following Officers of the Association by a majority vote:
- (a) a President, who shall be a Director and who shall preside over the meetings of the Board and of the Members, and who shall be the chief executive officer of the Association;
- (b) a Secretary, who shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board and of the Members, and who shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary;
- (c) a Treasurer, who shall be responsible for financial records and books of account and the manner in which such records and books are kept and reported; and
  - (d) such additional Officers as the Board shall see fit to elect.
- Section 2. <u>Powers</u>. The respective Officers shall have the general powers usually vested in such Officers; provided that the Board may delegate any specific powers to any other Officer or impose such limitations or restrictions upon the powers of any Officer as the Board may see fit.

- Section 3. <u>Term of Office</u>. Each Officer shall hold office for the term of one (1) year and until the successor shall have been appointed or elected and qualified.
- Section 4. <u>Vacancies</u>. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by the Board by a majority vote of the remaining members thereof at a special meeting of said Board. Any officer so elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remaining unexpired term. Any Officer may be removed for cause at any time by vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the total members of the Board at a special meeting thereof.
- Section 5. <u>Compensation</u>. The Officers shall receive no compensation for their services as Officers.

## ARTICLE IV ASSESSMENTS

Annual Budget. The Board shall cause to be prepared, at least sixty (60) Section I. days before the beginning of the fiscal year and thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the budget shall be presented to the Members, a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming fiscal year (the "Operating Budget"), together with a budget that shall take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets of the Association, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost of each asset for the coming fiscal year (the "Capital Budget"), said fiscal year to be determined by the Board. The Operating Budget and the Capital Budget shall be collectively referenced as the "Budget". The Operating Budget shall include a capital contribution establishing a reserve fund in accordance with the Capital Budget. The Board shall set the required capital contribution, if any, in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected capital needs of the Association as shown on the Capital Budget, with respect both to the amount and timing of Assessments over the period of the Budget. To the extent that the assessments and other cash income collected from the Members during the preceding year shall be more or less than the expenditures for such preceding year, the surplus or deficit, as the case may be, shall also be taken into account in preparing the new Budget.

Section 2. The Board shall cause a copy of the Budget, and the amount of each General Assessment and Special Assessment to be levied against each Unit for the following year, to be delivered to each Member at least ten (10) days prior to each annual meeting. The Board shall set Assessments based on the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget, provided that the Board may not increase Assessments more than fifteen percent (15%) per annum without a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Members of the Association. The Budget shall become effective unless disapproved at the meeting by a majority vote of the total Association membership. In the event the Members disapprove the proposed Budget or the Board fails for any reason to determine the Budget for the succeeding year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined as provided herein, the Budget in effect for the then current year shall continue for the succeeding year. Each Owner shall pay the monthly or quarterly or annual assessment relating to such Owner's Units on or before the first day of each applicable month to the Association or as may be otherwise directed by the Board.

#### Section 3. Assessments.

- (a) The Board may impose and collect the following Annual Assessments for Common Expenses from time to time general assessments for expenses determined by the Board to benefit the Association and/or the Units as a whole, including without limitation, expenses incurred by the Association in fulfilling its maintenance obligations set forth in the Declaration ("General Assessments"). General Assessments shall be allocated equally among all Units.
- In addition to the Annual Assessments, the Board may levy, during any calendar or fiscal year, but in no event prior to the First Meeting of the Members, special assessments, applicable only to that year, to be used solely to defray, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, or unexpected repair or replacement of a capital improvement, including the necessary fixtures and personal property related thereto ("Special Assessments"). The Board may levy a Special Assessment against all Units for such expenses determined by the Board to benefit the Association and/or the Units as a whole, and may levy a Special Assessment against particular portions of the Properties for such expenses as may be determined by the Board to benefit less than the Association as a whole. The Board may also levy a Special Assessment against particular Units to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in maintaining such Units upon failure of the Owner to do so, as set forth in this Declaration. Except for Special Assessments imposed upon particular Units to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in maintaining such Units upon failure of the Owner to do so and except for Special Assessments imposed under the Declaration, a Special Assessment must be approved by vote or written consent of (a) seventy-five percent (75%) of Members in the Association present and voting, either in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote at a meeting of the members of the Association called for such purpose at which a quorum is present; or (b) seventy-five percent (75%) of the Owners directly affected or benefited by the Special Assessment, in the opinion of the Board, if less than all of the Owners are benefited.
- (c) Each Owner shall pay to the Association at closing a start-up assessment fee equal to three month's Assessment to provide the Association with initial working capital. This one-time Assessment shall be in addition to the regular Assessments provided for above.
- Section 4. <u>Partial Year or Month</u>. For the first fiscal year and thereafter until the First Board is elected, the annual budget shall be approved by the Interim Board. If such first fiscal year, or any succeeding fiscal year, shall be less than a full year, then the monthly or quarterly or annual assessments for each Member shall be proportionate to the number of months and days in such period covered by such budget.
- Section 5. <u>Annual Report</u>. Within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year covered by an annual budget, or as soon thereafter as shall be practicable, the Board shall cause to be furnished to each Member a statement for such year so ended, showing the receipts and expenditures and such other information as the Board may deem desirable.
- Section 6. <u>Supplemental Budget</u>. In the event that during the course of any year, it shall appear to the Board that the Assessments, determined in accordance with the Budget for such year, are insufficient or inadequate to cover the estimated expenses for the remainder of such year, then the Board shall prepare and approve a supplemental budget covering the estimated deficiency for the remainder of such year, copies of which supplemental budget shall

be furnished to each Member, and thereupon a supplemental assessment shall be made to each Member for his proportionate share of such supplemental budget.

Section 7. Records and Statement of Account. The Board shall cause to be kept detailed and accurate records in chronological order of the receipts and expenditures of the Association, specifying and itemizing the Common Expenses incurred. Payment vouchers may be approved in such manner as the Board may determine.

### ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of affirmative vote by the Members, subject to the limitations on amendments without the consent of the Mortgagees or Declarant under the Declaration. Any amendment shall not become effective until recorded in the Register's Office of Davidson County, Tennessee.