## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 9, 2020

#### DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
1-9819
52-1549373
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)
4991 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 100
Glen Allen, Virginia
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

(804) 217-5800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

#### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	DX	New York Stock Exchange
7.625% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	DXPRB	New York Stock Exchange
6.900% Series C Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable	DXPRC	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company

f an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised fi counting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. 0	nancial

#### Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

#### Approval of the Dynex Capital, Inc. 2020 Stock and Incentive Plan

Dynex Capital, Inc. (the "Company") held its annual meeting of shareholders on June 9, 2020 (the "2020 Annual Meeting"), at which four proposals were submitted to the Company's shareholders. The proposals are described in detail in the Company's proxy statement for the 2020 Annual Meeting filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on April 28, 2020 (the "2020 Proxy Statement").

At the 2020 Annual Meeting, the Company's shareholders approved the Dynex Capital, Inc. 2020 Stock and Incentive Plan (the "2020 Plan"), which the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") had adopted, subject to shareholder approval, on April 27, 2020, based on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board (the "Committee"). The 2020 Plan is described in detail in the 2020 Proxy Statement. The 2020 Plan, which became effective upon shareholder approval at the 2020 Annual Meeting, replaces the Company's 2018 Stock and Incentive Plan, as amended and restated effective June 20, 2019 (the "2018 Plan"). Awards previously granted under the 2018 Plan or any other prior equity plan will remain outstanding and valid in accordance with their terms, but no new awards will be granted under the 2018 Plan or any other prior equity plan following the 2020Annual Meeting.

The purpose of the 2020 Plan is to promote the success of the Company and its subsidiaries by providing incentive to certain key employees, non-employee directors, consultants and advisors to associate their personal interests with the long-term financial success of the Company and with growth in shareholder value, consistent with the Company's risk management practices. The 2020 Plan is designed to provide flexibility to the Company in its ability to attract, retain the services of and motivate key employees, non-employee directors, consultants and advisors upon whose judgment, experience, interest and special effort the successful conduct of the Company's operations largely depends.

The 2020 Plan authorizes the granting of stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights, performance units and performance cash awards. Awards may be granted under the 2020 Plan to key employees, non-employee directors, consultants and advisors to the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, as determined by the Committee, which has been appointed to administer the 2020 Plan.

Subject to the right of the Board to terminate the 2020 Plan at any time, awards may be granted under the 2020 Plan until June 8, 2030, after which date no further awards may be granted. Any awards granted under the 2020 Plan that are outstanding on June 8, 2030 will remain outstanding and valid in accordance with their terms.

Subject to adjustment in the event of certain changes in the Company's capital structure, the maximum number of shares of the Company's common stock that may be issued under the 2020 Plan is 2,300,000. Shares of common stock related to awards that terminate, expire or lapse for any reason other than as a result of exercise or settlement and shares of common stock issued pursuant to awards that are forfeited will not count against this maximum.

Under the 2020 Plan, the maximum number of shares with respect to which awards may be granted in any calendar year to a participant is 400,000 shares in the aggregate and the maximum dollar amount of cash awards that may be granted in any calendar year to a participant is \$5,000,000 in the aggregate.

The Committee has the authority under the 2020 Plan to select participants and to grant awards on terms the Committee considers appropriate. Subject to the terms of the 2020 Plan, the Committee also has the authority, among other things, to construe and interpret the 2020 Plan and the award agreements, to establish, amend or waive rules or regulations for the 2020 Plan's administration, to accelerate the exercisability or vesting of any award and to make all other determinations and take all other actions for the administration of the 2020 Plan. The Committee may delegate its authority under the 2020 Plan to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, acting jointly, to grant awards under the 2020 Plan, except in the case of awards to directors and certain executive officers.

All awards under the 2020 Plan, whether vested or unvested, are subject to such repayment or clawback as may be required under any clawback policy adopted by the Company or under applicable law, regulation or stock exchange listing standard, which could in certain circumstances require repayment or forfeiture of awards or any shares of common stock or other cash or property received with respect to the awards, including any value received from a disposition of the shares acquired upon payment of the awards

The foregoing description of the 2020 Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 2020 Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.41.

#### Election of Director

On June 9, 2020, immediately following the 2020 Annual Meeting, the Board approved an increase in the size of the Board from five directors to six directors and elected Ms. Valerie A. Mosley as a director of the Company, effective June 9, 2020. See Item 5.03 below for information about a related amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws. Although Ms. Mosley did not stand for re-election at the 2020 Annual Meeting due to other commitments on her time, she has agreed to rejoin the Board until the Board finds a replacement for her seat. The Company is committed to filling her seat with a director with industry knowledge and experience and also committed to maintaining the current Board diversity.

Ms. Mosley will be entitled to the standard compensation provided to non-employee directors as such compensation is described in the Company's Annual Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 2020. Ms. Mosley has been appointed to the Compensation Committee and the Nominating & Corporate Governance.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Mosley and any other person pursuant to which she was elected as a director, nor is Ms. Mosley a party to any transaction with the Company that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

#### Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

Effective June 9, 2020, and in connection with the Board's election of Ms. Mosley to the Board, the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws were amended to increase the size of the Board from five members to six members, subject to automatic increase as otherwise provided in the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation.

The foregoing description of the amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended and Restated Bylaws, which are filed as Exhibit 3.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, in unmarked form, and as Exhibit 3.2.1 in redline form, showing the amendment described above, and are incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

At the 2020 Annual Meeting, four proposals were submitted to the Company's shareholders, including the proposal to approve the 2020 Plan. A quorum of the Company's common shares was present for the 2020 Annual Meeting, and the final results for the votes regarding the proposals are set forth below.

**Proposal 1** – Shareholders elected five directors of the Company to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors have been elected and duly qualified. The name of each director elected and the votes cast for such individuals are set forth below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Byron L. Boston	11,967,060	260,265	66,650	7,923,392
Michael R. Hughes	11,623,570	596,955	73,450	7,923,392
Barry A. Igdaloff	10,905,849	1,299,406	88,720	7,923,392
Robert A. Salcetti	11,888,892	330,148	74,935	7,923,392
David H. Stevens	12,014,642	204,551	74,782	7,923,392

**Proposal 2** – Shareholders approved, in an advisory and non-binding vote, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as disclosed in the 2020 Proxy Statement. The votes regarding Proposal 2 were as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
11,523,624	617,509	152,842	7,923,392

Proposal 3 – Shareholders approved the Dynex Capital, Inc. 2020 Stock and Incentive Plan. The votes regarding Proposal 3 were as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
11,509,131	648,574	136,270	7,923,392

**Proposal 4** – Shareholders approved a proposal to ratify the Company's selection of BDO USA, LLP, independent certified public accountants, as auditors for the Company for the 2020 fiscal year. The votes regarding Proposal 4 were as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
19,717,828	275,034	224,505	_

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Dynex Capital, Inc., as amended effective June 9, 2020
3.2.1	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Dynex Capital, Inc., as amended effective June 9, 2020 (redline version)
10.41	Dynex Capital, Inc. 2020 Stock and Incentive Plan, effective as of June 9, 2020
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### DYNEX CAPITAL, INC.

Date: June 9, 2020 By: /s/ Stephen J. Benedetti

Stephen J. Benedetti

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer

#### AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

OF

DYNEX CAPITAL, INC., a Virginia corporation

Adopted as of June 9, 2020

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#### ARTICLE I

#### Offices and Fiscal Year

SECTION 1.01 <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 4991 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 100, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, until otherwise established by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 1.02 Other Offices. The Corporation also may have offices at such places within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate or the business of the Corporation may require.

SECTION 1.03 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December.

#### ARTICLE II

#### **Meetings of Shareholders**

SECTION 2.01 <u>Place of Meeting</u>. All meetings of the shareholders of the Corporation shall be held at such place (if any), either within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia, or, in the case of virtual-only meetings at no physical place but solely by means of remote communication, as from time to time may be fixed by the President or by the Board of Directors in the notice of such meeting.

SECTION 2.02 <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The President or the Board of Directors may fix the date and time of the annual meeting of the shareholders, but if no such date and time is fixed by the President or the Board of Directors, the meeting for any calendar year shall be held on the fourth Monday in April in such year, if not a legal holiday under the laws of Virginia, and, if a legal holiday, then on the next succeeding business day, at 10:00 a.m., and at such meeting the shareholders then entitled to vote shall elect directors and shall transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. Failure to hold an annual meeting does not invalidate the Corporation's existence or affect any otherwise valid corporate acts.

SECTION 2.03 <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the shareholders of the Corporation for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the President, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, by a

majority of the Board of Directors, by a majority of the Independent Directors (as defined in Section 3.02 hereof), or by shareholders entitled to cast at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the votes which all shareholders are entitled to cast at the particular meeting.

At any time, upon the written request of any person or persons who have duly called a special meeting, which written request shall state the object of the meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to fix the date of the meeting to be held at such date and time as the Secretary may fix, not less than ten nor more than sixty days after the receipt of the request, and to give due notice thereof. If the Secretary shall neglect or refuse to fix the date and time of such meeting and give notice thereof, the person or persons calling the meeting may do so.

SECTION 2.04 Notice of Meetings. Written notice of every meeting of the shareholders, whether annual or special, shall be given to each shareholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting, at least ten and not more than sixty days prior to the day named for the meeting, except that notice of a meeting of shareholders to act on an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, a plan of merger or share exchange, a proposed sale of assets pursuant to Va. Code § 13.1-724, or the dissolution of the Corporation shall be given not less than twenty-five nor more than sixty days prior to the day named for the meeting. Each such notice shall state the place (if any), date and hour of the meeting and the means of remote communication (if any). In the case of a special meeting, such notice shall state briefly the purpose or purposes thereof, and no business, other than that specified in such notice and matters germane thereto, shall be transacted at any special meeting without further notice to shareholders not present in person or by proxy.

Whenever the language of a proposed resolution is included in a written notice of a meeting of shareholders, the resolution may be adopted at such meeting with such clarifying or other amendments as do not enlarge its original purpose without further notice to shareholders not present in person or by proxy.

SECTION 2.05 Quorum, Manner of Acting and Adjournment. The presence in person or by proxy of shareholders entitled to cast a majority of the votes which all shareholders are entitled to cast on the particular matter shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of considering such matter. The shareholders present in person or by proxy at a duly organized meeting can continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough shareholders from the meeting so that less than a quorum remains.

In the absence of a quorum or for any other reason, the chairman of the meeting or the Board of Directors or the shareholders present in person or by proxy acting by a majority vote and without notice other than by announcement at the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time but not for a period exceeding 120 days after the original meeting date.

Except as otherwise specified in the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws or provided by applicable law, at a duly organized meeting at which a quorum is present in person or by proxy, action on any matter (other than the election of directors) is approved by the shareholders if the votes cast favoring the matter exceed the votes cast opposing the matter.

SECTION 2.06 Organization. Every meeting of shareholders shall be conducted by a director or officer of the Corporation appointed by the Board of Directors or the Chairman of the Board 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 in the order stated: the Vice Chairman of the Board, if there be one, the President, the Vice Presidents in their order of rank and seniority, or, in the absence of such officers, a chairman chosen by the shareholders by the vote of a majority of the votes cast by shareholders present in person or by proxy. The Secretary, or, in the Secretary's absence, 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 of the meeting shall act as secretary. In the event that the Secretary presides as chairman at a meeting of shareholders, an assistant secretary, or in the absence of an assistant secretary, an individual appointed by the Board of Directors or the chairman of the meeting, shall record the minutes of the meeting.

At any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation, the chairman of the meeting shall have the right and authority to prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and to do all such acts and things as are necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the meeting, including, without limitation, the establishment of procedures for the dismissal of business not properly presented, the maintenance of order and safety, limitations on the time allotted to questions or comments on the affairs of the Corporation, restrictions on entry to such meeting after the time prescribed for the commencement thereof and the opening and closing of the voting polls. Unless otherwise determined by the chairman of the meeting, meetings of shareholders shall not be required to be held in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure. This Section 2.06 shall not limit the right of shareholders to speak at

meetings of shareholders on matters germane to the Corporation's business, subject to any rules for the orderly conduct of the meeting imposed by the chairman of the meeting.

SECTION 2.07 <u>Voting</u>. Every shareholder entitled to vote at a meeting of shareholders or to express consent or dissent to corporate action in writing without a meeting may authorize another person or persons to act for him by proxy. Every proxy shall be executed in writing by the shareholder or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact and filed with the Secretary of the Corporation. A proxy, unless coupled with an interest, shall be revocable at will, notwithstanding any other agreement or any provision in the proxy to the contrary, but the revocation of a proxy shall not be effective until notice thereof has been given to the Secretary. No unrevoked proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution, unless a longer time is expressly provided therein. A proxy shall not be revoked by the death or incapacity of the maker unless, before the authority is exercised, written notice of such death or incapacity is given to the Secretary. A shareholder shall not sell his vote or execute a proxy to any person for any sum of money or anything of value.

A shareholder or his duly authorized attorney-in-fact may also authorize another person or persons to act for him by proxy by effecting or authorizing an electronic transmission to the person who will be the holder of the proxy or to a proxy solicitation firm, proxy support service organization or like agent duly authorized by the person who will be the holder of the proxy to receive such transmission. Such electronic transmission shall contain or be accompanied by information from which one can determine that the shareholder, the shareholder's agent or the shareholder's attorney-in-fact authorized the transmission. For purposes of these Bylaws, "electronic transmission" has the meaning assigned to it in §13.1-603 of the Virginia Stock Corporation Act (or any successor provision). Any copy, facsimile telecommunication or other reliable reproduction of the writing or transmission created pursuant to this Section 2.07 may be substituted or used in lieu of the original writing or transmission for any and all purposes for which the original writing or transmission could be used, provided that such copy, facsimile telecommunication or other reproduction shall be a complete reproduction of the entire original writing or transmission.

Except as provided in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, each shareholder of record, except the holder of shares which have been called for redemption and with respect to which an irrevocable deposit of funds has been made, shall have the right, at every shareholder meeting, to one vote for every share, and to a fraction of a vote equal to every fractional share.

SECTION 2.08 <u>Voting Lists</u>. After the Board of Directors fixes a record date for a shareholder meeting, the officer or agent of the Corporation having charge of the share transfer books of the Corporation shall prepare an alphabetical list of the shareholders entitled to notice of such meeting. The shareholders' list for notice shall be available for inspection by any shareholder beginning two business days after notice of the meeting is given for which the list was prepared and continuing through the meeting, at the Corporation's principal office or at a place (if any) identified in the meeting notice in the county or city where the meeting shall be held. Such shareholders' list shall be arranged by voting group, and within each voting group by class or series of shares, and show the address of and number of shares held by each shareholder. In the event the Board of Directors has fixed a different record date to determine which shareholders are entitled to vote at such meeting, a shareholders' list for voting, prepared in the same manner as the shareholders' list for notice, shall be similarly available for inspection promptly after the record date for voting. The Corporation shall make the list of shareholders entitled to vote available at the meeting, and any shareholder, or the shareholder's agent or attorney, is entitled to inspect the list at any time during the meeting or any adjournment. If the meeting is to be held solely by means of remote communication, the list of shareholders shall be open to inspection by any shareholder, or the shareholder's agent or attorney, by means of a reasonably accessible electronic network and shall otherwise be consistent with the terms of this Section 2.08.

The original share transfer books, or a duplicate thereof, shall be prima facie evidence as to who are the shareholders entitled to examine such list or to vote, in person or by proxy, at any meeting of shareholders.

SECTION 2.09 <u>Judges of Election</u>. The vote upon any matter, including the election of directors, need not be by ballot. In advance of any meeting of shareholders the Board of Directors may appoint judges of election, who need not be shareholders, to act at such meeting or any adjournment thereof. If judges of election are not so appointed, the chairman of any such meeting may, and upon the demand of any shareholder or his proxy at the meeting and before voting begins shall, appoint judges of election. The number of judges shall be either one or three, as determined, in the case of judges appointed upon demand of a shareholder, by shareholders present entitled to cast a majority of the votes which all shareholders present are entitled to cast thereon. No person who is a candidate for office shall act as a judge. In case any person appointed as judge fails to appear or fails or refuses to act, the vacancy may be filled by appointment made by the Board of Directors in advance of the convening of the meeting, or at a meeting by the chairman of the meeting.

If judges of election are appointed as aforesaid, they shall determine the number of shares outstanding and the voting power of each, the shares represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, the authenticity, validity and effect of proxies, receive votes or ballots, hear and determine all challenges and questions in any way arising in connection with the right to vote, count and tabulate all votes, determine the result, and do such acts as may be proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all shareholders. If there be three judges of election, the decision, act or certificate of a majority shall be effective in all respects as the decision, act or certificate of all.

On request of the chairman of the meeting or of any shareholder or his proxy, the judges shall make a report in writing of any challenge or question or matter determined by them and execute a certificate of any fact found by them.

SECTION 2.10 <u>Determination of Shareholders of Record</u>. The Board of Directors may fix a date, not more than seventy nor less than ten days preceding the date of any meeting of shareholders, and not more than seventy days preceding the date fixed for the payment of any dividend or distribution, or the date for the allotment of rights, or the date when any change or conversion or exchange of shares will be made or go into effect, as a record date for the determination of the shareholders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any such meeting, or entitled to receive any such allotment of rights, or to exercise the rights in respect to any such change, conversion or exchange of shares; and in such case, if otherwise entitled to notice of, or to vote at, such meeting, or to receive payment of such dividend or distribution or to receive such allotment of rights, or exercise such rights, as the case may be, notwithstanding any transfer of any shares on the books of the Corporation after any such record date fixed as aforesaid.

Unless a record date is fixed by the Board of Directors for such purpose, transferees of shares which are transferred on the books within ten days next preceding the date of such meeting shall not be entitled to notice of, or to vote at, such meeting.

SECTION 2.11 Consent of Shareholders in Lieu of Meeting. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the shareholders or a class of shareholders of the Corporation may be taken without a meeting if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the actions so taken, shall be signed by all the shareholders who would be entitled to vote at a meeting of the shareholders or of a class of shareholders for such purpose and shall be filed with the Secretary.

SECTION 2.12 Order of Business. At any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation, only that business that is properly brought before the meeting may be presented to and acted upon by shareholders. To be properly brought before an annual meeting, business must be brought (a) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (b) by any shareholder of the Corporation who shall be entitled to vote at such meeting and who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 2.12. At a special meeting of shareholders, no business shall be transacted and no corporate action taken other than that stated in the notice of the meeting.

In addition to any other applicable requirements, for business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a shareholder, the shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation. To be timely, a shareholder's notice must be given, either by personal delivery or by United States certified mail, postage prepaid, and received at the principal executive offices of the Corporation (i) not less than 90 days nor more than 180 days before the first anniversary of the date of the Corporation's proxy statement in connection with the last annual meeting of shareholders or (b) if no annual meeting was held in the previous year or the date of the applicable annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date contemplated at the time of the previous year's proxy statement, not less than 90 days before the date of the applicable annual meeting. A shareholder's notice to the Secretary must set forth as to each matter the shareholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting (a) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting, including the complete text of any resolutions to be presented at the annual meeting, and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (b) the name and address, as they appear on the Corporation's share transfer books, of such shareholder proposing such business, (c) a representation that such shareholder is a shareholder of record and intends to appear in person or by proxy at such meeting to bring the business before the meeting specified in the notice, (d) the class and number of shares of stock of the Corporation beneficially owned by the shareholder and (e) any material interest of the shareholder in such business. The Secretary of the Corporation shall deliver each such shareholder's notice that has been timely received to the Board of Directors or a committee designated by the Board of Directors for review.

Notwithstanding anything in the Bylaws to the contrary, no business shall be conducted at an annual meeting except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2.12. The chairman of a meeting shall, if the facts warrant, determine that the business was not brought before the meeting in accordance with the procedures

prescribed by this Section 2.12, and if he should so determine, he shall so declare to the meeting and the business not properly brought before the meeting shall not be transacted

In addition to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.12, a shareholder seeking to have a proposal included in the Corporation's proxy statement must comply with the requirements of Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (including, but not limited to, Rule 14a-8 or its successor provision). The Corporation shall not have any obligation to communicate with shareholders regarding any business or director nomination submitted by a shareholder in accordance with this Section 2.12 unless otherwise required by law.

SECTION 2.13 Remote Communication. If authorized by the Board of Directors, and subject to such further guidelines and procedures as the Board of Directors may adopt, a shareholder or a shareholder's proxy not physically present at a meeting of shareholders may, by means of remote communication:

- (a) participate in a meeting of shareholders; and
- (b) be deemed present in person and vote at a meeting of shareholders whether such meeting is to be held at a designated place or solely by means of remote communication; *provided*, *that*:
  - (1) the Corporation shall implement reasonable measures to verify that each person deemed present and permitted to vote at the meeting by means of remote communication is a shareholder or shareholder's proxy;
  - (2) the Corporation shall implement reasonable measures to provide such shareholder or shareholder's proxy a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to shareholders, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with such proceedings; and
  - (3) if any shareholder or shareholder's proxy votes or takes other action at the meeting by means of remote communication, a record of such vote or other action shall be maintained by the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **Board of Directors**

SECTION 3.01 <u>Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall have full power to conduct, manage, and direct the business and affairs of the Corporation, and all powers of the Corporation, except those specifically reserved or granted to the shareholders by statute or by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, are hereby granted to and vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3.02 Number, Election and Term. The Board of Directors shall consist of six directors, subject to automatic increase in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation. If the Corporation seeks to qualify as a real estate investment trust, the number of directors shall be increased or decreased from time to time by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the number of directors may not exceed fifteen nor be less than three except as permitted by law, and provided further, that the tenure of office of a director shall not be affected by any decrease or increase in the number of directors so made by the Board of Directors.

Except as otherwise specified in the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws or provided by applicable law, a nominee for director shall be elected to the Board of Directors at any meeting of shareholders at which a quorum is present if the votes cast for such nominee's election exceed the votes cast against such nominee's election; provided, however, that nominees for director shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at any meeting of shareholders for which the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected. If a nominee who is an incumbent director is not elected to the Board of Directors and no successor has been elected at such meeting of shareholders, such nominee shall offer his or her resignation promptly to the Board of Directors. Within 90 days following certification of the election results, the Board of Directors will determine whether to accept or reject the offered resignation, or whether to take other action. In making such determination, the Board of Directors shall consider the recommendation of the committee responsible for the nomination of directors, the factors considered by that committee and any additional information and factors that the Board of Directors believes to be relevant. A director who offers a resignation shall not participate in the recommendation of the committee or the decision of the Board of Directors with respect to such director's resignation.

At all times, except in the case of a vacancy, a majority of the Board of Directors shall be Independent Directors (as hereinafter defined). For purposes of these Bylaws, "Independent Director" shall mean a director of the

Corporation who meets the independence requirements under the rules and regulations of the stock exchange upon which the Corporation's common stock is then listed and the Securities and Exchange Commission, as then in effect and applicable to the Corporation. At each annual meeting, the shareholders shall elect directors to hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualify. Directors need not be shareholders in the Corporation.

Except as provided in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, no person shall be eligible for election as a director unless nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 3.02. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made by the Board of Directors or any committee designated by the Board of Directors or by any shareholder entitled to vote for the election of directors at the applicable meeting of shareholders who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 3.02. Such nominations, other than those made by the Board of Directors or any committee designated by the Board of Directors, may be made only if written notice of a shareholder's intent to nominate one or more persons for election as directors at the applicable meeting of shareholders has been given, either by personal delivery or by United States certified mail, postage prepaid, to the Secretary of the Corporation and received (a) not less than 90 days nor more than 180 days before the first anniversary of the date of the Corporation's proxy statement in connection with the last annual meeting of shareholders, or (b) if no annual meeting was held in the previous year or the date of the applicable annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date contemplated at the time of the previous year's proxy statement, not less than 90 days before the date of the applicable annual meeting. Each such shareholder's notice must set forth (i) as to the shareholder giving the notice, (1) the name and address, as they appear on the Corporation's share transfer books, of such shareholder, (2) a representation that such shareholder is a shareholder of record and intends to appear in person or by proxy at such meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice, (3) the class and number of shares of stock of the Corporation beneficially owned by such shareholder, and (4) a description of all arrangements or understandings between such shareholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by such shareholder; and (ii) as to each person whom the shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a director, (1) the name, age, business address and, if known, residence address of such person, (2) the principal occupation or employment of such person, (3) the class and number of shares of stock of the Corporation which are beneficially owned by such person, (4) any other information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed

in solicitations of proxies for election of directors or is otherwise required by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and (5) the written consent of such person to be named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected. The Secretary of the Corporation shall deliver each such shareholder's notice that has been timely received to the Board of Directors or a committee designated by the Board of Directors for review. Any person nominated for election as director by the Board of Directors or any committee designated by the Board of Directors shall, upon the request of the Board of Directors or such committee, furnish to the Secretary of the Corporation all such information pertaining to such person that is required to be set forth in a shareholder's notice of nomination. The chairman of the meeting of shareholders shall, if the facts warrant, determine that a nomination was not made in accordance with the procedures prescribed by this Section 3.02, and if he should so determine, he shall so declare to the meeting and the defective nomination shall be disregarded.

At any time when the Chairman of the Board is not an Independent Director, a lead Independent Director shall be designated by majority vote of the Independent Directors.

SECTION 3.03 <u>Resignations</u>. Any director or member of a committee may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if no time be specified, at the time of the receipt by the Chairman of the Board, the President or the Secretary.

SECTION 3.04 <u>Removal</u>. At any meeting of shareholders, duly called and at which a quorum is present, the shareholders may, by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast thereon, remove any director or directors from office with or without cause, and may elect a successor or successors to fill any resulting vacancies for the unexpired terms of removed directors.

SECTION 3.05 Committees of the Board. The Board of Directors may appoint from among its members an executive committee and other committees comprised of three or more members. The composition of each committee, including the total number of members and the number of Independent Directors, shall at all times comply with the listing requirements and rules and regulations of the stock exchange upon which the Corporation's common stock is then listed and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, in each case as then in effect and applicable to the Corporation. The Board of Directors may delegate to any committee any of the

powers of the Board of Directors except the power to elect directors, declare dividends or distributions on stock, recommend to the shareholders any action which requires shareholder approval, amend the Articles of Incorporation, amend or repeal the Bylaws, approve any merger or share exchange which does not require shareholder approval or issue stock. However, if the Board of Directors has given general authorization for the issuance of stock, a committee of the Board, in accordance with a general formula or method specified by the Board of Directors by resolution or by adoption of a stock option plan, may fix the terms of stock subject to classification or reclassification and the terms on which any stock may be issued.

Notice of committee meetings shall be given in the same manner as notice for special meetings of the Board of Directors.

One-third, but not less than two, of the members of any committee shall be present in person at any meeting of such committee in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such meeting, and the act of a majority present shall be the act of such committee.

The Board of Directors may designate a chairman of any committee, and such chairman or any two members of any committee may fix the time and place (if any) of its meetings unless the Board shall otherwise provide. In the absence or disqualification of any member of any such committee, the members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member to act at the meeting in the place of such absent or disqualified members; provided, however, that in the event of the absence or disqualification of an Independent Director, such appointee shall be an Independent Director.

Each committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings and shall report the same to the Board of Directors at the meeting next succeeding and any action by the committees shall be subject to revision and alteration by the Board of Directors, provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration.

Subject to the provisions hereof, the Board of Directors shall have the power at any time to change the membership of any committee, to fill all vacancies, to designate alternative members to replace any absent or disqualified member, or to dissolve any such committee.

SECTION 3.06 <u>Meetings of the Board of Directors</u>. Meetings of the Board of Directors, regular or special, may be held at any place in or out of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or by conference telephone or similar

remote communication, as the Board may from time to time determine or as shall be specified in the notice of such meeting.

The first meeting of each newly elected Board of Directors shall be held as soon as practicable after the annual meeting of the shareholders at which the directors were elected. The meeting may be held at such time and place (if any) as shall be specified in a notice given as hereinafter provided for special meetings of the Board of Directors, or as shall be specified in a written waiver signed by all of the directors as provided in Article IV, except that no notice shall be necessary if such meeting is held immediately after the adjournment, and at the place (if any) or by means of remote communication (if any), of the annual meeting of shareholders.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by two or more directors, by any lead independent director (if one has been designated) or by a majority of the members of the executive committee, if one be constituted, in writing with or without a meeting of such committee or by the Chairman of the Board or the President. The lead independent director (if one has been designated) may also call a separate meeting of the directors of the Corporation who are not employees of the Corporation. Special meetings may be held at such place or places in or out of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or by conference telephone or similar remote communication, as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors; in the absence of such designation, such meetings shall be held at such places as may be designated in the notice of meeting.

Notice of the place (if any) and time of every meeting of the Board of Directors shall be delivered by the Secretary to each director personally, by first-class mail, or by telephone, which shall also include voice-mail, or by electronic mail to any electronic address of the director or by any other electronic means, or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business at least twenty-four hours before the time at which such meeting is to be held, or if by first class mail, at least four days before the day on which such meeting is to be held. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the director at his post office address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid.

SECTION 3.07 Quorum and Voting. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the action of a majority of the directors present at any 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 law, the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. If

a quorum is not present at any meeting of directors, the directors present thereat may, by a majority vote, adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum is present.

Notwithstanding the first paragraph of this Section 3.07, and except as provided in the Company's Guidelines (as hereinafter defined) any action pertaining to a transaction involving the Corporation in which any advisor, any director or officer of the Corporation or any affiliate of any of the foregoing persons has an interest shall be approved by a majority of the Independent Directors even if the Independent Directors constitute less than a quorum.

SECTION 3.08 <u>Organization</u>. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at each meeting of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the lead independent director (if one has been designated) shall preside at any separate meeting of directors of the Corporation who are not employees of the Corporation. In the absence or inability of the Chairman of the Board to preside at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the President, or, in his absence or inability to act, the lead independent director (if one has been designated), or in their absence or inability to act, another director chosen by a majority of the directors present, shall act as chairman of the meeting and preside thereat. The Secretary (or, in his absence or inability to act, any person appointed by the chairman of the meeting) shall act as secretary of the meeting and keep the minutes thereof.

SECTION 3.09 Meeting by Conference Telephone or Remote Communication. Members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar remote communication if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation in a meeting by such means constitutes presence in person at a meeting.

SECTION 3.10 <u>Action Without Meeting</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if a written consent to such action is signed by all members of the Board or of such committee, as the case may be, and such written consent is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or committee.

SECTION 3.11 <u>Compensation of Directors</u>. Non-employee Directors, in consideration of their serving as such, shall be entitled to receive from the Corporation such amount per annum or such fees for attendance at Board and committee meetings, or both, in cash or other property, including securities of the Corporation, as the Board

shall from time to time determine, together with reimbursements for the reasonable expenses incurred by them in connection with the performance of their duties. Nothing contained herein shall preclude any director from serving the Corporation, or any subsidiary or affiliated corporation, in any other capacity and receiving proper compensation therefor. If the Board adopts a resolution to that effect, any non-employee Director may elect to defer all or any part of the annual and other fees hereinabove referred to for such period and on such terms and conditions as may be permitted by such resolution.

SECTION 3.12 <u>Investment Policies</u>. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to ensure that the purchase, sale, retention and disposal of the Corporation's assets, and the investment policies of the Corporation and the limitations thereon are at all times in compliance with the restrictions applicable to real estate investment trusts pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Board of Directors, including a majority of the Independent Directors, shall promulgate and approve guidelines governing the investment policies of the Company (the "Guidelines"). The Guidelines and compliance therewith shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors at least annually to determine that the policies then being followed by the Corporation are in the best interest of the shareholders of the Corporation. Each such determination and the basis therefor shall be set forth in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **Notice - Waivers - Meetings**

SECTION 4.01 What Constitutes Notice. Whenever written notice is required to be given to any person under the provisions of the Articles, these Bylaws, or the Virginia Stock Corporation Act, it may be given to such person, either personally or by sending a copy thereof through the mail, or by telegraph, charges prepaid, to his address appearing on the books of the Corporation, or supplied by him to the Corporation for the purpose of notice. If the notice is sent by mail or by telegraph, it shall be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when deposited in the United States mail or with a telegraph office for transmission to such person. A notice of a meeting shall specify the place (if any), the means of remote communication (if any), day and hour of the meeting.

SECTION 4.02 Waiver of Notice. Whenever any written notice is required to be given under the provisions of the articles, these Bylaws, or the Virginia Stock Corporation Act, a waiver thereof in writing, signed

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. Except in the case of a special meeting of shareholders, neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, the meeting need be specified in the waiver of notice of such meeting.

Attendance of a person, either in person or by proxy, or by a conference telephone or similar remote communication which complies with Section 3.09 hereof, at any meeting, shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Officers

SECTION 5.01 Number, Qualifications and Designation. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.03 of this Article. One person may hold more than one office. Officers may, but need not be, directors or shareholders of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may elect from among the members of the Board, a Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman of the Board, neither of whom will be an officer of the Company, unless so designated by the Board.

SECTION 5.02 Election and Term of Office. The officers of the Corporation, except those elected by delegated authority pursuant to Section 5.03 of this Article, shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors, and each officer shall hold his office until the next annual organizational meeting of the Board of Directors and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until his death, resignation, or removal.

SECTION 5.03 <u>Subordinate Officers</u>, <u>Committees and Agents</u>. The Board of Directors may from time to time elect such other officers and appoint such committees, employees or other agents as the business of the Corporation may require, including one or more assistant secretaries, and one or more assistant treasurers, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in these Bylaws, or as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The directors may delegate to any officer or committee the power to elect subordinate officers and to retain or appoint employees or other agents.

SECTION 5.04 <u>Resignations</u>. Any officer or agent may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, or to the President or the Secretary of the Corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 5.05 Removal. Any officer, member of a committee, employee or other agent of the Corporation may be removed, either for or without cause, by the Board of Directors or other authority which elected or appointed such officer, member of a committee, employee or other agent whenever in the judgment of such authority the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby.

SECTION 5.06 <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause, shall be filled by the Board of Directors or by the officer or remaining members of the committee to which the power to fill such office has been delegated pursuant to Section 5.03 of this Article, as the case may be, and if the office is one for which these Bylaws prescribe a term, shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 5.07 <u>General Powers</u>. All officers of the Corporation as between themselves and the Corporation, shall, respectively, have such authority and perform such duties in the management of the property and affairs of the Corporation as may be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, or in the absence of controlling provisions in a resolution of the Board of Directors, as may be provided in these Bylaws.

SECTION 5.08 The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board or in his absence, the Vice Chairman of the Board, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be requested of him by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5.09 The President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall have general supervision over the business and operation of the Corporation, subject, to the control of the Board of Directors. He shall sign, execute, and acknowledge, in the name of the Corporation, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments, authorized by the Board of Directors, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors, or by these Bylaws, to some other officer

or agent of the Corporation, and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of President, and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5.10 <u>The Vice Presidents</u>. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the Board of Directors or by the President.

SECTION 5.11 The Secretary. The Secretary or an assistant secretary shall attend all meetings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors and shall record all the votes of the shareholders and of the directors and the minutes of the meetings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors and of committees of the Board in a book or books to be kept for that purpose; shall see that notices are given and records and reports properly kept and filed by the Corporation as required by law; shall be the custodian of the seal of the Corporation and see that it is affixed to all documents to be executed on behalf of the Corporation under its seal; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary, and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.

SECTION 5.12 The Treasurer. The Treasurer or an assistant treasurer shall have or provide for the custody of the funds or other property of the corporation and shall keep a separate book account of the same to his credit as Treasurer; shall collect and receive or provide for the collection and receipts of monies earned by or in any manner due to or received by the Corporation; shall deposit all funds in his custody as Treasurer in such banks or other places of deposit as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate; shall, whenever so required by the Board of Directors, render an account showing his transactions as Treasurer and the financial condition of the Corporation; and, in general, shall discharge such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.

SECTION 5.13 Officers' Bonds. Any officer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum, if any, and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall require.

SECTION 5.14 <u>Salaries</u>. The salaries of the officers elected by the Board of Directors shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors or by such officer as may be designated by resolution of the Board. The

salaries or other compensation of any other officers, employees and other agents shall be fixed from time to time by the officer or committee to which the power to elect such officers or to retain or appoint such employees or other agents has been delegated pursuant to Section 5.03 of this Article. No officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary or other compensation by reason of the fact that he is also a director of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **Capital Stock**

SECTION 6.01 Shares of Stock. The shares of all classes and series of stock of the Corporation may be certificated or uncertificated as provided under Virginia law, and shall be entered in the share transfer books of the Corporation and registered as they are issued.

When shares of stock of the Corporation are represented by certificates, such certificates shall represent and certify the number and kind and class of shares owned by the shareholder in the Corporation and shall be in such form as may be required by law and approved by the Board of Directors. Each certificate shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board or the President 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 corporate seal or a facsimile thereof. The signatures of the officers upon a share certificate may be facsimiles if the certificate is countersigned by a transfer agent, or registered by a registrar, other than the Corporation itself or an employee of the Corporation. In case any officer who has signed any certificate ceases to be an officer of the Corporation before the certificate is issued, the certificate may nevertheless be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if the officer had not ceased to be such officer as of the date of its issue. All certificates for the Corporation's shares shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified.

Each stock certificate shall include on its face (i) the name of the Corporation, (ii) that the Corporation is organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, (iii) the name of the shareholder, (iv) the number and class or series, if any, of the shares represented by the certificate, and (v) any additional information required by the Virginia Stock Corporation Act to be included on certificates. If the Corporation has authority to issue stock of more than one class, or of more than one series within a class, the stock certificate shall contain on its 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, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption of the stock of each

class which the Corporation is authorized to issue and if the Corporation is authorized to issue any preferred or special class in series, the differences in the relative rights, preferences and limitations 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 full statement or summary, there may be set forth upon the face or back of the certificate a statement that the Corporation will furnish to any shareholder upon request and without charge, a full statement of such information. A summary of such information included in a registration statement permitted to become effective under the federal Securities Act of 1933, as amended, shall be an acceptable summary for the purposes of this section. Every stock certificate representing shares of stock which are restricted as to transferability by the Corporation shall contain a full statement of the restriction or state that the Corporation will furnish information about the restriction to the shareholder on request and without charge. A stock certificate may not be issued until the stock represented by it is fully paid, except in the case of stock purchased under an option plan as permitted by law.

When shares of stock of the Corporation are not represented by certificates, then within a reasonable time after the issuance or transfer of such shares, the Corporation shall send, or cause to be sent, to the shareholder to whom such shares have been issued or transferred a written notice that shall set forth (i) the name of the Corporation, (ii) that the Corporation is organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, (iii) the name of the shareholder, (iv) the number and class or series, if any, of the shares so held, and (v) any additional information required by the Virginia Stock Corporation Act to be included on certificates. If the Corporation has authority to issue stock of more than one class, or of more than one series within a class, the written notice shall contain the information required by the previous paragraph with respect to each class or series, or shall contain a statement that the Corporation will furnish such information to any shareholder upon request and without charge. In the event the shares are restricted as to transferability by the Corporation, then the written notice shall contain a full statement of the restriction or state that the Corporation will furnish information about the restriction to the shareholder on request and without charge.

Blank share certificates shall be kept by the Secretary or by a transfer agent or by a registrar or by any other officer or agent designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6.02 Stolen, Lost or Destroyed Certificates. The Board of Directors may direct that a new certificate or certificates be issued, or evidence of the holder's ownership of shares in uncertificated form be

delivered, in place of any certificate or certificates theretofore issued by the Corporation alleged to have been stolen, lost or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate of stock to be stolen, lost or destroyed. When authorizing such issuance of a new certificate or certificates or delivery of evidence of the holder's ownership of such shares in uncertificated form, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion and as a condition precedent to the issuance or delivery thereof, require the owner of such stolen, lost or destroyed certificate or certificates, or his legal representative, to advertise the same in such manner as it shall require, to give the Corporation a bond, with sufficient surety, to the Corporation to indemnify it against any loss or claim which may arise by reason of the issuance of a new certificate or delivery of evidence of the holder's ownership of such shares in uncertificated form, and to comply with any other terms the Board of Directors may lawfully prescribe.

SECTION 6.03 <u>Transfer Agents and Registrars</u>. The Board of Directors shall appoint one or more transfer agents and/or registrars of the shares of stock of the Corporation; and, upon such appointments being made, no certificate representing shares shall be valid until countersigned by one of such transfer agents and registered by one of such registrars.

SECTION 6.04 <u>Transfer of Stock</u>. The Corporation, or its designated transfer agent or other agent, shall keep a book or set of books to be known as the share transfer books of the Corporation, containing the name of each shareholder of record, together with such shareholder's address and the number and class or series of shares held by such shareholder. Such information may be stored or retained on discs, tapes, cards or any other approved storage device relating to data processing equipment; provided that such device is capable of reproducing all information contained therein in legible and understandable form, for inspection by shareholders or for any other corporate purpose.

No transfers of shares of stock of the Corporation shall be made if (i) void <u>ab initio</u> pursuant to any Article of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, (ii) the Board of Directors, pursuant to such Article, shall have refused to tender such shares, or (iii) the transferee is a nonresident alien individual or foreign entity. A permitted transfer of shares shall be made and recorded on the share transfer books of the Corporation upon the receipt of proper transfer instructions as prescribed by the Board of Directors, the payment of all taxes thereon, and, in the case of transfers of shares which are represented by one or more certificates, only upon receipt of such certificate(s) with proper endorsement or duly executed stock transfer power, from the registered holder of record or from such

holder's attorney thereunto authorized by power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Secretary or with a transfer agent or transfer clerk. In the event a certificate representing shares to be transferred cannot be surrendered because it has been stolen, lost, or destroyed, the transferor shall comply with the requirements imposed by the Board of Directors as set forth in Section 6.02 of these Bylaws in lieu of surrendering a properly endorsed certificate. Upon satisfactory completion by the transferor of the requirements set forth in this Section 6.04, as to any transfer not prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation or by action of the Board of Directors thereunder, all certificates for the transferred shares shall be cancelled, new certificates representing the transferred shares (or evidence of the transferee's ownership of the transferred shares in uncertificated form) shall be delivered to the transferee, and the transaction shall be recorded on the share transfer books of the Corporation. Except as otherwise provided by law, no transfer of shares shall be valid as against the Corporation, its shareholders or creditors, for any purpose, until it shall have been entered in the share transfer books of the Corporation by an entry showing from and to whom transferred.

SECTION 6.05 <u>Registered Shareholders</u>. The Corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on its share transfer books as the owner of shares (whether or not such shares are represented by certificates) to receive dividends, and to vote as such owner, and to hold liable for calls and assessments, if any, a person registered on its share transfer books as the owner of shares, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 6.06 <u>Regulations</u>. The Board of Directors may make such additional rules and regulations, not inconsistent with these Bylaws, as it may deem expedient concerning the issue, transfer and registration of shares of stock of the Corporation (whether or not such shares are represented by certificates).

#### ARTICLE VII

#### Miscellaneous

SECTION 7.01 <u>Corporate Seal</u>. The Corporation shall have a corporate seal in the form of a circle containing the name of the Corporation and such other details as may be required by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7.02 Checks. All checks, notes, bills of exchange or other orders in writing shall be signed by such person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

SECTION 7.03 Contracts. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or to execute or deliver any instrument on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION 7.04 <u>Deposits</u>. All funds of the Corporation 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 approve or designate, and all such funds shall be withdrawn only upon checks signed by such one or more officers or employees as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine.

SECTION 7.05 Corporate Records. There shall be kept at the principal office of the Corporation an original or duplicate record of the proceedings of the shareholders and of the directors, and the original or a copy of the Bylaws including all amendments or alterations thereto to date, certified by the Secretary. An original or duplicate share transfer book shall also be kept at the registered office or principal place of business of the Corporation, or at the office of a transfer agent or registrar, giving the names of the shareholders, their respective addresses and the number and class of shares held by each. The Corporation shall also keep appropriate, complete and accurate books or records of account, which may be kept at its registered office or at its principal place of business.

SECTION 7.06 Amendment of Bylaws. These Bylaws may be amended or replaced, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either (1) by the vote of the shareholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes which all shareholders are entitled to cast thereon at any duly organized annual or special meeting of shareholders, or (2), with respect to those matters which are not by statute reserved exclusively to the shareholders, by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, including a majority of the Independent Directors of the Corporation in office at any regular or special meeting of directors. It shall not be necessary to set forth such proposed amendment, repeal or new Bylaws, or a summary thereof, in any notice of such meeting, whether annual, regular or special.

SECTION 7.07 Exclusive Forum. Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division, or in the event that court lacks jurisdiction to hear such action, the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, Virginia, shall be the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a legal duty owed by any current or former director, officer or other employee or agent of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's shareholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation or any director or officer or other employee of the Corporation arising pursuant to any provision of the Virginia Stock Corporation Act or the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws (as any may be amended from time to time), or (iv) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation or any current or former director or officer or other employee or agent of the Corporation governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

# AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF DYNEX CAPITAL, INC., a Virginia corporation

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### ARTICLE I

#### Offices and Fiscal Year

SECTION 1.01 <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 4991 Lake Brook Drive, Suite 100, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, until otherwise established by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 1.02 Other Offices. The Corporation also may have offices at such places within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate or the business of the Corporation may require.

SECTION 1.03 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December.

### ARTICLE II

### Meetings of Shareholders

SECTION 2.01 <u>Place of Meeting</u>. All meetings of the shareholders of the Corporation shall be held at such place (if any), either within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia, or, in the case of virtual-only meetings at no physical place but solely by means of remote communication, as from time to time may be fixed by the President or by the Board of Directors in the notice of such meeting.

SECTION 2.02 <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The President or the Board of Directors may fix the date and time of the annual meeting of the shareholders, but if no such date and time is fixed by the President or the Board of Directors, the meeting for any calendar year shall be held on the fourth Monday in April in such year, if not a legal holiday under the laws of Virginia, and, if a legal holiday, then on the next succeeding business day, at 10:00 a.m., and at such meeting the shareholders then entitled to vote shall elect directors and shall transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. Failure to hold an annual meeting does not invalidate the Corporation's existence or affect any otherwise valid corporate acts.

SECTION 2.03 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the shareholders of the Corporation for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the President, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, by a

majority of the Board of Directors, by a majority of the Independent Directors (as defined in Section 3.02 hereof), or by shareholders entitled to cast at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the votes which all shareholders are entitled to cast at the particular meeting.

At any time, upon the written request of any person or persons who have duly called a special meeting, which written request shall state the object of the meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to fix the date of the meeting to be held at such date and time as the Secretary may fix, not less than ten nor more than sixty days after the receipt of the request, and to give due notice thereof. If the Secretary shall neglect or refuse to fix the date and time of such meeting and give notice thereof, the person or persons calling the meeting may do so.

SECTION 2.04 Notice of Meetings. Written notice of every meeting of the shareholders, whether annual or special, shall be given to each shareholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting, at least ten and not more than sixty days prior to the day named for the meeting, except that notice of a meeting of shareholders to act on an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, a plan of merger or share exchange, a proposed sale of assets pursuant to Va. Code § 13.1-724, or the dissolution of the Corporation shall be given not less than twenty-five nor more than sixty days prior to the day named for the meeting. Each such notice shall state the place (if any), date and hour of the meeting and the means of remote communication (if any). In the case of a special meeting, such notice shall state briefly the purpose or purposes thereof, and no business, other than that specified in such notice and matters germane thereto, shall be transacted at any special meeting without further notice to shareholders not present in person or by proxy.

Whenever the language of a proposed resolution is included in a written notice of a meeting of shareholders, the resolution may be adopted at such meeting with such clarifying or other amendments as do not enlarge its original purpose without further notice to shareholders not present in person or by proxy.

SECTION 2.05 Quorum, Manner of Acting and Adjournment. The presence in person or by proxy of shareholders entitled to cast a majority of the votes which all shareholders are entitled to cast on the particular matter shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of considering such matter. The shareholders present in person or by proxy at a duly organized meeting can continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough shareholders from the meeting so that less than a quorum remains.

In the absence of a quorum or for any other reason, the chairman of the meeting or the Board of Directors or the shareholders present in person or by proxy acting by a majority vote and without notice other than by announcement at the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time but not for a period exceeding 120 days after the original meeting date.

Except as otherwise specified in the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws or provided by applicable law, at a duly organized meeting at which a quorum is present in person or by proxy, action on any matter (other than the election of directors) is approved by the shareholders if the votes cast favoring the matter exceed the votes cast opposing the matter.

SECTION 2.06 Organization. Every meeting of shareholders shall be conducted by a director or officer of the Corporation appointed by the Board of Directors or the Chairman of the Board 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 in the order stated: the Vice Chairman of the Board, if there be one, the President, the Vice Presidents in their order of rank and seniority, or, in the absence of such officers, a chairman chosen by the shareholders by the vote of a majority of the votes cast by shareholders present in person or by proxy. The Secretary, or, in the Secretary's absence, 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 of the meeting shall act as secretary. In the event that the Secretary presides as chairman at a meeting of shareholders, an assistant secretary, or in the absence of an assistant secretary, an individual appointed by the Board of Directors or the chairman of the meeting, shall record the minutes of the meeting.

At any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation, the chairman of the meeting shall have the right and authority to prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and to do all such acts and things as are necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the meeting, including, without limitation, the establishment of procedures for the dismissal of business not properly presented, the maintenance of order and safety, limitations on the time allotted to questions or comments on the affairs of the Corporation, restrictions on entry to such meeting after the time prescribed for the commencement thereof and the opening and closing of the voting polls. Unless otherwise determined by the chairman of the meeting, meetings of shareholders shall not be required to be held in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure. This Section 2.06 shall not limit the right of shareholders to speak at

meetings of shareholders on matters germane to the Corporation's business, subject to any rules for the orderly conduct of the meeting imposed by the chairman of the meeting.

SECTION 2.07 <u>Voting</u>. Every shareholder entitled to vote at a meeting of shareholders or to express consent or dissent to corporate action in writing without a meeting may authorize another person or persons to act for him by proxy. Every proxy shall be executed in writing by the shareholder or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact and filed with the Secretary of the Corporation. A proxy, unless coupled with an interest, shall be revocable at will, notwithstanding any other agreement or any provision in the proxy to the contrary, but the revocation of a proxy shall not be effective until notice thereof has been given to the Secretary. No unrevoked proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution, unless a longer time is expressly provided therein. A proxy shall not be revoked by the death or incapacity of the maker unless, before the authority is exercised, written notice of such death or incapacity is given to the Secretary. A shareholder shall not sell his vote or execute a proxy to any person for any sum of money or anything of value.

A shareholder or his duly authorized attorney-in-fact may also authorize another person or persons to act for him by proxy by effecting or authorizing an electronic transmission to the person who will be the holder of the proxy or to a proxy solicitation firm, proxy support service organization or like agent duly authorized by the person who will be the holder of the proxy to receive such transmission. Such electronic transmission shall contain or be accompanied by information from which one can determine that the shareholder, the shareholder's agent or the shareholder's attorney-in-fact authorized the transmission. For purposes of these Bylaws, "electronic transmission" has the meaning assigned to it in §13.1-603 of the Virginia Stock Corporation Act (or any successor provision). Any copy, facsimile telecommunication or other reliable reproduction of the writing or transmission created pursuant to this Section 2.07 may be substituted or used in lieu of the original writing or transmission for any and all purposes for which the original writing or transmission could be used, provided that such copy, facsimile telecommunication or other reproduction shall be a complete reproduction of the entire original writing or transmission.

Except as provided in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, each shareholder of record, except the holder of shares which have been called for redemption and with respect to which an irrevocable deposit of funds has been made, shall have the right, at every shareholder meeting, to one vote for every share, and to a fraction of a vote equal to every fractional share.

SECTION 2.08 <u>Voting Lists</u>. After the Board of Directors fixes a record date for a shareholder meeting, the officer or agent of the Corporation having charge of the share transfer books of the Corporation shall prepare an alphabetical list of the shareholders entitled to notice of such meeting. The shareholders' list for notice shall be available for inspection by any shareholder beginning two business days after notice of the meeting is given for which the list was prepared and continuing through the meeting, at the Corporation's principal office or at a place (if any) identified in the meeting notice in the county or city where the meeting shall be held. Such shareholders' list shall be arranged by voting group, and within each voting group by class or series of shares, and show the address of and number of shares held by each shareholder. In the event the Board of Directors has fixed a different record date to determine which shareholders are entitled to vote at such meeting, a shareholders' list for voting, prepared in the same manner as the shareholders' list for notice, shall be similarly available for inspection promptly after the record date for voting. The Corporation shall make the list of shareholders entitled to vote available at the meeting, and any shareholder, or the shareholder's agent or attorney, is entitled to inspect the list at any time during the meeting or any adjournment. If the meeting is to be held solely by means of remote communication, the list of shareholders shall be open to inspection by any shareholder, or the shareholder's agent or attorney, by means of a reasonably accessible electronic network and shall otherwise be consistent with the terms of this Section 2.08.

The original share transfer books, or a duplicate thereof, shall be prima facie evidence as to who are the shareholders entitled to examine such list or to vote, in person or by proxy, at any meeting of shareholders.

SECTION 2.09 <u>Judges of Election</u>. The vote upon any matter, including the election of directors, need not be by ballot. In advance of any meeting of shareholders the Board of Directors may appoint judges of election, who need not be shareholders, to act at such meeting or any adjournment thereof. If judges of election are not so appointed, the chairman of any such meeting may, and upon the demand of any shareholder or his proxy at the meeting and before voting begins shall, appoint judges of election. The number of judges shall be either one or three, as determined, in the case of judges appointed upon demand of a shareholder, by shareholders present entitled to cast a majority of the votes which all shareholders present are entitled to cast thereon. No person who is a candidate for office shall act as a judge. In case any person appointed as judge fails to appear or fails or refuses to act, the vacancy may be filled by appointment made by the Board of Directors in advance of the convening of the meeting, or at a meeting by the chairman of the meeting.

If judges of election are appointed as aforesaid, they shall determine the number of shares outstanding and the voting power of each, the shares represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, the authenticity, validity and effect of proxies, receive votes or ballots, hear and determine all challenges and questions in any way arising in connection with the right to vote, count and tabulate all votes, determine the result, and do such acts as may be proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all shareholders. If there be three judges of election, the decision, act or certificate of a majority shall be effective in all respects as the decision, act or certificate of all.

On request of the chairman of the meeting or of any shareholder or his proxy, the judges shall make a report in writing of any challenge or question or matter determined by them and execute a certificate of any fact found by them.

SECTION 2.10 <u>Determination of Shareholders of Record</u>. The Board of Directors may fix a date, not more than seventy nor less than ten days preceding the date of any meeting of shareholders, and not more than seventy days preceding the date fixed for the payment of any dividend or distribution, or the date for the allotment of rights, or the date when any change or conversion or exchange of shares will be made or go into effect, as a record date for the determination of the shareholders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any such meeting, or entitled to receive any such allotment of rights, or to exercise the rights in respect to any such change, conversion or exchange of shares; and in such case, if otherwise entitled to notice of, or to vote at, such meeting, or to receive payment of such dividend or distribution or to receive such allotment of rights, or exercise such rights, as the case may be, notwithstanding any transfer of any shares on the books of the Corporation after any such record date fixed as aforesaid.

Unless a record date is fixed by the Board of Directors for such purpose, transferees of shares which are transferred on the books within ten days next preceding the date of such meeting shall not be entitled to notice of, or to vote at, such meeting.

SECTION 2.11 Consent of Shareholders in Lieu of Meeting. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the shareholders or a class of shareholders of the Corporation may be taken without a meeting if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the actions so taken, shall be signed by all the shareholders who would be entitled to vote at a meeting of the shareholders or of a class of shareholders for such purpose and shall be filed with the Secretary.

SECTION 2.12 Order of Business. At any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation, only that business that is properly brought before the meeting may be presented to and acted upon by shareholders. To be properly brought before an annual meeting, business must be brought (a) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (b) by any shareholder of the Corporation who shall be entitled to vote at such meeting and who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 2.12. At a special meeting of shareholders, no business shall be transacted and no corporate action taken other than that stated in the notice of the meeting.

In addition to any other applicable requirements, for business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a shareholder, the shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation. To be timely, a shareholder's notice must be given, either by personal delivery or by United States certified mail, postage prepaid, and received at the principal executive offices of the Corporation (i) not less than 90 days nor more than 180 days before the first anniversary of the date of the Corporation's proxy statement in connection with the last annual meeting of shareholders or (b) if no annual meeting was held in the previous year or the date of the applicable annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date contemplated at the time of the previous year's proxy statement, not less than 90 days before the date of the applicable annual meeting. A shareholder's notice to the Secretary must set forth as to each matter the shareholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting (a) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting, including the complete text of any resolutions to be presented at the annual meeting, and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (b) the name and address, as they appear on the Corporation's share transfer books, of such shareholder proposing such business, (c) a representation that such shareholder is a shareholder of record and intends to appear in person or by proxy at such meeting to bring the business before the meeting specified in the notice, (d) the class and number of shares of stock of the Corporation beneficially owned by the shareholder and (e) any material interest of the shareholder in such business. The Secretary of the Corporation shall deliver each such shareholder's notice that has been timely received to the Board of Directors or a committee designated by the Board of Directors for review.

Notwithstanding anything in the Bylaws to the contrary, no business shall be conducted at an annual meeting except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2.12. The chairman of a meeting shall, if the facts warrant, determine that the business was not brought before the meeting in accordance with the procedures

prescribed by this Section 2.12, and if he should so determine, he shall so declare to the meeting and the business not properly brought before the meeting shall not be transacted

In addition to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.12, a shareholder seeking to have a proposal included in the Corporation's proxy statement must comply with the requirements of Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (including, but not limited to, Rule 14a-8 or its successor provision). The Corporation shall not have any obligation to communicate with shareholders regarding any business or director nomination submitted by a shareholder in accordance with this Section 2.12 unless otherwise required by law.

SECTION 2.13 Remote Communication. If authorized by the Board of Directors, and subject to such further guidelines and procedures as the Board of Directors may adopt, a shareholder or a shareholder's proxy not physically present at a meeting of shareholders may, by means of remote communication:

- (a) participate in a meeting of shareholders; and
- (b) be deemed present in person and vote at a meeting of shareholders whether such meeting is to be held at a designated place or solely by means of remote communication; *provided*, *that*:
  - (1) the Corporation shall implement reasonable measures to verify that each person deemed present and permitted to vote at the meeting by means of remote communication is a shareholder or shareholder's proxy;
  - (2) the Corporation shall implement reasonable measures to provide such shareholder or shareholder's proxy a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to shareholders, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with such proceedings; and
  - (3) if any shareholder or shareholder's proxy votes or takes other action at the meeting by means of remote communication, a record of such vote or other action shall be maintained by the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **Board of Directors**

SECTION 3.01 <u>Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall have full power to conduct, manage, and direct the business and affairs of the Corporation, and all powers of the Corporation, except those specifically reserved or granted to the shareholders by statute or by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, are hereby granted to and vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3.02 Number, Election and Term. The Board of Directors shall consist of five six directors, subject to automatic increase in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation. If the Corporation seeks to qualify as a real estate investment trust, the number of directors shall be increased or decreased from time to time by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the number of directors may not exceed fifteen nor be less than three except as permitted by law, and provided further, that the tenure of office of a director shall not be affected by any decrease or increase in the number of directors so made by the Board of Directors.

Except as otherwise specified in the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws or provided by applicable law, a nominee for director shall be elected to the Board of Directors at any meeting of shareholders at which a quorum is present if the votes cast for such nominee's election exceed the votes cast against such nominee's election; provided, however, that nominees for director shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at any meeting of shareholders for which the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected. If a nominee who is an incumbent director is not elected to the Board of Directors and no successor has been elected at such meeting of shareholders, such nominee shall offer his or her resignation promptly to the Board of Directors. Within 90 days following certification of the election results, the Board of Directors will determine whether to accept or reject the offered resignation, or whether to take other action. In making such determination, the Board of Directors shall consider the recommendation of the committee responsible for the nomination of directors, the factors considered by that committee and any additional information and factors that the Board of Directors believes to be relevant. A director who offers a resignation shall not participate in the recommendation of the committee or the decision of the Board of Directors with respect to such director's resignation.

At all times, except in the case of a vacancy, a majority of the Board of Directors shall be Independent Directors (as hereinafter defined). For purposes of these Bylaws, "Independent Director" shall mean a director of the

1 This change to be effective immediately following the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held in May 2020:

Corporation who meets the independence requirements under the rules and regulations of the stock exchange upon which the Corporation's common stock is then listed and the Securities and Exchange Commission, as then in effect and applicable to the Corporation. At each annual meeting, the shareholders shall elect directors to hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualify. Directors need not be shareholders in the Corporation.

Except as provided in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, no person shall be eligible for election as a director unless nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 3.02. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made by the Board of Directors or any committee designated by the Board of Directors or by any shareholder entitled to vote for the election of directors at the applicable meeting of shareholders who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 3.02. Such nominations, other than those made by the Board of Directors or any committee designated by the Board of Directors, may be made only if written notice of a shareholder's intent to nominate one or more persons for election as directors at the applicable meeting of shareholders has been given, either by personal delivery or by United States certified mail, postage prepaid, to the Secretary of the Corporation and received (a) not less than 90 days nor more than 180 days before the first anniversary of the date of the Corporation's proxy statement in connection with the last annual meeting of shareholders, or (b) if no annual meeting was held in the previous year or the date of the applicable annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date contemplated at the time of the previous year's proxy statement, not less than 90 days before the date of the applicable annual meeting. Each such shareholder's notice must set forth (i) as to the shareholder giving the notice, (1) the name and address, as they appear on the Corporation's share transfer books, of such shareholder, (2) a representation that such shareholder is a shareholder of record and intends to appear in person or by proxy at such meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice, (3) the class and number of shares of stock of the Corporation beneficially owned by such shareholder, and (4) a description of all arrangements or understandings between such shareholder and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by such shareholder; and (ii) as to each person whom the shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a director, (1) the name, age, business address and, if known, residence address of such person, (2) the principal occupation or employment of such person, (3) the class and number of shares of stock of the Corporation which are beneficially owned by such person, (4) any other information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed

in solicitations of proxies for election of directors or is otherwise required by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and (5) the written consent of such person to be named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected. The Secretary of the Corporation shall deliver each such shareholder's notice that has been timely received to the Board of Directors or a committee designated by the Board of Directors for review. Any person nominated for election as director by the Board of Directors or any committee designated by the Board of Directors shall, upon the request of the Board of Directors or such committee, furnish to the Secretary of the Corporation all such information pertaining to such person that is required to be set forth in a shareholder's notice of nomination. The chairman of the meeting of shareholders shall, if the facts warrant, determine that a nomination was not made in accordance with the procedures prescribed by this Section 3.02, and if he should so determine, he shall so declare to the meeting and the defective nomination shall be disregarded.

At any time when the Chairman of the Board is not an Independent Director, a lead Independent Director shall be designated by majority vote of the Independent Directors.

SECTION 3.03 <u>Resignations</u>. Any director or member of a committee may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if no time be specified, at the time of the receipt by the Chairman of the Board, the President or the Secretary.

SECTION 3.04 <u>Removal</u>. At any meeting of shareholders, duly called and at which a quorum is present, the shareholders may, by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast thereon, remove any director or directors from office with or without cause, and may elect a successor or successors to fill any resulting vacancies for the unexpired terms of removed directors.

SECTION 3.05 <u>Committees of the Board</u>. The Board of Directors may appoint from among its members an executive committee and other committees comprised of three or more members. The composition of each committee, including the total number of members and the number of Independent Directors, shall at all times comply with the listing requirements and rules and regulations of the stock exchange upon which the Corporation's common stock is then listed and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, in each case as then in effect and applicable to the Corporation. The Board of Directors may delegate to any committee any of the

powers of the Board of Directors except the power to elect directors, declare dividends or distributions on stock, recommend to the shareholders any action which requires shareholder approval, amend the Articles of Incorporation, amend or repeal the Bylaws, approve any merger or share exchange which does not require shareholder approval or issue stock. However, if the Board of Directors has given general authorization for the issuance of stock, a committee of the Board, in accordance with a general formula or method specified by the Board of Directors by resolution or by adoption of a stock option plan, may fix the terms of stock subject to classification or reclassification and the terms on which any stock may be issued.

Notice of committee meetings shall be given in the same manner as notice for special meetings of the Board of Directors.

One-third, but not less than two, of the members of any committee shall be present in person at any meeting of such committee in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such meeting, and the act of a majority present shall be the act of such committee.

The Board of Directors may designate a chairman of any committee, and such chairman or any two members of any committee may fix the time and place (if any) of its meetings unless the Board shall otherwise provide. In the absence or disqualification of any member of any such committee, the members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member to act at the meeting in the place of such absent or disqualified members; provided, however, that in the event of the absence or disqualification of an Independent Director, such appointee shall be an Independent Director.

Each committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings and shall report the same to the Board of Directors at the meeting next succeeding and any action by the committees shall be subject to revision and alteration by the Board of Directors, provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration.

Subject to the provisions hereof, the Board of Directors shall have the power at any time to change the membership of any committee, to fill all vacancies, to designate alternative members to replace any absent or disqualified member, or to dissolve any such committee.

SECTION 3.06 <u>Meetings of the Board of Directors</u>. Meetings of the Board of Directors, regular or special, may be held at any place in or out of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or by conference telephone or similar

remote communication, as the Board may from time to time determine or as shall be specified in the notice of such meeting.

The first meeting of each newly elected Board of Directors shall be held as soon as practicable after the annual meeting of the shareholders at which the directors were elected. The meeting may be held at such time and place (if any) as shall be specified in a notice given as hereinafter provided for special meetings of the Board of Directors, or as shall be specified in a written waiver signed by all of the directors as provided in Article IV, except that no notice shall be necessary if such meeting is held immediately after the adjournment, and at the place (if any) or by means of remote communication (if any), of the annual meeting of shareholders.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by two or more directors, by any lead independent director (if one has been designated) or by a majority of the members of the executive committee, if one be constituted, in writing with or without a meeting of such committee or by the Chairman of the Board or the President. The lead independent director (if one has been designated) may also call a separate meeting of the directors of the Corporation who are not employees of the Corporation. Special meetings may be held at such place or places in or out of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or by conference telephone or similar remote communication, as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors; in the absence of such designation, such meetings shall be held at such places as may be designated in the notice of meeting.

Notice of the place (if any) and time of every meeting of the Board of Directors shall be delivered by the Secretary to each director personally, by first-class mail, or by telephone, which shall also include voice-mail, or by electronic mail to any electronic address of the director or by any other electronic means, or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business at least twenty-four hours before the time at which such meeting is to be held, or if by first class mail, at least four days before the day on which such meeting is to be held. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the director at his post office address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid.

SECTION 3.07 Quorum and Voting. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the action of a majority of the directors present at any 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 law, the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. If

a quorum is not present at any meeting of directors, the directors present thereat may, by a majority vote, adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum is present.

Notwithstanding the first paragraph of this Section 3.07, and except as provided in the Company's Guidelines (as hereinafter defined) any action pertaining to a transaction involving the Corporation in which any advisor, any director or officer of the Corporation or any affiliate of any of the foregoing persons has an interest shall be approved by a majority of the Independent Directors even if the Independent Directors constitute less than a quorum.

SECTION 3.08 <u>Organization</u>. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at each meeting of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the lead independent director (if one has been designated) shall preside at any separate meeting of directors of the Corporation who are not employees of the Corporation. In the absence or inability of the Chairman of the Board to preside at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the President, or, in his absence or inability to act, the lead independent director (if one has been designated), or in their absence or inability to act, another director chosen by a majority of the directors present, shall act as chairman of the meeting and preside thereat. The Secretary (or, in his absence or inability to act, any person appointed by the chairman of the meeting) shall act as secretary of the meeting and keep the minutes thereof.

SECTION 3.09 Meeting by Conference Telephone or Remote Communication. Members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar remote communication if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation in a meeting by such means constitutes presence in person at a meeting.

SECTION 3.10 <u>Action Without Meeting</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if a written consent to such action is signed by all members of the Board or of such committee, as the case may be, and such written consent is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or committee.

SECTION 3.11 <u>Compensation of Directors</u>. Non-employee Directors, in consideration of their serving as such, shall be entitled to receive from the Corporation such amount per annum or such fees for attendance at Board and committee meetings, or both, in cash or other property, including securities of the Corporation, as the Board

shall from time to time determine, together with reimbursements for the reasonable expenses incurred by them in connection with the performance of their duties. Nothing contained herein shall preclude any director from serving the Corporation, or any subsidiary or affiliated corporation, in any other capacity and receiving proper compensation therefor. If the Board adopts a resolution to that effect, any non-employee Director may elect to defer all or any part of the annual and other fees hereinabove referred to for such period and on such terms and conditions as may be permitted by such resolution.

SECTION 3.12 <u>Investment Policies</u>. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to ensure that the purchase, sale, retention and disposal of the Corporation's assets, and the investment policies of the Corporation and the limitations thereon are at all times in compliance with the restrictions applicable to real estate investment trusts pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Board of Directors, including a majority of the Independent Directors, shall promulgate and approve guidelines governing the investment policies of the Company (the "Guidelines"). The Guidelines and compliance therewith shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors at least annually to determine that the policies then being followed by the Corporation are in the best interest of the shareholders of the Corporation. Each such determination and the basis therefor shall be set forth in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE IV

### Notice - Waivers - Meetings

SECTION 4.01 What Constitutes Notice. Whenever written notice is required to be given to any person under the provisions of the Articles, these Bylaws, or the Virginia Stock Corporation Act, it may be given to such person, either personally or by sending a copy thereof through the mail, or by telegraph, charges prepaid, to his address appearing on the books of the Corporation, or supplied by him to the Corporation for the purpose of notice. If the notice is sent by mail or by telegraph, it shall be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when deposited in the United States mail or with a telegraph office for transmission to such person. A notice of a meeting shall specify the place (if any), the means of remote communication (if any), day and hour of the meeting.

SECTION 4.02 Waiver of Notice. Whenever any written notice is required to be given under the provisions of the articles, these Bylaws, or the Virginia Stock Corporation Act, a waiver thereof in writing, signed

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. Except in the case of a special meeting of shareholders, neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, the meeting need be specified in the waiver of notice of such meeting.

Attendance of a person, either in person or by proxy, or by a conference telephone or similar remote communication which complies with Section 3.09 hereof, at any meeting, shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

### ARTICLE V

### Officers

SECTION 5.01 Number, Qualifications and Designation. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.03 of this Article. One person may hold more than one office. Officers may, but need not be, directors or shareholders of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may elect from among the members of the Board, a Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman of the Board, neither of whom will be an officer of the Company, unless so designated by the Board.

SECTION 5.02 Election and Term of Office. The officers of the Corporation, except those elected by delegated authority pursuant to Section 5.03 of this Article, shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors, and each officer shall hold his office until the next annual organizational meeting of the Board of Directors and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until his death, resignation, or removal.

SECTION 5.03 <u>Subordinate Officers</u>, <u>Committees and Agents</u>. The Board of Directors may from time to time elect such other officers and appoint such committees, employees or other agents as the business of the Corporation may require, including one or more assistant secretaries, and one or more assistant treasurers, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in these Bylaws, or as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The directors may delegate to any officer or committee the power to elect subordinate officers and to retain or appoint employees or other agents.

SECTION 5.04 <u>Resignations</u>. Any officer or agent may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, or to the President or the Secretary of the Corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 5.05 <u>Removal</u>. Any officer, member of a committee, employee or other agent of the Corporation may be removed, either for or without cause, by the Board of Directors or other authority which elected or appointed such officer, member of a committee, employee or other agent whenever in the judgment of such authority the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby.

SECTION 5.06 <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause, shall be filled by the Board of Directors or by the officer or remaining members of the committee to which the power to fill such office has been delegated pursuant to Section 5.03 of this Article, as the case may be, and if the office is one for which these Bylaws prescribe a term, shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 5.07 <u>General Powers</u>. All officers of the Corporation as between themselves and the Corporation, shall, respectively, have such authority and perform such duties in the management of the property and affairs of the Corporation as may be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, or in the absence of controlling provisions in a resolution of the Board of Directors, as may be provided in these Bylaws.

SECTION 5.08 The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board or in his absence, the Vice Chairman of the Board, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be requested of him by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5.09 The President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall have general supervision over the business and operation of the Corporation, subject, to the control of the Board of Directors. He shall sign, execute, and acknowledge, in the name of the Corporation, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments, authorized by the Board of Directors, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors, or by these Bylaws, to some other officer

or agent of the Corporation, and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of President, and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5.10 <u>The Vice Presidents</u>. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the Board of Directors or by the President.

SECTION 5.11 The Secretary. The Secretary or an assistant secretary shall attend all meetings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors and shall record all the votes of the shareholders and of the directors and the minutes of the meetings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors and of committees of the Board in a book or books to be kept for that purpose; shall see that notices are given and records and reports properly kept and filed by the Corporation as required by law; shall be the custodian of the seal of the Corporation and see that it is affixed to all documents to be executed on behalf of the Corporation under its seal; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary, and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.

SECTION 5.12 The Treasurer. The Treasurer or an assistant treasurer shall have or provide for the custody of the funds or other property of the corporation and shall keep a separate book account of the same to his credit as Treasurer; shall collect and receive or provide for the collection and receipts of monies earned by or in any manner due to or received by the Corporation; shall deposit all funds in his custody as Treasurer in such banks or other places of deposit as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate; shall, whenever so required by the Board of Directors, render an account showing his transactions as Treasurer and the financial condition of the Corporation; and, in general, shall discharge such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.

SECTION 5.13 Officers' Bonds. Any officer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum, if any, and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall require.

SECTION 5.14 <u>Salaries</u>. The salaries of the officers elected by the Board of Directors shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors or by such officer as may be designated by resolution of the Board. The

salaries or other compensation of any other officers, employees and other agents shall be fixed from time to time by the officer or committee to which the power to elect such officers or to retain or appoint such employees or other agents has been delegated pursuant to Section 5.03 of this Article. No officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary or other compensation by reason of the fact that he is also a director of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI

### **Capital Stock**

SECTION 6.01 Shares of Stock. The shares of all classes and series of stock of the Corporation may be certificated or uncertificated as provided under Virginia law, and shall be entered in the share transfer books of the Corporation and registered as they are issued.

When shares of stock of the Corporation are represented by certificates, such certificates shall represent and certify the number and kind and class of shares owned by the shareholder in the Corporation and shall be in such form as may be required by law and approved by the Board of Directors. Each certificate shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board or the President 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 corporate seal or a facsimile thereof. The signatures of the officers upon a share certificate may be facsimiles if the certificate is countersigned by a transfer agent, or registered by a registrar, other than the Corporation itself or an employee of the Corporation. In case any officer who has signed any certificate ceases to be an officer of the Corporation before the certificate is issued, the certificate may nevertheless be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if the officer had not ceased to be such officer as of the date of its issue. All certificates for the Corporation's shares shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified.

Each stock certificate shall include on its face (i) the name of the Corporation, (ii) that the Corporation is organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, (iii) the name of the shareholder, (iv) the number and class or series, if any, of the shares represented by the certificate, and (v) any additional information required by the Virginia Stock Corporation Act to be included on certificates. If the Corporation has authority to issue stock of more than one class, or of more than one series within a class, the stock certificate shall contain on its 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, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption of the stock of each

class which the Corporation is authorized to issue and if the Corporation is authorized to issue any preferred or special class in series, the differences in the relative rights, preferences and limitations 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 full statement or summary, there may be set forth upon the face or back of the certificate a statement that the Corporation will furnish to any shareholder upon request and without charge, a full statement of such information. A summary of such information included in a registration statement permitted to become effective under the federal Securities Act of 1933, as amended, shall be an acceptable summary for the purposes of this section. Every stock certificate representing shares of stock which are restricted as to transferability by the Corporation shall contain a full statement of the restriction or state that the Corporation will furnish information about the restriction to the shareholder on request and without charge. A stock certificate may not be issued until the stock represented by it is fully paid, except in the case of stock purchased under an option plan as permitted by law.

When shares of stock of the Corporation are not represented by certificates, then within a reasonable time after the issuance or transfer of such shares, the Corporation shall send, or cause to be sent, to the shareholder to whom such shares have been issued or transferred a written notice that shall set forth (i) the name of the Corporation, (ii) that the Corporation is organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, (iii) the name of the shareholder, (iv) the number and class or series, if any, of the shares so held, and (v) any additional information required by the Virginia Stock Corporation Act to be included on certificates. If the Corporation has authority to issue stock of more than one class, or of more than one series within a class, the written notice shall contain the information required by the previous paragraph with respect to each class or series, or shall contain a statement that the Corporation will furnish such information to any shareholder upon request and without charge. In the event the shares are restricted as to transferability by the Corporation, then the written notice shall contain a full statement of the restriction or state that the Corporation will furnish information about the restriction to the shareholder on request and without charge.

Blank share certificates shall be kept by the Secretary or by a transfer agent or by a registrar or by any other officer or agent designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6.02 Stolen, Lost or Destroyed Certificates. The Board of Directors may direct that a new certificate or certificates be issued, or evidence of the holder's ownership of shares in uncertificated form be

delivered, in place of any certificate or certificates theretofore issued by the Corporation alleged to have been stolen, lost or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate of stock to be stolen, lost or destroyed. When authorizing such issuance of a new certificate or certificates or delivery of evidence of the holder's ownership of such shares in uncertificated form, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion and as a condition precedent to the issuance or delivery thereof, require the owner of such stolen, lost or destroyed certificate or certificates, or his legal representative, to advertise the same in such manner as it shall require, to give the Corporation a bond, with sufficient surety, to the Corporation to indemnify it against any loss or claim which may arise by reason of the issuance of a new certificate or delivery of evidence of the holder's ownership of such shares in uncertificated form, and to comply with any other terms the Board of Directors may lawfully prescribe.

SECTION 6.03 <u>Transfer Agents and Registrars</u>. The Board of Directors shall appoint one or more transfer agents and/or registrars of the shares of stock of the Corporation; and, upon such appointments being made, no certificate representing shares shall be valid until countersigned by one of such transfer agents and registered by one of such registrars.

SECTION 6.04 <u>Transfer of Stock</u>. The Corporation, or its designated transfer agent or other agent, shall keep a book or set of books to be known as the share transfer books of the Corporation, containing the name of each shareholder of record, together with such shareholder's address and the number and class or series of shares held by such shareholder. Such information may be stored or retained on discs, tapes, cards or any other approved storage device relating to data processing equipment; provided that such device is capable of reproducing all information contained therein in legible and understandable form, for inspection by shareholders or for any other corporate purpose.

No transfers of shares of stock of the Corporation shall be made if (i) void <u>ab initio</u> pursuant to any Article of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, (ii) the Board of Directors, pursuant to such Article, shall have refused to tender such shares, or (iii) the transferee is a nonresident alien individual or foreign entity. A permitted transfer of shares shall be made and recorded on the share transfer books of the Corporation upon the receipt of proper transfer instructions as prescribed by the Board of Directors, the payment of all taxes thereon, and, in the case of transfers of shares which are represented by one or more certificates, only upon receipt of such certificate(s) with proper endorsement or duly executed stock transfer power, from the registered holder of record or from such holder's attorney thereunto authorized by power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Secretary or with a

transfer agent or transfer clerk. In the event a certificate representing shares to be transferred cannot be surrendered because it has been stolen, lost, or destroyed, the transferor shall comply with the requirements imposed by the Board of Directors as set forth in Section 6.02 of these Bylaws in lieu of surrendering a properly endorsed certificate. Upon satisfactory completion by the transferror of the requirements set forth in this Section 6.04, as to any transfer not prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation or by action of the Board of Directors thereunder, all certificates for the transferred shares shall be cancelled, new certificates representing the transferred shares (or evidence of the transferee's ownership of the transferred shares in uncertificated form) shall be delivered to the transferee, and the transaction shall be recorded on the share transfer books of the Corporation. Except as otherwise provided by law, no transfer of shares shall be valid as against the Corporation, its shareholders or creditors, for any purpose, until it shall have been entered in the share transfer books of the Corporation by an entry showing from and to whom transferred.

SECTION 6.05 <u>Registered Shareholders</u>. The Corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on its share transfer books as the owner of shares (whether or not such shares are represented by certificates) to receive dividends, and to vote as such owner, and to hold liable for calls and assessments, if any, a person registered on its share transfer books as the owner of shares, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 6.06 <u>Regulations</u>. The Board of Directors may make such additional rules and regulations, not inconsistent with these Bylaws, as it may deem expedient concerning the issue, transfer and registration of shares of stock of the Corporation (whether or not such shares are represented by certificates).

### ARTICLE VII

#### Miscellaneous

SECTION 7.01 Corporate Seal. The Corporation shall have a corporate seal in the form of a circle containing the name of the Corporation and such other details as may be required by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7.02 <u>Checks</u>. All checks, notes, bills of exchange or other orders in writing shall be signed by such person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

SECTION 7.03 Contracts. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or to execute or deliver any instrument on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION 7.04 <u>Deposits</u>. All funds of the Corporation 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 approve or designate, and all such funds shall be withdrawn only upon checks signed by such one or more officers or employees as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine.

SECTION 7.05 Corporate Records. There shall be kept at the principal office of the Corporation an original or duplicate record of the proceedings of the shareholders and of the directors, and the original or a copy of the Bylaws including all amendments or alterations thereto to date, certified by the Secretary. An original or duplicate share transfer book shall also be kept at the registered office or principal place of business of the Corporation, or at the office of a transfer agent or registrar, giving the names of the shareholders, their respective addresses and the number and class of shares held by each. The Corporation shall also keep appropriate, complete and accurate books or records of account, which may be kept at its registered office or at its principal place of business.

SECTION 7.06 Amendment of Bylaws. These Bylaws may be amended or replaced, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either (1) by the vote of the shareholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes which all shareholders are entitled to cast thereon at any duly organized annual or special meeting of shareholders, or (2), with respect to those matters which are not by statute reserved exclusively to the shareholders, by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, including a majority of the Independent Directors of the Corporation in office at any regular or special meeting of directors. It shall not be necessary to set forth such proposed amendment, repeal or new Bylaws, or a summary thereof, in any notice of such meeting, whether annual, regular or special.

SECTION 7.07 Exclusive Forum. Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division, or in the event that court lacks jurisdiction to hear such action, the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, Virginia, shall be the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a legal duty owed by any current or former director, officer or other

employee or agent of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's shareholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation or any director or officer or other employee of the Corporation arising pursuant to any provision of the Virginia Stock Corporation Act or the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws (as any may be amended from time to time), or (iv) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation or any current or former director or officer or other employee or agent of the Corporation governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

### DYNEX CAPITAL, INC. 2020 STOCK AND INCENTIVE PLAN

# ARTICLE I Establishment, Purpose and Duration

### 1.1 Establishment of the Plan.

- (a) Dynex Capital, Inc., a Virginia corporation (the "Company"), hereby establishes the Dynex Capital, Inc. 2020 Stock and Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings set forth in Section 2.1. The Plan permits the grant of Incentive Stock Options, Nonqualified Stock Options, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Stock Appreciation Rights, Performance Units and Performance Cash Awards to Key Employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries and the grant of Nonqualified Stock Options, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Stock Appreciation Rights, Performance Units and Performance Cash Awards to Non-Employee Directors of the Company or its Subsidiaries or to Consultants or Advisors to the Company or its Subsidiaries.
- (b) The Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on April 27, 2020 and became effective on June 9, 2020 (the "Effective Date") upon approval of the Plan by the Company's shareholders. Upon the Company's shareholders approval of the Plan, no additional awards shall be made under the Company's 2018 Stock and Incentive Plan, as amended and restated effective June 20, 2019, or any other prior equity plan (the "Prior Plans") although outstanding awards under the Prior Plans shall remain outstanding in accordance with their terms.
- 1.2 <u>Purpose of the Plan</u>. The purpose of the Plan is to promote the success of the Company and its subsidiaries by providing incentives to Key Employees, Non-Employee Directors, Consultants and Advisors that will promote the identification of their personal interests with the long-term financial success of the Company and with growth in shareholder value, consistent with the Company's risk management practices. The Plan is designed to provide flexibility to the Company, including its subsidiaries, in its ability to attract, retain the services of, and motivate Key Employees, Non-Employee Directors, Consultants and Advisors upon whose judgment, experience, interest, and special effort the successful conduct of the Company's operations is largely dependent.
- 1.3 <u>Duration of the Plan</u>. The terms of this Plan shall become effective on the Effective Date, as described in Section 1.1(b). No Award may be granted under the Plan after June 8, 2030. Awards outstanding on such date shall remain valid in accordance with their terms. The Board shall have the right to terminate the Plan at any time pursuant to Article XVI.

## ARTICLE II Definitions

- 2.1 <u>Definitions</u>. The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:
- (a) "Advisor" means a natural person who provides bona fide advisory services to the Company or its Subsidiaries, provided the services are not in connection with a capital-raising transaction and the person does not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Company's securities.
  - (b) "Affiliate" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act.

- (c) "Agreement" means a written agreement or other instrument or document, which may be in electronic format, implementing the grant of an Award and setting forth the specific terms of an Award, and which is signed or acknowledged (including a signature or acknowledgment in electronic format) by an authorized officer of the Company and the Participant. The Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chairman of the Committee, Chairman of the Board, and such other directors or officers of the Company as shall be designated by the Committee are hereby authorized to execute or acknowledge Agreements on behalf of the Company (including a signature or acknowledgment in electronic format) and to cause Agreements to be delivered to each Participant (including delivery in electronic format).
- (d) "Award" means a grant under this Plan of an Incentive Stock Option, Nonqualified Stock Option, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit, Stock Appreciation Right, Performance Unit and/or Performance Cash Award.
  - (e) "Award Date" means the date on which an Award is made (also referred to as "granted") by the Committee under this Plan.
  - (f) "Beneficiary" means the person designated by a Participant pursuant to Section 17.11.
  - (g) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company, unless otherwise indicated.
- (h) "Cause" has the meaning set forth in any employment agreement, or, if none, in any severance or change of control agreement, then in effect between the Participant and the Company or a subsidiary, if applicable, and, if the Participant has no such agreement or if such agreement does not define the term, "Cause" means (i) the Participant's failure to comply with a lawful directive of the Board of Directors of the Company or a subsidiary or of any supervisory personnel, (ii) any criminal act by the Participant, (iii) any act of dishonesty or misconduct by the Participant that has an adverse effect on the property, operations, business or reputation of the Company or a subsidiary, or (iv) the material breach by the Participant of any written policies of the Company or a subsidiary or the terms of any confidentiality, non-competition, non-solicitation or other agreement that the Participant has with the Company or a subsidiary.
- (i) "Change of Control" shall be deemed to have occurred if the conditions set forth in any one of the following paragraphs shall have been satisfied at any time after the Effective Date:
  - (i) the acquisition by any person, including a group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act), of beneficial ownership of thirty-five percent (35%) or more of either (A) the then outstanding shares of Company Stock (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (B) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); or
  - (ii) the composition of the Company's Board shall change such that the individuals who, as of the Effective Date, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Directors") no longer comprise at least a majority of the members of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the Effective Date whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Directors shall be considered as though such individual were an Incumbent Director, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a person other than the Board; or

- (iii) consummation of a reorganization, merger, share exchange or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination:
  - (A) the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, at least eighty percent (80%) of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries or affiliates) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be; and
  - (B) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination were Incumbent Directors at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or
- (iv) approval by the shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company, except pursuant to a Business Combination that complies with clause (A) or (B) of Section 2.1(i)(iii).

For purposes of this definition, a Change of Control occurs on the date on which an event described in (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) occurs, provided that if a Change of Control occurs on account of a series of transactions or events, the Change of Control occurs on the date of the last of such transactions or events.

For purposes of this definition only, the term "person" means any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act), other than any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any affiliated company, and "beneficial ownership" has the meaning given the term in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act.

- (j) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (k) "Committee" means the committee of the Board appointed by the Company to administer the Plan pursuant to Article III, which shall be the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, unless a subcommittee is required as provided below or unless the Board of Directors of the Company determines otherwise. All members of the Committee shall be "independent directors" under applicable listing standards of any national securities exchange or system on which the Stock is then listed or reported. For actions which require that all of the members of the Committee constitute "non employee directors" as defined in Rule 16b 3, or any similar or successor rule, the Committee may consist of a subcommittee of at least two members of the Compensation Committee meeting such qualifications. In the event the Board of Directors of the Company exercises the authority of the Committee in connection with the Plan or an Award as contemplated by Section 3.1(a), the term "Committee" shall refer to the Board of Directors of the Company in connection with the Plan or with regard to that Award.
  - (l) "Company" means Dynex Capital, Inc. or any successor thereto.

- (m) "Consultant" means a natural person who provides bona fide consulting services to the Company or its Subsidiaries, provided the services are not in connection with a capital-raising transaction and the person does not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Company's securities.
- (n) "Disability" or "Disabled" means, with respect to an Incentive Stock Option, a Disability within the meaning of Code Section 22(e)(3). As to all other Awards, the Committee shall determine whether a Disability exists and such determination shall be conclusive.
  - (o) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.
- (p) "Fair Market Value" of a Share means (i) the per Share price at the close of business on the applicable principal U.S. market on the relevant date if it is a trading date, or, if not, on the most recent date on which the Stock was traded prior to such date, as reported by the national securities exchange or system for the applicable principal U.S. market, or (ii) if, in the opinion of the Committee, this method is inapplicable or inappropriate for any reason, the fair market value as determined pursuant to a reasonable method adopted by the Committee in good faith for such purpose.
- (q) "Good Reason" has the meaning set forth in any employment agreement, or, if none, in any severance or change of control agreement, then in effect between the Participant and the Company or a subsidiary, if applicable, and, if the Participant has no such agreement or if such agreement does not define the term, "Good Reason" means (i) a material diminution in the Participant's authority, duties or responsibilities; (ii) a material diminution in the Participant's base compensation; or (iii) a relocation of the primary location at which the Participant must perform services to a location that is more than fifty (50) miles away. The Participant is required to provide notice to the Company of the existence of a condition described in this Section 2.1(q) within a ninety (90) day period of the initial existence of the condition, upon the notice of which the Company shall have thirty (30) days to remedy the condition. If the condition is remedied within thirty (30) days, then "Good Reason" does not exist. If the condition is not remedied within thirty (30) days, then the Participant must resign within ninety (90) days of the expiration of the remedy period for "Good Reason" to exist.
- (r) "Incentive Stock Option" or "ISO" means an option to purchase Stock, granted under Article VI, which is designated as an incentive stock option and is intended to meet the requirements of, and qualify for favorable federal income tax treatment under, Code Section 422.
- (s) "Key Employee" means an officer or other key employee of the Company or its Subsidiaries, who, in the opinion of the Committee, can contribute significantly to the growth and profitability of, or perform services of major importance to, the Company and its Subsidiaries.
- (t) "Non-Employee Director" means an individual who is a member of the board of directors of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof who is not an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof.
- (u) "Nonqualified Stock Option" means an option to purchase Stock, granted under Article VI, which is not intended to be an Incentive Stock Option and is so designated.
  - (v) "Option" means an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option.
- (w) "Participant" means a Key Employee, Non-Employee Director, Consultant or Advisor who has been granted an Award under the Plan and whose Award remains outstanding.
- (x) "Performance-Based Compensation Award" means any Award for which exercise, full enjoyment or receipt thereof by the Participant is contingent on satisfaction or achievement of the Performance Goal(s) applicable thereto. The terms and conditions of each Performance-Based Compensation Award, including

the Performance Goal(s) and Performance Period, shall be set forth in an Agreement or in a subplan of the Plan that is incorporated by reference into an Agreement.

- (y) "Performance Cash Award" means an Award of cash granted to a Participant pursuant to Article XI.
- "Performance Goal" means one or more performance measures or goals set by the Committee in its discretion for each grant of a Performance-Based (z) Compensation Award. The extent to which such performance measures or goals are met will determine the amount or value of the Performance-Based Compensation Award that a Participant is entitled to exercise, receive or retain. For purposes of the Plan, a Performance Goal may be participant to a Participant, and may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following performance criteria, either individually, alternatively or in any combination, subset or component, applied to the performance of the Company as a whole or to the performance of a Subsidiary, division, strategic business unit, line of business or business segment, measured either quarterly, annually or cumulatively over a period of years or partial years, in each case as specified by the Committee in the Award: (i) stock value or increases therein, (ii) total shareholder return, relative total shareholder return or comparative total shareholder return, (iii) total shareholder equity, (iv) operating revenue, (v) commodity revenue, (vi) book value or book value growth, book value per share or per common share or growth in book value per share or per common share, (vii) tangible book value or tangible book value growth, tangible book value per share or growth in tangible book value per share, (viii) dividends, (ix) dividends paid, (x) earnings per share or earnings per share growth (before or after one or more of taxes, interest, depreciation and/or amortization), (xi) diluted and basic earnings per share or diluted earnings per share growth (before or after one or more of taxes, interest, depreciation and/or amortization), including fully diluted earnings per share after extraordinary events, (xii) net earnings, (xiii) earnings and/or earnings growth (before or after one or more of taxes, interest, depreciation and/or amortization), operating earnings and/or operating earnings growth. (xiv) profits or profit growth (net profit, gross profit, operating profit, net operating profit, economic profit, profit margins or other corporate profit measures), (xv) cash flow, operating cash flow and/or free cash flow (either before or after dividends), (xvi) cash from operations, (xvii) operating or other expenses or growth thereof, (xviii) operating efficiency, (xix) return on equity, (xx) return on tangible equity or return on tangible common equity, (xxi) return on assets, portfolio assets, net assets, capital or investments (including return on total capital or return on invested capital), (xxii) return on operating revenue, (xxiii) sales or revenues or growth thereof, (xxiv) portfolio growth, (xxv) servicing volume, (xxvi) production volume, (xxvii) improvement in or attainment of working capital levels, (xxviii) improvement in or attainment of expense levels, (xxix) assets under management or growth thereof, (xxx) cost control measures, (xxxi) regulatory compliance, (xxxii) gross, operating or other margins, (xxxiii) efficiency ratio (as generally recognized and used for financial reporting and analysis), (xxxiv) operating ratio, (xxxv) income or net income (either before or after taxes), (xxxvi) operating income, net operating income, or core net operating income, (xxxvii) interest income, (xxxviii) net interest income, (xxxxi) net interest margin, (xl) non interest income, (xlii) non-interest expense, (xlii) delinquency ratios, (xliii) credit loss levels, (xliv) credit quality, net charge-offs and/or non-performing assets, (xlv) provision expense, (xlvi) productivity, (xlvii) satisfactory internal or external audits, (xlviii) improvement of financial ratings, (xlix) achievement of balance sheet or income statement objectives, (l) quality measures, (li) peer ranking or peer performance based on a public index, (lii) peer ranking or peer performance based on a Committee-determined group of peers, (liii) number or dollar amount of securities sold, (liv) debt reduction, (lv) gain on sale of investments, (lvi) achievement of risk management objectives, (lvii) achievement of strategic performance objectives or other strategic objectives, (lviii) achievement of merger or acquisition objectives, (lix) implementation, management or completion of critical projects or processes, (lx) market capitalization, (lxi) total enterprise value (market capitalization plus debt), (lxii) economic value added, (lxiii) total economic return, (lxiy) general and administrative expense (either including or excluding litigation costs), (lxv) debt leverage (debt to capital), (lxvi) market share or (lxvii) any components of the foregoing (including, without limitation, determination thereof, in the Committee's sole discretion, with or without the effect of discontinued operations and dispositions of business units or segments, non recurring items, material extraordinary items that are both unusual and infrequent, non-budgeted items, special charges, accruals for acquisitions, reorganization and restructuring programs and/or changes in tax law, accounting principles or other such laws or provisions affecting the Company's reported results). Performance Goals may include a threshold level of performance below which no payment or vesting may occur, levels of performance at which specified payments or specified vesting will occur, and a maximum level of performance above which no additional payment or vesting

will occur. Performance Goals may be absolute in their terms or measured against or in relationship to a pre-established target, the Company's budget or budgeted results, previous period results, a market index, a designated comparison group of other companies comparably, similarly or otherwise situated, or any combination thereof. The Committee shall determine the Performance Period during which a Performance Goal must be met, and attainment of Performance Goals shall be subject to certification by the Committee. In the Committee's sole discretion, to the extent such discretion is expressly reserved in the Award Agreement, the Committee may adjust the compensation or economic benefit due upon attainment of Performance Goals and adjust the Performance Goals themselves.

- (aa) "Performance Period" means the time period during which a Performance Goal must be met in connection with a Performance-Based Compensation Award. Such time period shall be set by the Committee, provided, however, that, except as permitted under Section 4.6, the Performance Period shall not be less than one year, subject to applicable provisions regarding accelerated vesting events.
- (ab) "Performance Unit" means an Award, designated as a Performance Unit, granted to a Participant pursuant to Article X, valued by reference to the Fair Market Value of Stock or valued as a fixed dollar amount, and subject to achievement or satisfaction of one or more Performance Goals. Performance Units are payable in cash, Stock or a combination thereof. Even to the extent a Performance Unit is denoted by reference to Shares of Stock and is payable in Stock, the receipt of a Performance Unit Award does not constitute receipt of the underlying Shares.
- (ac) "Period of Restriction" means the period during which Shares of Restricted Stock are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture and/or subject to limitations on transfer, pursuant to Article VII, or the period during which Restricted Stock Units are subject to vesting requirements, pursuant to Article VIII. The relevant restriction may lapse based on a period of time or after meeting performance criteria specified by the Committee, or both. The Period of Restriction shall be set by the Committee, provided, however, that, except as permitted in Section 4.6, the Period of Restriction shall not be less than one year, subject to applicable provisions regarding accelerated vesting events.
- (ad) "Restricted Stock" means an Award of Stock granted to a Participant pursuant to Article VII, which is subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture and/or subject to limitations on transferability until the designated conditions for the lapse of such restrictions are satisfied.
- (ae) "Restricted Stock Unit" or "RSU" means an Award designated as the right to receive shares of Stock or the cash equivalent thereof granted to a Participant pursuant to Article VIII, and subject to vesting requirements. Restricted Stock Units are payable in cash, Stock or a combination thereof. Even to the extent a Restricted Stock Unit is denoted by reference to Shares of Stock and is payable in Stock, the receipt of a Restricted Stock Unit Award does not constitute receipt of the underlying Shares.
- (af) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, including any corresponding subsequent rule or any amendments enacted after the Effective Date.
  - (ag) "Stock" or "Shares" means the common stock of the Company.
- (ah) "Stock Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means an Award, designated as a stock appreciation right, granted to a Participant pursuant to Article IX, and payable in cash, Stock or a combination thereof.
- (ai) "10% Shareholder" means a person who owns, directly or indirectly, stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any parent or subsidiary of the Company. Indirect ownership of stock shall be determined in accordance with Code Section 424(d).
- (aj) For purposes of Incentive Stock Options, "Subsidiary" shall mean a corporation at least fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of which is owned by the Company,

either directly or through one or more of its Subsidiaries. For purposes of all Awards other than Incentive Stock Options, "Subsidiary" shall mean any entity that would be considered a single employer with the Company within the meaning of Code Section 414(b) or Code Section 414(c), except to the extent a different definition is required under Code Section 409A.

## ARTICLE III Administration

#### 3.1 The Committee.

- (a) The Plan shall be administered by the Committee which shall have all powers necessary or desirable for such administration. To the extent required by Rule 16b-3, all Awards shall be made by members of the Committee who are "non-employee directors" as that term is defined in Rule 16b-3, or by the Board. In the event the Board determines that a member of the Committee (or any applicable subcommittee) was not an "independent director" under applicable listing standards of any national securities exchange or system on which the Stock is then listed or reported and/or was not a "non employee director" as defined in Rule 16b 3, as applicable, on the Award Date, such determination shall not invalidate the Award and the Award shall remain valid in accordance with its terms. Any authority granted to the Committee may also be exercised by the full Board.
- (b) The express grant in this Plan of any specific power to the Committee shall not be construed as limiting any power or authority of the Committee. In addition to any other powers and, subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the following specific powers: (i) to determine the terms and conditions upon which the Awards may be made and exercised; (ii) to determine all terms and provisions of each Agreement, which need not be identical; (iii) to construe and interpret the Agreements and the Plan, including the ability to resolve any ambiguities and define any terms; (iv) to establish, amend or waive rules or regulations for the Plan's administration; (v) to accelerate the exercisability of any Award or the termination of any Period of Restriction or other restrictions imposed under the Plan to the extent permitted by Code Section 409A; and (vi) to make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan. The interpretation and construction of any provisions of the Plan or an Agreement by the Committee shall be final and conclusive. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the Plan and any Agreement, the Plan shall govern, and the Agreement shall be interpreted to minimize or eliminate any such conflict or inconsistency.
- (c) The Committee may consult with counsel, who may be counsel to the Company, and shall not incur any liability for any action taken in good faith in reliance upon the advice of counsel.
- (d) The Committee, in its discretion, may delegate to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, acting jointly, all or part of the Committee's authority and duties with respect to Awards to individuals who are not subject to the reporting and other provisions of Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The Committee may revoke or amend the terms of a delegation at any time but such action shall not invalidate any prior actions of the Committee's delegee or delegees that were consistent with the terms of the Plan.
- 3.2 <u>Selection of Participants</u>. The Committee shall have the authority to grant Awards under the Plan, from time to time, to such Key Employees, Non-Employee Directors, Consultants and Advisors as may be selected by the Committee. Each Award shall be evidenced by an Agreement.
- 3.3 <u>Decisions Binding</u>. All determinations and decisions made by the Board or the Committee pursuant to the provisions of the Plan shall be final, conclusive and binding.
- 3.4 <u>Rule 16b-3 Requirements</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Board or the Committee may impose such conditions on any Award, and amend the Plan in any such respects, as may be required to satisfy the requirements of Rule 16b-3.
- 3.5 <u>Indemnification of Committee</u>. In addition to such other rights of indemnification as they may have as directors or as members of the Committee, the members of the Committee shall be indemnified by the

Company against reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal therein, to which they or any of them may be a party by reason of any action taken or failure to act under or in connection with the Plan or any Award granted or made hereunder, and against all amounts reasonably paid by them in settlement thereof or paid by them in satisfaction of a judgment in any such action, suit or proceeding, if such members acted in good faith and in a manner which they believed to be in, and not opposed to, the best interests of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

### ARTICLE IV Stock Subject to the Plan

#### 4.1 Number of Shares.

- (a) Subject to adjustment as provided in Article XIII, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to Awards made under the Plan shall not exceed 2,300,000. No shares subject to awards made under Prior Plans shall be available for use under the Plan. Except as provided in Section 4.2, the issuance of Shares in connection with the exercise of, or as other payment for, Awards under the Plan shall reduce the number of Shares available for future Awards under the Plan.
- (b) Subject to adjustment as provided in Article XIII, no more than an aggregate of 2,300,000 Shares may be issued pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options granted under the Plan (including shares issued pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options that are the subject of disqualifying dispositions within the meaning of Code Sections 421 and 422).
- 4.2 <u>Lapsed Awards or Forfeited Shares</u>. If any Award granted under this Plan terminates, expires, or lapses for any reason other than by virtue of exercise or settlement of the Award, or if Shares issued pursuant to Awards are forfeited, any Stock subject to such Award again shall be available for the grant of an Award under the Plan.
- 4.3 <u>Use of Shares as Payment of Exercise Price or Taxes</u>. Shares withheld by the Company, delivered by the Participant, or otherwise used to pay the Option Price pursuant to the exercise of an Option or the SAR Exercise Price pursuant to the exercise of a SAR shall not be available for future Awards under the Plan. Shares withheld by the Company, delivered by the Participant, or otherwise used to satisfy payment of withholding taxes associated with an Award shall not be available for future Awards under the Plan. To the extent Shares are delivered or withheld pursuant to the exercise of an Option or a SAR, the number of underlying Shares as to which the exercise related shall be counted against the number of Shares available for future Awards under the Plan, as opposed to counting only those Shares issued upon exercise.
- 4.4 <u>Per-Participant Annual Limit</u>. The maximum number of Shares with respect to which Awards may be granted in any calendar year to any Participant during such calendar year shall be 400,000 in the aggregate and the maximum dollar amount of cash Awards granted in any calendar year to any Participant shall be \$5,000,000 in the aggregate.
- 4.5 No Fractional Shares. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award thereunder. The Committee shall determine whether cash, other Awards, or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of such fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.
- 4.6 Minimum Vesting and Performance Period. An Award granted under the Plan shall not vest earlier than the first anniversary of the Award Date and, if applicable, shall not have a Performance Period of less than one year, provided, however, that this minimum vesting restriction and, if applicable, minimum Performance Period shall not apply to (a) substituted Awards granted pursuant to Article XV; (b) shares of Stock delivered in lieu of fully-vested cash obligations; (c) Awards to Non-Employee Directors that vest on the earlier of the first

anniversary of the Award Date and the next annual meeting of shareholders which is at least fifty (50) weeks after the immediately preceding year's annual meeting of shareholders; and (d) any additional Awards granted under the Plan up to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the maximum aggregate number of Shares authorized for delivery under the Plan pursuant to Section 4.1 (subject to adjustment as provided in Article XIII). This Section 4.6 shall not restrict the right of the Committee or the Board to provide for accelerated payment, vesting or exercisability of an Award, including in the event of death, Disability, termination of employment (including retirement) or a Change of Control, in the terms of the Agreement or otherwise.

### ARTICLE V Eligibility

Persons eligible to participate in the Plan include (i) all employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries (including any entity that becomes a Subsidiary after the Effective Date) who, in the opinion of the Committee, are Key Employees, (ii) all Non-Employee Directors, and (iii) all individuals providing bona fide consulting or advisory services to the Company or its Subsidiaries (including any entity that becomes a Subsidiary after the Effective Date) who, in the opinion of the Committee, are Consultants or Advisors. The grant of an Award shall not obligate the Company to pay a Key Employee, Non-Employee Director, Consultant or Advisor any particular amount of remuneration, to continue the employment of a Key Employee or the service of a Non-Employee Director, Consultant or Advisor after the grant, or to make further grants to a Key Employee, Non-Employee Director, Consultant or Advisor at any time thereafter.

### ARTICLE VI Stock Options

- 6.1 <u>Grants of Options</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, Options may be granted to such Key Employees, Non-Employee Directors, Consultants or Advisors at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee. The Committee shall have complete discretion in determining the number of Shares subject to Options granted to each Participant, provided, however, that only Nonqualified Stock Options may be granted to Non-Employee Directors, Consultants and Advisors.
- 6.2 Option Agreement. Each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Agreement that shall specify the type of Option granted, the Option Price (as hereinafter defined), the duration of the Option, the number of Shares to which the Option pertains, any conditions imposed upon the exercisability of the Option, and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine, provided, however, that, except as permitted in Section 4.6, if the exercisability of an Option is subject solely to time-based conditions, the length of such period of time shall not be less than one year, subject to applicable provisions regarding accelerated vesting events. The Agreement shall specify whether the Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option or Nonqualified Stock Option, provided, however, that if an Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option but fails to be such for any reason, it shall continue in full force and effect as a Nonqualified Stock Option. No Option may be exercised after the expiration of its term or, except as set forth in the Agreement, after the termination of the Participant's employment or service. The Committee shall set forth in the Agreement when, and under what circumstances, an Option may be exercised after termination of the Participant's employment or period of service, provided that no Incentive Stock Option may be exercised after (a) three months from the Participant's termination of employment with the Company for reasons other than Disability or death, or (b) one year from the Participant's termination of employment on account of Disability or death. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, amend a previously granted Incentive Stock Option to provide for more liberal exercise provisions, provided, however, that if the Incentive Stock Option as amended no longer meets the requirements of Code Section 422, and, as a result the Option no longer qualifies for favorable federal income tax treatment under Code Section 422, the amendment shall not become effective without the written consent of

6.3 Option Price. The exercise price per share of Stock covered by an Option ("Option Price") shall be determined by the Committee subject to the limitations described in this Section 6.3 and the Plan. The Option Price shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such Stock on the Award Date. In addition, an ISO

granted to a Key Employee who, at the time of grant, is a 10% Shareholder, shall have an Option Price which is at least equal to 110% of the Fair Market Value of the Stock on the Award Date.

6.4 <u>Duration of Options</u>. Each Option shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant, provided, however, that no Option shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) anniversary date of its Award Date. In addition, an ISO granted to a Key Employee who, at the time of grant, is a 10% Shareholder, shall not be exercisable later than the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary date of its Award Date.

#### 6.5 Exercisability.

- (a) Options granted under the Plan shall be exercisable at such times and be subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Committee shall determine, which need not be the same for all Participants.
- (b) An Incentive Stock Option, by its terms, shall be exercisable in any calendar year only to the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined at the Award Date) of the Stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable by the Participant for the first time during the calendar year does not exceed \$100,000 (the "Limitation Amount"). Incentive Stock Options granted under the Plan and all other plans of the Company and any Subsidiary shall be aggregated for purposes of determining whether the Limitation Amount has been exceeded. The Committee may impose such conditions as it deems appropriate on an Incentive Stock Option to ensure that the foregoing requirement is met. If Incentive Stock Options that first become exercisable in a calendar year exceed the Limitation Amount, the excess Options will be treated as Nonqualified Stock Options to the extent permitted by law.
- 6.6 Method of Exercise. Options shall be exercised by the delivery of a written notice to the Company in the form (which may be electronic) prescribed by the Committee (or its delegee) setting forth the number of Shares with respect to which the Option is to be exercised, accompanied by full payment for the Shares and payment of (or an arrangement satisfactory to the Company for the Participant to pay) any tax withholding required in connection with the Option exercise. To the extent approved by the Committee from time to time, the Option Price shall be payable to the Company in full either (a) in cash, (b) by delivery of Shares of Stock that the Participant has previously acquired and owned valued at Fair Market Value at the time of exercise, (c) by delivery of a properly executed exercise notice together with irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company, from the sale proceeds with respect to the sale of Stock, the amount necessary to pay the Option Price and, if necessary, applicable withholding taxes, (d) by the Company withholding Shares otherwise issuable upon the exercise valued at Fair Market Value at the time of exercise, or (e) by a combination of the foregoing. As soon as practicable, after receipt of written notice and payment of the Option Price and completion of payment of (or an arrangement satisfactory to the Company for the Participant to pay) any tax withholding required in connection with the Option exercise, the Company shall, in the Committee's discretion, either deliver to the Participant stock certificates in an appropriate amount based upon the number of Options exercised, issued in the Participant's name, or deliver the appropriate number of Shares in book-entry or electronic form.
- 6.7 <u>Restrictions on Stock Transferability.</u> The Committee shall impose such restrictions on any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Option under the Plan as it may deem advisable, including, without limitation, restrictions under the applicable federal securities law, under the requirements of any national securities exchange or system on which the Stock is then listed or reported, and under any blue sky or state securities laws applicable to such Shares. The Committee may specify in an Agreement that Stock delivered on exercise of an Option is Restricted Stock or Stock subject to a buyback right by the Company in the amount of, or based on, the Option Price therefor in the event the Participant does not complete a specified service period after exercise.

### 6.8 Nontransferability of Options.

(a) In general, no Option granted under the Plan may be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, otherwise than upon the death of the Participant in accordance with Section

- 17.11. Further, Options granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during his lifetime only by such Participant or his guardian or legal representative.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6.8(a) and subject to federal and state securities laws, including Rule 16b-3, the Committee may grant or amend Nonqualified Stock Options that permit a Participant to transfer the Options to his spouse, lineal ascendants and/or lineal descendants, to a trust for the benefit of such persons, to a partnership, limited liability company, or other entity the only partners, members, or interest-holders of which are such persons, or pursuant to a domestic relations order, provided that the Nonqualified Stock Option may not again be transferred other than to the Participant originally receiving the Option or to an individual, trust, partnership, limited liability company or other entity to which such Participant could have transferred the Option pursuant to this Section 6.8(b). Consideration may not be paid for the transfer of Options. The transfere of an Option shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the Option prior to its transfer. The Agreement granting the Option shall set forth the transfer conditions and restrictions. The Committee may impose on any transferable Option and on Stock issued upon the exercise of an Option such limitations and conditions as the Committee deems appropriate. Any such transfer supersedes any Beneficiary designation made under Section 17.11 with respect to the transferred Nonqualified Stock Options.
- 6.9 <u>Disqualifying Disposition of Shares Issued on Exercise of an ISO</u>. If a Participant makes a "disposition" (within the meaning of Code Section 424(c)) of Shares issued upon exercise of an ISO within two (2) years from the Award Date or within one (1) year from the date the Shares are transferred to the Participant, the Participant shall, within ten (10) days of disposition, notify the Committee (or its delegee) in order that any income realized as a result of such disposition can be properly reported by the Company on IRS forms W-2 or 1099.
- 6.10 Shareholder Rights. A Participant holding Options shall have no right to vote the underlying Shares, no right to receive dividends on the underlying Shares, and no other rights as a shareholder until after the exercise of the Options and the issuance of the underlying Shares. In no event shall any Option granted under the Plan include any right to dividend equivalents with respect to such Option or the underlying Shares.

### ARTICLE VII Restricted Stock

- 7.1 <u>Grant of Restricted Stock</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant shares of Restricted Stock under the Plan to such Key Employees, Non-Employee Directors, Consultants or Advisors and in such amounts as it shall determine. Participants receiving Restricted Stock Awards are not required to pay the Company therefor (except for applicable tax withholding) other than the rendering of services. If determined by the Committee, custody of Shares of Restricted Stock may be retained by the Company until the termination of the Period of Restriction pertaining thereto.
- 7.2 <u>Restricted Stock Agreement</u>. Each Restricted Stock Award shall be evidenced by an Agreement that shall specify the Period of Restriction, the number of Restricted Stock Shares granted, and, if applicable, any Performance Period and Performance Goal(s), and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.
- 7.3 <u>Transferability</u>. Except as provided in this Article VII and subject to the limitation in the next sentence, the Shares of Restricted Stock granted hereunder may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated until the termination of the applicable Period of Restriction or upon earlier satisfaction of other conditions as specified by the Committee in its sole discretion and set forth in the Agreement. All rights with respect to the Restricted Stock granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during his lifetime only by such Participant or his guardian or legal representative, provided that the Committee may permit, its sole discretion, transfers of Shares of Restricted Stock during the lifetime of the Participant pursuant to a domestic relations order. Consideration may not be paid for the transfer of Shares of Restricted Stock.

- 7.4 Other Restrictions. The Committee shall impose such other restrictions on any Shares of Restricted Stock granted pursuant to the Plan as it may deem advisable including, without limitation, restrictions under applicable federal or state securities laws, and may legend the certificates representing Restricted Stock to give appropriate notice of such restrictions or otherwise denote the Restricted Stock as restricted, if issued in book-entry or electronic form.
- 7.5 Certificate Legend. In addition to any other legends placed on certificates, or to which Shares of Restricted Stock issued in book-entry or electronic form are made subject, pursuant to Section 7.4, any Award of Restricted Stock issued in book-entry or electronic form shall be subject to the following legend, and any certificates representing shares of Restricted Stock granted pursuant to the Plan shall bear the following legend:

The sale or other transfer of the shares of stock represented by this certificate, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by operation of law, is subject to certain restrictions on transfer set forth in the Dynex Capital, Inc. 2020 Stock and Incentive Plan, in the rules and administrative procedures adopted pursuant to such Plan, and in a restricted stock agreement dated <<date of grant>>. A copy of the Plan, such rules and procedures, and such restricted stock agreement may be obtained from the Head of Human Resources of Dynex Capital, Inc.

- 7.6 Removal of Restrictions. Except as otherwise provided in this Article VII, the Agreement, or applicable law or regulation, Shares of Restricted Stock covered by each Restricted Stock Award made under the Plan shall become freely transferable by the Participant after the last day of the Period of Restriction, and, where applicable, after a determination of the satisfaction or achievement of any applicable Performance Goal(s). Once the Shares are released from the restrictions, the Participant shall be entitled to have the legend required by Section 7.5 removed from his Stock certificate or similar notation removed from such Shares if issued in book-entry or electronic form.
- 7.7 Voting Rights. During the Period of Restriction, Participants holding Shares of Restricted Stock granted hereunder may exercise full voting rights with respect to those Shares.
- 7.8 <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. During the Period of Restriction, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Agreement and except with respect to Restricted Stock subject to one or more Performance Goals, recipients of Shares of Restricted Stock shall be entitled to receive all dividends and other distributions paid with respect to those Shares. With respect to Restricted Stock subject to one or more Performance Goals, during the Period of Restriction, dividends on such shares may be accumulated but not paid to the recipient unless and until the applicable Performance Goal(s) have been met (subject to any delay in payment required by Code Section 409A, if applicable). If any such dividends or distributions are paid in Shares, such Shares shall be subject to the same restrictions on transferability as the Shares of Restricted Stock with respect to which they were paid.

## ARTICLE VIII Restricted Stock Units

- 8.1 <u>Grant of Restricted Stock Units</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Restricted Stock Units under the Plan (with one Unit representing one Share) to such Key Employees, Non-Employee Directors, Consultants or Advisors and in such amounts as it shall determine. Participants receiving Restricted Stock Unit Awards are not required to pay the Company therefor (except for applicable tax withholding) other than the rendering of services. The Committee is expressly authorized to grant Restricted Stock Units that are deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A, as well as Restricted Stock Units that are not deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A.
- 8.2 <u>Restricted Stock Unit Agreement</u>. Each Restricted Stock Unit Award shall be evidenced by an Agreement that shall specify the Period of Restriction, the number of Restricted Stock Units granted, and if applicable, any Performance Period and Performance Goal(s), and such other provisions as the Committee shall

determine. Restricted Stock Units granted under this Article VIII that are subject to Performance Goal(s) may be referred to as "Performance Stock Units."

A participant holding Restricted Stock Units shall have no rights to deemed dividends or other distributions with respect to such Restricted Stock Units unless the Committee provides otherwise in the Agreement. The Committee may provide in the Agreement for deemed dividends or distributions with respect to Restricted Stock Units, provided that any such deemed dividends or distributions with respect to Restricted Stock Units subject to Performance Goal(s) may be accumulated but not paid unless and until the Period of Restriction applicable to the Restricted Stock Units has ended and the applicable Performance Goal(s) have been met (subject to any delay in payment required by Code Section 409A, if applicable). A Participant holding Restricted Stock Units shall have no right to vote the Shares represented by such Restricted Stock Units unless and until the underlying Shares are issued to the Participant.

8.3 <u>Payment after Lapse of Restrictions</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Agreement, upon the lapse of restrictions with respect to a Restricted Stock Unit, the Participant is entitled to receive, without any payment to the Company (other than required tax withholding), the number of Shares equal to the number of Restricted Stock Units with respect to which the restrictions lapse or the cash equivalent thereof based on the Fair Market Value per Share on the date the restrictions lapse.

The Agreement may provide for settlement of the RSUs at the time of the lapse of restrictions or, in accordance with Code Section 409A, if applicable, on an elective or non elective basis, for settlement of the RSUs at a later date, adjusted (if so provided in the Agreement) from the date of the lapse of restrictions based on an interest, dividend equivalent, earnings, or other basis (including deemed investment of the RSUs in Shares) set out in the Agreement (the "adjusted RSU Value").

Settlement of the RSUs or adjusted RSU Value to the Participant shall be made in Shares, in cash or a combination thereof as determined by the Committee, either at the time of the Award or thereafter, and as provided in the Agreement. To the extent settlement of the adjusted RSU Value to the Participant is made in Shares, such Shares shall be valued at the Fair Market Value on the date of settlement in the event of an elective or non elective delayed settlement. The Committee may specify in a Restricted Stock Unit Agreement that the Shares which are delivered upon settlement may be Restricted Stock pursuant to Article VII and subject to such further restrictions and vesting as provided in the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement.

8.4 Nontransferability of Restricted Stock Units. No Restricted Stock Unit granted under the Plan, and no right to receive payment in connection therewith, may be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than upon the death of the Participant in accordance with Section 17.11 or, if permitted by the Committee in its sole discretion, pursuant to a domestic relations order. Further, all rights with respect to Restricted Stock Units granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during his lifetime only by such Participant or his guardian or legal representative except to the extent such Restricted Stock Units have been disposed of pursuant to a domestic relations order. Consideration may not be paid for the transfer of Restricted Stock Units.

# ARTICLE IX Stock Appreciation Rights

- 9.1 Grant of Stock Appreciation Rights. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Stock Appreciation Rights under the Plan to such Key Employees, Non-Employee Directors, Consultants or Advisors and in such amounts as it shall determine.
- 9.2 <u>SAR Agreement</u>. Each SAR grant shall be evidenced by an Agreement that shall specify its terms and conditions, which terms and conditions shall be determined by the Committee, subject to the limitations set forth

in this Section 9.2 and in Section 9.3. The per Share exercise price of a SAR (the "SAR Exercise Price") shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Award Date.

- 9.3 Exercisability of SARs. SARs may be exercised upon whatever terms and conditions the Committee, in its sole discretion, imposes upon such SARs, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 9.2 and this Section 9.3. Except as permitted in Section 4.6, if the exercisability of a SAR is subject solely to time-based conditions, the length of such period of time shall not be less than one year, subject to applicable provisions regarding accelerated vesting events
- 9.4 Other Conditions Applicable to SARs. In no event shall the term of any SAR granted under the Plan exceed ten (10) years from the Award Date. A SAR may be exercised only when the Fair Market Value of a Share exceeds the SAR Exercise Price. A SAR shall be exercised by delivery to the Committee (or its delegee) of a written notice of exercise in the form (which may be electronic) prescribed by the Committee (or its delegee).
- 9.5 <u>Payment after Exercise of SARs</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Agreement, upon the exercise of a SAR, the Participant is entitled to receive, without any payment to the Company therefor (except for required tax withholding), an amount (the "SAR Value") equal to the product of multiplying (i) the number of Shares with respect to which the SAR is exercised by (ii) an amount equal to the excess of (A) the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of exercise of the SAR over (B) the SAR Exercise Price.

Payment of the SAR Value to the Participant shall be made at the time of exercise in Shares, in cash or in a combination thereof as determined by the Committee. To the extent payment of the SAR Value to the Participant is made in Shares, such Shares shall be valued at the Fair Market Value on the date of exercise. The Committee may specify in a SAR Agreement that the Shares which are delivered upon payment of the SAR Value may be Restricted Stock pursuant to Article VII and subject to such further restrictions and vesting as provided in the SAR Agreement.

- 9.6 Nontransferability of SARs. No SAR granted under the Plan, and no right to receive payment in connection therewith, may be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than upon the death of the Participant in accordance with Section 17.11 or, if permitted by the Committee in its sole discretion, pursuant to a domestic relations order. Further, all SARs, and rights in connection therewith, granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during his lifetime only by such Participant or his guardian or legal representative except to the extent such SARs have been disposed of pursuant to a domestic relations order. Consideration may not be paid for the transfer of SARs.
- 9.7 Shareholder Rights. A Participant holding SARs shall have no right to vote the underlying Shares, no right to receive dividends on the underlying Shares, and no other rights as a shareholder until after the exercise of the SARs and the issuance of the underlying Shares. In no event shall any SAR granted under the Plan include any right to dividend equivalents with respect to such SAR or the underlying Shares.

## ARTICLE X Performance Units

- 10.1 <u>Grant of Performance Units</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Performance Units under the Plan to such Key Employees, Non-Employee Directors, Consultants or Advisors and in such amounts as it shall determine. Participants receiving such Awards are not required to pay the Company therefor (except for applicable tax withholding) other than the rendering of services. The Committee is expressly authorized to grant Performance Units that are deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A, as well as Performance Units that are not deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A.
- 10.2 <u>Performance Unit Agreement</u>. Each Performance Unit is intended to be a Performance-Based Compensation Award, and the terms and conditions of each such Award, including the Performance Goal(s) and

Performance Period, shall be set forth in an Agreement or in a subplan of the Plan that is incorporated by reference into an Agreement. The Committee shall set the Performance Goal(s) in its discretion for each Participant who is granted a Performance Unit.

The Committee may provide in the Agreement for payment of dividend equivalents with respect to each Performance Unit, provided that any such dividend equivalents may be accumulated but not paid unless and until the applicable Performance Goal(s) have been met (subject to any delay in payment required by Code Section 409A, if applicable). A Participant holding Performance Units shall have no right to vote the Shares represented by such Performance Units unless and until the underlying Shares are issued to the Participant.

- 10.3 Settlement of Performance Units. After a Performance Period has ended, the holder of a Performance Unit shall be entitled to receive the value thereof based on the degree to which the Performance Goal(s) and other conditions established by the Committee and set forth in the Agreement (or in a subplan of the Plan that is incorporated by reference into an Agreement) have been satisfied. Payment of the amount to which a Participant shall be entitled upon the settlement of a Performance Unit shall be made in cash, Stock or a combination thereof as determined by the Committee.
- 10.4 Nontransferability of Performance Units. No Performance Unit granted under the Plan, and no right to receive payment in connection therewith, may be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than upon the death of the Participant in accordance with Section 17.11 or, if permitted by the Committee in its sole discretion, pursuant to a domestic relations order. All rights with respect to Performance Units granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during his lifetime only by such Participant or his guardian or legal representative except to the extent such Performance Units have been disposed of pursuant to a domestic relations order. Consideration may not be paid for the transfer of Performance Units.

## ARTICLE XI Performance Cash Awards

A Performance Cash Award may be granted upon the attainment during a Performance Period of one or more Performance Goals. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, Performance Cash Awards may be granted to such Key Employees, Non-Employee Directors, Consultants or Advisors at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee. The terms and conditions of any Performance Cash Award, including the Performance Goal(s) and Performance Period, shall be determined by the Committee in its discretion and shall be set forth in an Agreement or in a subplan of the Plan that is incorporated by reference into an Agreement. The Committee is expressly authorized to grant Performance Cash Awards that are deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A, as well as Performance Cash Awards that are not deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A.

# ARTICLE XII Termination of Employment or Service

12.1 <u>Termination Due to Retirement</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, in the event that a Participant terminates his employment or service with the Company or one of its Subsidiaries due to retirement (as defined in such applicable rules or policy of the Company in effect at the time or as otherwise defined in the Agreement), then, provided no Cause exists to terminate such Participant's employment or service and provided further either (i) upon such retirement the Participant will be subject to a non-competition covenant pursuant to an existing agreement with the Company or a subsidiary or (ii) the Participant executes and delivers to the Company, no later than the date of such retirement, a non-competition agreement in a form acceptable to the Company, (a) all Options or Stock Appreciation Rights held by the Participant that are not already vested or exercisable shall be automatically vested and exercisable, (b) any remaining Period of Restriction applicable to the unvested portion of each Award of Restricted Stock Units held by the Participant that is solely based on a period of time shall automatically lapse, and (c) the achievement or satisfaction of any Performance Goal(s) applicable to the

unvested portion of an Award held by the Participant during any Performance Period shall be adjusted through the date of termination as determined by the Committee and the Committee shall provide for such vesting, if any, as it deems appropriate.

- 12.2 <u>Termination Due to Death or Disability.</u> Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, in the event a Participant's employment or service is terminated because of death or Disability, (a) all Options or Stock Appreciation Rights held by the Participant that are not already vested or exercisable shall be automatically vested and exercisable, (b) any remaining Period of Restriction applicable to the unvested portion of each Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units held by the Participant that is solely based on a period of time shall automatically lapse, and (c) the achievement or satisfaction of any Performance Goal(s) applicable to the unvested portion of an Award held by the Participant during any Performance Period shall be adjusted through the date of termination as determined by the Committee and the Committee shall provide for such vesting, if any, as it deems appropriate.
- 12.3 Involuntary Termination Not for Cause. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, in the event the Company or one of its Subsidiaries terminates the employment or service of a Participant not for Cause, then provided the termination does not occur in connection with a Change of Control and provided further either (i) upon such termination the Participant will be subject to a non-competition covenant pursuant to an existing agreement with the Company or a subsidiary or (ii) the Participant executes and delivers to the Company, no later than the date of such termination, a non-competition agreement in a form acceptable to the Company, (a) all Options or Stock Appreciation Rights held by the Participant that are not already vested or exercisable shall be automatically vested and exercisable, (b) any remaining Period of Restriction applicable to the unvested portion of each Award of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units held by the Participant that is solely based on a period of time shall automatically lapse, and (c) the achievement or satisfaction of any Performance Goal(s) applicable to the unvested portion of an Award held by the Participant during any Performance Period shall be adjusted through the date of termination as determined by the Committee and the Committee shall provide for such vesting, if any, as it deems appropriate.
- 12.4 <u>Termination for Good Reason</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, in the event that a Participant terminates his employment or service with the Company or one of its Subsidiaries for Good Reason, then provided the termination does not occur in connection with a Change of Control and provided further either (i) upon such termination the Participant will be subject to a non-competition covenant pursuant to an existing agreement with the Company or a subsidiary or (ii) the Participant executes and delivers to the Company, no later than the date of such termination, a non-competition agreement in a form acceptable to the Company, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, waive the automatic forfeiture of any or all of the unvested portion of each Award held by the Participant and provide for such vesting as it deems appropriate.
- 12.5 <u>Termination for Cause</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, in the event a Participant's employment or service is terminated for Cause, the unvested portion and the vested portion not yet paid or exercised of each Award held by the Participant shall be automatically forfeited to the Company and no further exercise of an Option or a SAR shall be allowed.
- 12.6 <u>Termination for Other Reasons</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, upon a voluntary or involuntary separation from employment or service of a Participant where none of Sections 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 or 12.5 applies, the unvested portion of each Award held by the Participant shall be automatically forfeited to the Company.

### Article XIII Change in Capital Structure

13.1 Effect of Change in Capital Structure. In the event of a stock dividend, stock split or combination of shares, spin-off, recapitalization or merger in which the Company is the surviving corporation, or other change in

the Company's capital stock (including, but not limited to, the creation or issuance to shareholders generally of rights, options or warrants for the purchase of common stock or preferred stock of the Company), the number and kind of Shares or securities of the Company to be issued under the Plan (under outstanding Awards and Awards to be granted in the future), the Option Price of Options and/or SAR Exercise Price of SARs, the annual limits on and the aggregate number and kind of Shares for which Awards thereafter may be made, and other relevant provisions shall be proportionately, equitably and appropriately adjusted by the Committee, whose determination shall be binding on all persons. If the adjustment would produce fractional shares with respect to any Award, the Committee may adjust appropriately the number of shares covered by the Award so as to eliminate the fractional shares. Where an Award being adjusted is an ISO or is subject to or falls under an exemption from Code Section 409A, the adjustment of any Option and/or SAR shall also be effected so as to comply with Code Section 424(a) and not to constitute a modification within the meaning of Code Section 424(h) or Code Section 409A, as applicable.

- 13.2 <u>Authority</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Committee may take the foregoing actions without the consent of any Participant, and the Committee's determination shall be conclusive and binding on all persons for all purposes.
- 13.3 Manner of Adjustment. Adjustments made by the Committee pursuant to this Article XIII to outstanding Awards shall be made as appropriate to maintain favorable tax and/or accounting treatment.

# ARTICLE XIV Change of Control

In the event of a Change of Control of the Company, the Committee, as constituted before such Change of Control, in its sole discretion and without the consent of the Participant, may, as to any outstanding Award, either at the time the Award is made or any time thereafter, take any one or more of the following actions: (i) provide for acceleration of the vesting, delivery and exercisability of, and the lapse of time-based and/or performance-based vesting restrictions with respect to, any such Award so that such Award may be exercised or realized in full on or before a date initially fixed by the Committee; (ii) provide for the purchase, settlement or cancellation of any such Award by the Company, for an amount of cash equal to the amount which could have been obtained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of such Participant's rights had such Award been currently exercisable or payable; (iii) provide for the replacement of any such Stock-settled Award with a cash-settled Award; (iv) make such adjustment to any such Award then outstanding as the Committee deems appropriate to reflect such Change of Control and to retain the economic value of the Award; or (v) cause any such Award then outstanding to be assumed, or new rights substituted therefor, by the acquiring or surviving corporation in such Change of Control. Where an Award is subject to or falls under an exemption from Code Section 409A, this Article XIV will be applied in a manner so as to comply with Code Section 409A or to maintain the exemption from Code Section 409A, as applicable.

## ARTICLE XV Amendment, Modification, and Substitution of Awards

15.1 Amendment, Modification and Substitution. Subject to the terms and provisions and within the limitations of the Plan, the Committee may amend or modify the terms of any outstanding Award or accelerate the vesting thereof. In addition, the Committee may cancel or accept the surrender of outstanding Awards (to the extent not yet exercised) granted under the Plan or outstanding awards granted under any other equity compensation plan of the Company and authorize the granting of new Awards pursuant to the Plan in substitution therefor so long as the new or substituted awards do not specify a lower exercise price than the cancelled or surrendered Awards or awards, may specify a longer term than the cancelled or surrendered Awards or awards, may provide for more rapid vesting and exercisability than the cancelled or surrendered Awards or awards, and may contain any other provisions that are authorized by the Plan. The Committee shall continue to have the authority to amend or modify the terms of any outstanding Award after June 8, 2030, provided that no amendment or modification will extend the original term of the Award beyond that set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, but subject to Article XIII and Article XIV, no amendment or modification of an Award, shall, without the consent of

the Participant, adversely affect the rights or obligations of the Participant. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Committee shall not amend, modify, or substitute an Award in a manner that violates Code Section 409A, or causes an Award that previously qualified for an exemption from Section 409A to become subject to Code Section 409A, and the Committee shall not amend, modify, or substitute an Award that satisfies the requirements of Rule 16b-3 in a manner that causes any exemption pursuant to Rule 16b-3 to become no longer available.

15.2 Option and SAR Repricing. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, neither the Committee nor the Board shall have the right or authority, without obtaining shareholder approval, to amend or modify the Option Price of any outstanding Option or the SAR Exercise Price of any outstanding SAR, or to cancel an outstanding Option or SAR, at a time when the Option Price or SAR Exercise Price, as applicable, is greater than the Fair Market Value of a Share in exchange for cash, another Award, or other securities, except in connection with a corporate transaction involving the Company in accordance with Article XIII or Article XIV.

## ARTICLE XVI Termination, Amendment and Modification of the Plan

- 16.1 <u>Termination, Amendment and Modification</u>. At any time and from time to time, the Board may terminate, amend, or modify the Plan. Such amendment or modification may be without shareholder approval except to the extent that such approval is required by the Code, pursuant to the rules under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, by any national securities exchange or system on which the Stock is then listed or reported, by any regulatory body having jurisdiction with respect thereto or under any other applicable laws, rules or regulations.
- 16.2 <u>Awards Previously Granted</u>. No termination, amendment or modification of the Plan other than pursuant to Article XIII or Article XIV shall in any manner adversely affect any Award theretofore granted under the Plan, without the written consent of the Participant.

#### ARTICLE XVII General

17.1 Applicable Withholding Taxes. Each Participant shall agree, as a condition of receiving an Award, to pay to the Company, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Company regarding the payment of, all applicable federal, state and local taxes (including the Participant's FICA obligation) required by law to be withheld with respect to any grant, exercise, or payment made under or as a result of the Plan. The Company shall withhold only the minimum amount necessary to satisfy applicable statutory withholding requirements, provided that the Committee may permit a Participant to elect to have an additional amount (up to the maximum allowed by law) withheld subject to the requirements under Code Section 409A. Until the applicable withholding taxes have been paid or arrangements satisfactory to the Company have been made, no stock certificates (or, in the case of Restricted Stock, no stock certificates free of a restrictive legend) shall be issued to the Participant and no issuance in book-entry or electronic form free of a restrictive legend or notation) shall be made for the Participant. As an alternative to making a cash payment to the Company to satisfy applicable withholding tax obligations, the Committee may permit Participants to elect or the Committee may require Participants to satisfy the withholding requirement, in whole or in part, by having the Company withhold Shares of Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld, or by delivering to the Company Shares of Stock that the Participant has previously acquired and owned having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld. The value of any Shares so withheld or delivered shall be based on the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date that the amount of tax to be withheld is to be determined. All elections by Participants shall be irrevocable and be made in writing and in such manner as determined by the Committee (or its delegee) in advance of the day that the transaction becomes taxable.

- 17.2 Requirements of Law. The granting of Awards and the issuance of Shares of Stock under this Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and to such approvals by any governmental agencies or self regulatory organizations as may be required.
- 17.3 Effect of Plan. The establishment of the Plan shall not confer upon any Key Employee, Non-Employee Director, Consultant or Advisor any legal or equitable right against the Company, a Subsidiary or the Committee, except as expressly provided in the Plan. The Plan does not constitute an inducement or consideration for the employment or service of any Key Employee, Non-Employee Director, Consultant or Advisor, nor is it a contract between the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and any Key Employee, Non-Employee Director, Consultant or Advisor any right to be engaged or retained in the service of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. No Key Employee, Non-Employee Director, Consultant or Advisor shall have rights as a shareholder of the Company prior to the date Shares are issued to him pursuant to the Plan.
- 17.4 <u>Creditors</u>. The interests of any Participant under the Plan or any Agreement are not subject to the claims of creditors and may not, in any way, be assigned, alienated or encumbered.
- 17.5 <u>Successors</u>. All obligations of the Company under the Plan, with respect to Awards granted hereunder, shall be binding on any successor to the Company, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company.
- 17.6 Securities Law Restrictions. The Committee may require each Participant purchasing or acquiring Shares pursuant to an Option or other Award to represent to and agree with the Company in writing that such Participant is acquiring the Shares for investment and not with a view to the distribution thereof. All Shares delivered under the Plan shall be subject to such stock-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchange or system on which the Stock is then listed or reported, and any applicable federal or state securities laws, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions or otherwise denote the Shares as being subject to such restrictions, if issued in book-entry or electronic form. No Shares shall be issued hereunder unless the Company shall have determined that such issuance is in compliance with, or pursuant to an exemption from, all applicable federal and state securities laws.
- 17.7 Governing Law. The Plan, and all Agreements hereunder, shall be construed and administered in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the intention of the Company is that ISOs granted under the Plan qualify as such under Code Section 422. The Plan and Awards are subject to all present and future applicable provisions of the Code. If any provision of the Plan or an Award conflicts with any such Code provision, the Committee shall cause the Plan to be amended, and shall modify the Award, so as to comply, or if for any reason amendments cannot be made, that provision of the Plan or the Award shall be void and of no effect
- 17.8 Severability. In the event any provision of the Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of the Plan, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.
- 17.9 <u>Unfunded Status of Plan</u>. The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and deferred compensation. With respect to any payments as to which a Participant has a fixed and vested interest but which are not yet made to a Participant by the Company, nothing contained herein shall give any such Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general unsecured creditor of the Company.

- 17.10 Share Certificates and Book Entry. To the extent that the Plan provides for issuance of stock certificates to represent shares of Stock, the issuance may be effected on a non-certificated basis to the extent permitted by applicable law and the applicable rules of any national securities exchange or system on which the Stock is then listed or reported. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in its discretion the Committee may satisfy any obligation to deliver Shares represented by stock certificates by delivering Shares in book-entry or electronic form. If the Company issues any Shares in book-entry or electronic form that are subject to terms, conditions and restrictions on transfer, a notation shall be made in the records of the transfer agent with respect to any such Shares describing all applicable terms, conditions and restrictions on transfer. In the case of Restricted Stock granted under the Plan, such notation shall be substantially in the form of the legend contained in Section 7.5.
- 17.11 Beneficiary Designations. A Participant may designate a Beneficiary to receive any Options or SARs that may be exercised after his death or to receive any other Award that may be paid after his death, as provided for in the Agreement. Such designation and any change or revocation of such designation shall be made in writing in the form and manner prescribed by the Committee (or its delegee). In the event that the designated Beneficiary dies prior to the Participant, or in the event that no Beneficiary has been designated, any Awards that may be exercised or paid following the Participant's death shall be transferred or paid in accordance with the Participant's will or the laws of descent and distribution. If the Participant and his Beneficiary shall die in circumstances that cause the Committee (or its delegee), in its discretion, to be uncertain which shall have been the first to die, the Participant shall be deemed to have survived the Beneficiary.
- 17.12 Electronic Transmissions and Records. Subject to limitations under applicable law, the Committee (and its delegee) is authorized in its discretion to issue Awards and/or to deliver and accept notices, elections, consents, designations and/or other forms or communications to or from Participants by electronic or similar means, including, without limitation, transmissions through email or specialized software, recorded messages on electronic telephone systems, and other permissible methods, on such basis and for such purposes as it determines from time to time, and all such communications will be deemed to be "written" for purposes of the Plan.
- 17.13 <u>Clawback</u>. All Awards granted under the Plan (whether vested or unvested) shall be subject to repayment to (i.e., clawback by) the Company or a related entity as determined in good faith by the Committee or the Board in the event repayment is required by the terms of the Company's recoupment, clawback or similar policy as may be in effect from time to time or by applicable federal or state law or regulation or applicable listing standard of any national securities exchange or system on which the Stock is then listed or reported, but in no event with a look-back period of more than three (3) years, unless in the opinion of counsel satisfactory to the Participant required by applicable federal or state law or regulation or applicable listing standard. Such recovery could in certain circumstances require repayment or forfeiture of Awards or any Shares or other cash or property received with respect to the Awards (including any value received from a disposition of the Shares acquired upon payment of the Awards). Any recovery in connection with an Award subject to the requirements of Code Section 409A shall be implemented in a manner which complies with Code Section 409A.

## ARTICLE XVIII Omnibus Code Section 409A Provision

18.1 Intent of Awards. It is intended that Awards that are granted under the Plan shall be exempt from treatment as "deferred compensation" subject to Code Section 409A unless otherwise specified by the Committee. Towards that end, all Awards under the Plan are intended to contain such terms as will qualify the Awards for an exemption from Code Section 409A unless otherwise specified by the Committee. The terms of the Plan and all Awards granted hereunder shall be construed consistent with the foregoing intent. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Committee may amend any outstanding Award without the Participant's consent if, as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, such amendment is required either to (a) confirm exemption under Code Section 409A, (b) comply with Code Section 409A or (c) prevent the Participant from being subject to any tax or penalty under Code Section 409A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates nor the Committee shall be liable to the Participant or any other person or entity if an Award that

is subject to Code Section 409A or the Participant or any other person or entity is otherwise subject to any additional tax, interest or penalty under Code Section 409A. Each Participant is solely responsible for the payment of any tax liability (including any taxes, penalties and interest that may arise under Code Section 409A) that may result from an Award

- 18.2 <u>409A Awards</u>. The Committee may grant an Award under the Plan that is subject to Code Section 409A and is intended to comply with Code Section 409A (a "409A Award"). The terms of such 409A Award, including any authority by the Company and the rights of the Participant with respect to such 409A Award, will be subject to such rules and limitations and shall be interpreted in a manner as to comply with Code Section 409A.
- 18.3 <u>Time of Payment</u>. The time and form of payment of a 409A Award, including application of a six-month delay for specified employees in certain circumstances, shall be as set forth in the applicable Agreement. A 409A Award may only be paid in connection with a separation from service, a fixed time, death, Disability, a Change of Control or an unforeseeable emergency within the meaning of Code Section 409A. The time of distribution of the 409A Award must be fixed by reference to the specified payment event. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the time of distribution of the 409A Award is not set forth in the applicable Agreement, then the time of distribution of the 409A Award shall be within two and one-half  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  months of the end of the later of the calendar year or the fiscal year of the Company or Affiliate that employs the Participant in which the 409A Award becomes vested and no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture within the meaning of Code Section 409A. For purposes of Code Section 409A, each installment payment will be treated as the entitlement to a single payment.
- 18.4 <u>Acceleration or Deferral</u>. The Company shall have no authority to accelerate or delay or change the form of any distributions relating to 409A Awards except as permitted under Code Section 409A.
- 18.5 <u>Distribution Requirements</u>. Any distribution of a 409A Award triggered by a Participant's termination of employment shall be made only at the time that the Participant has had a separation from service within the meaning of Code Section 409A and, if required under Code Section 409A, subject to a six-month delay for specified employees. A separation from service shall occur where it is reasonably anticipated that no further services will be performed after that date or that the level of bona fide services the Participant will perform after that date (whether as an employee or independent contractor of the Company or an Affiliate) will permanently decrease to less than twenty percent (20%) of the average level of bona fide services performed over the immediately preceding thirty-six (36) month period. Continued services solely as a director of the Company or an Affiliate shall not prevent a separation from service from occurring by an employee as permitted by Code Section 409A.
- 18.6 <u>Scope and Application of this Provision</u>. For purposes of this Article XVIII, references to a term or event (including any authority or right of the Company or a Participant) being "permitted" under Code Section 409A means that the term or event will not cause the Participant to be deemed to be in constructive receipt of compensation relating to the 409A Award prior to the distribution of cash, Shares or other property or to be liable for payment of interest or a tax penalty under Code Section 409A.

Approved by the Board of Directors on April 27, 2020 and by the shareholders on June 9, 2020.