

any time, shall furnish a certificate in writing signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments on a lot is binding upon the Association as of the date of its issuance.

Section 8. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessment or portion thereof which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment or portion thereof is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the same shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of 12% percent per annum. The Association may bring an action against the owner personally obligated to pay the same, or foreclose the lien against the property, and, in either event, interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessment provided for herein by non-use of the common area or abandonment of this lot.

Section 9. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien of the assessments provided for herein on any lot shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage on such lot. Sale or transfer of any lot shall not affect the assessment lien; however, the sale or transfer of any lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

Section 10. Exempt Property. Any portion of the Property dedicated to, and accepted by, a local public authority and all properties owned by a charitable or non-profit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of South Carolina shall be exempt from the assessments created herein, except no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments.

ARTICLE VII.

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

Section 1. In addition to maintenance of the common area, the Association shall provide exterior maintenance upon each lot which is subject to