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**By-Laws of the Ruskin Commongood Society
of Ruskin, Florida**

Section I. NAME: The name of this Society shall be Ruskin Commongood Society of Ruskin, Florida.

Section II. OBJECT: The object of this society shall be to hold and administer for its members the collectively owned funds, property and privileges accruing to them by virtue of their being allottees of land in Ruskin Colony.

Sec. III. MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this society shall consist of all persons who hold allotments either by original assignment or as the successors of original allottees in Ruskin Colony. The Secretary shall keep an approved roll of all members, resident and non-resident, classified as such, which shall be accessible to all members. Resident members are those who are legal residents of the community.

Sec. IV. REQUIREMENTS: Any member who shall fail to make improvements on his land in accordance with provision therefor as made in the contracts used in connection with the taking of allotments shall forfeit all his right and interest in and to the collectively owned funds, property, benefits, and privileges held and administered by this society, and shall repay said Society for all improvements it may have made for the benefit of his property, in accordance with receipts which he shall be required to sign when such improvements shall be made.

Sec. V. GOVERNMENT: The form of government shall be by the Initiative, Referendum and Recall.

(b) By-laws can be adopted or amended only on referendum to the entire membership, both resident and non-resident. On all other matters the resident members shall have authority to act unless forty (40) per cent of the resident members, or twenty (20) per cent of the entire membership petition for a referendum vote.

(c) Any matter voted upon by mail or otherwise shall be decided by a majority of those voting thereon, unless otherwise provided by these by-laws.

(d) Provided, however, that the amendment of any by-law shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of those voting thereon.

(e) Voting by referendum shall be by signed ballot which shall be prepared at least one year. No member shall have more than one vote, and there shall be no voting by proxy.

(g) Members petitioning for a referendum shall pay the expense thereof, but if the question voted upon be decided in their favor such expense shall be refunded.

(h) All petitions for referendum shall be posted at place of meeting at least three days before being presented for signatures.

(i) All questions referred shall be submitted through an election committee, who shall count the votes and announce the result.

Sec. VI. OFFICERS: (A) The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Road Supervisor, whose duties and responsibilities shall be such as usually pertain to such offices in similar bodies; and the officers now acting in such capacity in this society shall continue to hold their respective offices until the first annual election.

(b) The Society shall also elect as officers from among its resident membership seven Trustees, three of whom shall be women. The Society shall designate three of these Trustees to act as an Executive Committee.

(c) The Executive Committee shall have general charge of the affairs of this Society and shall have regular weekly meetings at which the heads of all departments and all persons handling funds of the Society shall make written reports.

(d) This committee shall have power to employ assistants for attending to matters committed to it at the usual rate of compensation for the services rendered, but shall employ no one at a stated salary. Members of the Committee shall receive compensation at the rate of 25¢ per hour for the time necessarily spent by them in looking after the affairs of the Society except in attending meetings of the Society or its Trustees, account for such services being rendered monthly to the Society, and compensation for same being made by order thereof.

(e) The Trustees shall have regular meetings each month within, three days of the regular monthly meetings of the Society at which it shall receive and pass upon detailed written reports from the Executive Committee; upon which matters and all other matters coming within the scope of their duties, such Trustees shall submit a detailed written report to each monthly meeting of the Society.

(f) Neither the Trustees nor the Executive Committee shall pay to any one person or make any purchase or sale in excess of \$50.00 without such expenditure or sale having been authorized by said Society directly or without an order having been drawn on the Treasury for such expenditure by vote of the Society.

(g) Any officer may be recalled by the resident members by the concurrence of two-thirds of those voting therefor at any regular meeting, such vote to be by ballot.

(h) All officers handling funds of the Society or having power to make or to participate in the making of contracts, shall give bond in appropriate amounts.

Sec. VII. ELECTIONS: Election of officers shall be by ballot and shall take place at the first regular meeting in January of each year. Vacancies, however, may be filled at any regular meeting by ballot. All committees shall be chosen by ballot. All committees shall be chosen by ballot. A second shall be required for all nominations.

Sec. VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: No report of any committee shall be approved except by unanimous consent unless such report shall have been signed by a majority of such Committee with the statement made in such report that the attendance of the minority could not be had after due notice, or that such minority refused to sign such report.

Sec. IX IMPROVEMENTS: (a) In expenditure of the Commongood Fund the farm tracts shall be entitled to have an amount spent for their public improvement equal at least to what they have contributed to such fund less their share of the expense of surveying and allotting, such amount being duly averaged for all the territory so allotted.

(b) Whenever any member or members shall fence or improve an allotment the Society shall at once open a ditch and street in connection therewith, provided that the sum expended thereof shall not exceed one-half the Commongood Fund that has arisen from the sale of land in the forty acres on which such improvement shall be made in case of farm tracts; or in such block in case of town lots; and provided also that the sum thus expended be not greater than the property owners in such forty acres or such block shall expend in developing their land.

Sec. X. MEETINGS: (a) Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Saturday in each month at 2:30 P.M. Special meetings shall be called upon petition of twenty-five percent of the resident members in which the matters to be acted upon shall be set forth, and no meeting shall be called in accordance therewith without three days' notice having been given by posting notice of the same in at least three conspicuous places. Only such matters as are presented in such petition shall be acted upon at such meetings.

(b) In the absence of contrary provisions in the By-Laws, Roberts' Rules of Order shall be authority for the government of all proceedings of the Society and its Trustees and Committees.

Sec. XI. RECONSIDERATION: No action taken by the Society shall be modified or rescinded by the resident members except by concurrence of two-thirds of those voting at a regular meeting.

Sec. XII. RATIFICATION: The adoption of these By-laws by the membership of the Society, resident and non-resident, giving power to the resident members to, act for all except as herein otherwise provided, shall operate as a ratification of all action already taken by the resident members as shown by the minutes of their proceedings and to be taken prior to the adoption ~~in~~ hereof, either in the above form or as modified be the referendum vote; provided that the proceedings of the resident members shall be governed in accordance with the foregoing provisions pending such adoption.