

By-Laws

establishing

St. James Townhomes Association, Inc.

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**BY-LAWS
OF
ST. JAMES TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

SECTION 1.01 Name and Location. The name of the corporation is the ST. JAMES TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the Association shall be located in the Town of Canandaigua, County of Ontario and State of New York.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

As used in these By-Laws, the following terms shall have the definitions ascribed to them below:

SECTION 2.01 Association. ST. JAMES TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION, INC., a New York not-for-profit corporation.

SECTION 2.02 Declaration. The document entitled "Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Easements, Charges and Liens" imposed by the Sponsor of the Property, as defined below, as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended in the manner provided for in said Declaration.

SECTION 2.03 Lot. Any portion of the Property identified as a separate parcel on the tax records of the Town of Canandaigua or shown as a separate lot upon any recorded or filed subdivision map, with the exception of Association Property as defined in the Declaration.

SECTION 2.04 Member. Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee interest in any Lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessments by the Association, including contract vendors and, in addition, the Sponsor, as that term is defined in the Declaration, so long as it shall be the record owner of a fee interest in any Lot subject to the Declaration, whether or not subject to assessments by this Association. No person, however, shall be a member of the Association solely on account of ownership of an interest in a Lot solely as security for the performance of an obligation. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from record fee ownership of any Lot subject to assessment by the Association.

SECTION 2.05 Property. All property within St. James Townhomes.

SECTION 2.06 Sponsor. S&J Morrell, Inc., its successors and assigns.

SECTION 2.07 Townhome. A single family dwelling on the property that is attached to at least one (1) or more townhomes by means of a party wall or otherwise.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERS

SECTION 3.01 Membership in the Association. The Members of the Association shall be the Owners of Lots within the Property, provided that any person or entity holding such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member. The Association shall have two (2) classes of Membership. Class A members shall be all Owners of Lots except the Sponsor and the sole Class B member shall be the Sponsor or assignee. The Class B membership shall be the only class of membership entitled to vote for the election of directors, the transaction of any corporate business or any other matter until all Lots owned by Sponsor, including Lots incorporated by subsequent amendment to the Declaration, are transferred by the Sponsor, or until 15 years following the recording of the Declaration, whichever shall first occur. Immediately thereafter, the Sponsor's Class B membership shall be converted into Class A membership without further act or instrument and the Class A membership shall have full voting rights.

SECTION 3.02 Right of Sponsor to Assign; Otherwise No Assignment. Sponsor may assign its membership in the Association to any person, corporation, association, trust or other entity, and such assignee, and any future assignee of such membership may make successive like assignments. Memberships in the Association shall not otherwise be transferable or assignable.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS; VOTING

SECTION 4.01 Annual Meeting. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Members on the first Tuesday of March at 8:00 p.m., or at such other date and time and at such other place convenient to the Members as shall be designated by the Board of Directors, which meeting shall be for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the date fixed for the annual Meeting shall be a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the first day following, which is not a legal holiday. Failure to hold an Annual Meeting at the designated time shall not, however, invalidate the corporate existence or affect otherwise valid corporate acts.

SECTION 4.02 Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President or the Board of Directors, and shall be called by the Secretary of the Association at the request in writing of Members of the Association holding not less than the ten percent (10%) of the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting.

SECTION 4.03 Notice of Meetings. Not less than ten (10) days or more than 30 days before the date of any Annual or Special Meeting of Members, the Association shall give to each Member written or printed notice stating the time and place of the meeting and, in the case of a Special Meeting, indicating that it is being issued by or at the direction of the person or persons calling the meeting and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. Such notice shall be delivered either by mail or by presenting it to the Member personally, or by leaving it at such Member's residence as shown on the records of the Association. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Member at his or her post office address as it appears on the records of the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, a waiver of notice in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after such meeting is held, or actual attendance at the meeting in person without objection to lack or deficiency of notice prior to the conclusion of the meeting, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice to such persons. Any meeting of Members, Annual or Special, may adjourn from time to time to reconvene at the same or some other place, and no notice need be given of any such adjourned meeting other than by announcement at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken.

SECTION 4.04 Voting Rights. The Class B membership shall be the only class of membership entitled to vote for the election of directors, the transaction of any corporate business or any other matter until all Lots owned by Sponsor are transferred by the Sponsor, or until 15 years following the recording of the Declaration, whichever shall first occur. Immediately thereafter, the Sponsor's Class B membership shall be converted into Class A membership without further act or instrument and the Class A membership shall have full voting rights, and each Member shall have one vote, regardless of the number of Lots owned.

SECTION 4.05 Quorum and Vote. The presence in person or by proxy of Members having not less than one-half (1/2) of the total votes of the Membership entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. However, if a meeting cannot be held because a quorum is not present, the majority of the Members present, either in person or by proxy, may, without notice other than announcement to those physically present, adjourn the meeting to a time not less than 48 hours later, until a quorum shall be present in person or by proxy, with the quorum required for each reconvened meeting being one-half (1/2) of the quorum required for the previous meeting, but never less than one-tenth (1/10) of the total votes of the Membership entitled to vote. Directors shall be elected by the affirmative vote of Members entitled to vote and casting a plurality of the vote cast at a meeting of Members. With respect to all acts other than the election of Directors, the act of Members casting a majority of the votes cast at a meeting shall be the act of the Members unless the act of a greater or lesser number is required by law, or by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Association, the Declaration or these By-Laws.

SECTION 4.06 Voting Regulations. The Board of Directors of the Association may make such regulations, consistent with the terms of the Declaration, the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-Laws and the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, as it deems advisable for any meeting of the Members, in regard to proof of membership in the Association, evidence of right to vote, the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, registration of Members for voting purposes and such other matters concerning the conduct of meetings and voting as it shall deem appropriate.

SECTION 4.07 Entity Members. Any votes of an entity member may be cast by an appropriate partner, member, or officer of such entity.

SECTION 4.08 Joint or Common Ownership. Any one (1) joint or common fee owner of a Lot shall be entitled to cast the vote with respect to the Lot so owned, but all such joint or common owners shall together cast only one (1) vote for each Lot conferring voting rights. If the owners are unable to determine how the vote shall be cast, no vote shall be cast.

SECTION 4.09 Absentee Ballots. On any matter submitted to the Members for vote, other than the election of Directors of the Association, any Member entitled to vote may cast a vote without attending the meeting in question by filing a written statement with the Board of Directors prior to the meeting in question, specifying the issue on which the Member intends to vote and that the Member votes for or against the same. Members unable to attend a meeting at which Directors of the Association are to be elected shall be entitled to file an absentee ballot if so provided by the Board of Directors, or may vote by a proxy which shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association.

SECTION 4.10 Waiver and Consent. Wherever the vote of the membership is required by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Association, the Declaration or these By-Laws, to be taken in connection with any action of the Association, the meeting and vote of the membership may be dispensed with if all Members who would have been entitled to vote upon the action if such meeting were held shall consent in writing to such action being taken.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 5.01 Number of Directors. The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the Association shall be five (5), except that an initial Board of three (3) Directors shall be designated by the Sponsor. The initial Board of Directors shall hold its first meeting within 30 days of transferring title to the first Lot. The initial Board of Directors shall serve until the first annual meeting after the Sponsor no longer has an interest in a Lot then subject to the terms of the Declaration. Directors need not be Members.

SECTION 5.02 Nominations. Nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee which shall consist of a chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) or more Members of the Association. Nominations also may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days prior to each Annual Meeting of the Members and shall serve only to make the nominations for Directors to be elected at that meeting.

The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election of the Board of Directors as it shall determine, in its sole discretion, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled and such nomination may be made from Members of the Association.

SECTION 5.03 Election. At the first Annual Meeting after the Sponsor relinquishes control of the Board of Directors, that is when it no longer has an ownership interest in a Lot then subject to the Declaration, the Members shall elect three (3) Directors for a term of two (2) years and two (2) Directors for a term of one (1) year. At each Annual Meeting thereafter, the Members shall replace those Directors whose terms have expired and elect such successor Directors for a term of two (2) years. Voting shall be by secret written ballot which shall:

- a. Set forth the number of vacancies to be filled;
- b. Set forth the names of those nominated by the Nominating Committee to fill such vacancies; and
- c. Contain space for a write-in for each vacancy. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

SECTION 5.04 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the initial or any subsequent Board of Directors may be filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors (although less than a quorum) or by a sole remaining Director and, if not previously filled, shall be filled at the next succeeding meeting of the Members of the Association. Any Director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve as such until the expiration of the term of the Director whose vacancy such person was elected to fill. Any vacancy occurring by reason of an increase in the number of Directors may be filled by action of a majority of the entire Board of Directors and any Director so elected shall hold office until the next meeting of Members or until a successor is elected and qualifies.

SECTION 5.05 Removal. At any meeting of Members, duly called at which a quorum is present, the Members may, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Members entitled to vote, remove any Director or Directors from office with or without cause and may by plurality vote elect the successor or successors to fill any resulting vacancies for the unexpired term or terms of the removed Director or Directors. In addition the other Directors may, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the other Directors, declare the position of the Director vacant in the event the person filling such position shall be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings. This paragraph shall not apply to board members appointed by Sponsor.

SECTION 5.06 Compensation. Directors shall not receive any compensation or salary for their services. Any Director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties. A Director who serves the Association in any capacity other than as a Director or officer, however, may receive compensation therefor.

SECTION 5.07 Regular Meetings. Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly without notice at such places and at such times convenient to the Directors as may be designated from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. Should such meeting date fall on a legal holiday, that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

SECTION 5.08 Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time at the request of the President or any two (2) Directors after not less than two-(2) days' notice to each Director. The person or persons authorized to call such Special Meeting of the Board may fix any place convenient to the Directors as a place for holding such Special Meeting. Any Director may, in writing signed by such Director before or after the time of the Special Meeting stated therein, waive notice of any Special Meeting. The attendance of a Director at any Special Meeting without objection to lack or deficiency of notice prior to the conclusion of such meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such Special Meeting. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of any Special Meeting need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law, by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Association or by these By-Laws.

SECTION 5.09 Quorum and Voting. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the entire Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except as otherwise required by law, by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Association or by these By-Laws. Except in cases in which it is provided otherwise by law, by the Certificate of Incorporation or by these By-Laws, a vote of a majority of Directors present at a duly constituted meeting shall be sufficient to elect and pass any measure. In the absence of a quorum, the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time by majority vote and without further notice, until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted as originally called.

SECTION 5.10 Informal Action by Directors. Any action required or permitted to be taken by a meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, provided a written consent to such action is signed by all members of the Board of Directors or of such committee, as the case may be. Such written consent shall be filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or committee.

SECTION 5.11 Powers of the Board. The Board of Directors may exercise all the powers of the Association, except such as are conferred upon or reserved to the Members by statute or by the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws. The powers, duties and authority of the Board of Directors shall specifically include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- a. To determine, levy and collect the assessments and common charges as provided for in the Declaration.
- b. To collect, use and expend the assessments and charges collected for the maintenance, care and preservation and operation of the property of the Association as permitted by the Declaration.
- c. To procure and maintain adequate liability insurance covering the Association, its Directors, Officers, agents and employees and to procure and maintain adequate hazard insurance on such of the Association's real and personal properties and the Townhomes as it deems appropriate.
- d. To repair, restore or alter the properties of the Association or such other improvements for which the Association may now or hereafter have such responsibility under the Declaration, as amended, after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty or as a result of condemnation or eminent domain proceedings.
- e. To promulgate rules and regulations relating to the use, operation and maintenance of the Association Property for the safety and convenience of the users thereof or to enhance the preservation and use of facilities or which, in the discretion of the Association, shall serve to promote the best interests of the Members and to establish and enforce penalties for infractions thereof.

- f. To collect delinquent assessments by suit or otherwise, to abate nuisances and to enjoin or seek damages from Members for violations of the provisions of the Declaration or of any rules or regulations of the Association.
- g. To pay all expenses incurred by the Association and all taxes owing by the Association.
- h. To declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such Member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors.
- i. To keep a complete record of the actions of the Board of Directors and the corporate affairs of the Association and such other records as it deems appropriate.
- j. To issue, or cause to be issued, upon request by any person, an "Assessment Certificate" as provided in the Declaration, setting forth the status of payment of assessment for any Lot.
- k. To grant easements or rights of way to any public or private utility corporation, governmental agency or political subdivision with or without consideration.
- l. To dedicate or transfer all or any part of the land which it owns for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Association and the transferee. Such a conveyance shall, however, require the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of all Members at any meeting duly called and held or who shall vote upon written ballot which shall be sent to every Member not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the canvass thereof. In addition, no such conveyance shall be made if lending institutions which together are first mortgagees on 33-1/3% or more of the Lots advise the Association in writing, prior to the date set for voting on the proposed conveyance, that they disapprove such conveyance, which disapproval must not be unreasonable. Written notice of any proposed conveyance shall be sent to all lending institution first mortgagees not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date set for voting on the proposed conveyance.
- m. To enter into agreements, reciprocal or otherwise, with other homeowners and residents associations, condominiums and cooperatives for the use of or sharing of facilities. Such agreements shall require the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of all Members voting upon written ballot which shall be sent to every Member not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the vote on the proposed agreement.
- n. To exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to the Association and not reserved to the Members by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Certificate of Incorporation or the Declaration.

SECTION 5.12 Duties of the Board. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

- a. Cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to regularly present a written report thereon in compliance with New York statutes to the Members at the annual Meeting of the Members, or at any Special Meeting to present a written report only when same is requested in writing by at least one-fourth (1/4) of the Members who are entitled to vote.
- b. Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Association and to see that their duties are properly performed.
- c. As more fully provided in the Declaration now or as hereafter amended or supplemented, to:

(1) Fix the amount of Special Assessments and Maintenance Assessments and other assessments to be assessed and levied against each Lot at the time or times and in the manner provided in the Declaration.

(2) Send written notice of each assessment to every owner of a Lot subject thereto at the time and in the manner provided in the Declaration.

(3) Foreclose the lien against any Lot for which assessments are not paid within 30 days after their due date, and to bring an action at law against the Member thereof personally obligated to pay the same.

d. Issue, or cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a Certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these Certificates. If a Certificate states an assessment has been paid, such Certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment.

e. Procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance for the Association Property, and if it so opts for the Townhomes.

f. Cause the Association Property, and on the default of the Lot Owner, the exteriors of the Townhomes to be maintained.

g. Cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

h. Prepare annual finance statements of the Association which are to be mailed to each Member by March 15th of each year.

SECTION 5.13 Performance of Duties: Conflict of Interests. The Directors and Officers of the Association may freely make contracts, enter transactions or otherwise act for and in behalf of the Association relating to or incidental to its operations, notwithstanding the fact that they may also be acting as individuals or as Directors of the Association and as agents for other persons or business concerns or may be interested therein as stockholders of said corporations or business concerns or otherwise, provided, however, that all such dealings shall at all times be at arm's length for and in the best interests of the Association and otherwise lawful.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

SECTION 6.01 Officers. The officers of the Association shall be the President (who shall be a member of the Board of Directors), one (1) or more Vice Presidents (the number to be determined by the Board of Directors), the Secretary and the Treasurer and shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may elect such other officers as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority to perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Two (2) or more offices may not be held by the same person.

SECTION 6.02 Election. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each Annual Meeting of the Members.

SECTION 6.03 Term and Vacancies. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors and each shall hold offices until his or her successor shall have been duly elected, unless he or she shall sooner

resign, or shall be removed or otherwise be disqualified to serve. The vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 6.04 Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors, with or without cause, whenever, in the judgment of the Board, the best interests of the Association will be served thereby. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 6.05 President. The President shall be the chief executive officer, shall supervise the work of the other officers, shall preside at all meetings of Members, shall preside at all meetings of Directors and shall perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned him or her. He or she may sign, in the name of the Association, any and all contracts or other instruments authorized by the Board or these By-Laws.

SECTION 6.06 Vice President. Any Vice President shall be capable of performing all of the duties of the President. He or she may sign, in the name of the Association, any and all contracts or other instruments authorized by the Board and shall perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned to him or her by the President or the Board.

SECTION 6.07 Secretary. The Secretary shall cause notices of all meetings to be served as prescribed in these By-Laws, shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings, shall have charge of the seal and corporate records of the Association, and shall perform such other duties as are assigned to him or her by the President or the Board. Any Assistant Secretary shall be capable of performing all of the duties of the Secretary.

SECTION 6.08 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys and securities of the Association and shall keep or cause to be kept regular books and records. He or she shall account to the President and the Board, whenever they may require it, with respect to all of his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association, and shall perform all other duties that are assigned to him or her by the President, the Board or these By-Laws.

SECTION 6.09 Other Officers. Such other officers as the Board may appoint shall perform such duties and have such authority as the Board may determine.

SECTION 6.10 Compensation. No executive officers of the Association shall receive any stated salary for their services, provided that nothing herein contained shall preclude any executive officer from serving the Association in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

SECTION 7.01 Committees of Directors. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate one (1) or more committees, each of which shall consist of two (2) or more Directors, which committees, to the extent provided in the resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the affairs of the Association provided, however, that no such committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors to approve an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Association or to these By-Laws or a plan of merger or consolidation.

SECTION 7.02 Committees of the Association. The committees of the Association shall be the Architectural Standards Committee, the Nominating Committee and such other committees as the Board of Directors shall deem desirable. Each committee shall consist of a chairman and two (2) or more members and shall include a member of

the Board of Directors. The Architectural Standards Committee shall have the duties and functions described for such committee in the Declaration.

SECTION 7.03 Rules. Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with the terms of the resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE

SECTION 8.01 Checks. All checks, drafts and orders for the payment of money, notes and other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors, be signed by the President or Treasurer and countersigned by one (1) Director of the Association, provided that the President or Treasurer and Director so signing are not the same person.

SECTION 8.02 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the twelve-(12) calendar months, ending December of each year, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8.03 Annual Reports. There shall be a full and correct statement of the financial affairs of the Association including a balance sheet and a financial statement of operation for the preceding fiscal year. Such report shall be submitted at the Annual Meeting of the Members and filed within 20 days thereafter at the principal office of the Association.

ARTICLE IX

BOOKS AND RECORDS

SECTION 9.01 Books and Records. The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member. The Declaration, Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of the Association.

ARTICLE X

CORPORATE SEAL

SECTION 10.01 Corporate Seal. The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within the circumference thereof the full name of the Association.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 11.01 Alteration, Repeal or Amendment. These By-Laws may be altered, repealed or amended and new By-Laws may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the Members, by vote of a majority of Members entitled to vote present in person or by proxy or (except as to any matter affecting membership qualifications or voting rights) at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors or by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Board of Directors.

SECTION 11.02 Conflict with Certificate of Incorporation or with Declaration. In the case of any conflict between the Certificate of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Certificate of Incorporation shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XII

INDEMNIFICATION

SECTION 12.01 Indemnification. To the extent permitted by law, the Association shall indemnify and hold harmless any person made a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was a Director or officer of the Association against any loss or expense incurred by said person by reason of such proceeding, including the settlement thereof, except in relation to matters which such person is adjudicated to be liable for gross misconduct in the performance of that person's duties.