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REFLECTIONS WEST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (A Corporation Not for Profit)

The undersigned hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida:

Article I Name

The name of the corporation is Reflections West Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Association").

Article II Purposes

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members and is deemed a corporation not for profit. The Association will make no distributions of income to its members of Directors, unless it is dissolved pursuant to Florida law.

Each parcel in each Phase of the property located in Polk County, Florida described in attached Exhibit "A" will be subjected to covenants, conditions and restrictions on each deed as conveyed. Once those conveyances are recorded in the Public Records of Polk County, Florida, the terms defined therein are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. Said Covenants, among other things, establishes and designates that said lands shall be known as "Reflections West". This Association is organized for the general purpose of functioning as the property owners association of Reflections West and serving as the instrumentality of the property owners of Reflections West for the purpose of controlling and regulating the activities within and the development and for the maintenance of Reflections West. The specific purposes for which this Association is formed include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. To provide for the promotion, construction, regulation, maintenance and preservation of Reflections West.
- B. To provide for the regulation, maintenance and control of the parking areas, landscaping and other common facilities and properties within Reflections West.
- C. To acquire, hold, convey and otherwise deal with real and/or personal property in its capacity as a property owners association.

- D. To exercise all powers and discharge all responsibilities granted to it as a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, its By-Laws, these Articles of Incorporation, and the Covenants for Reflections West.
- E. To otherwise engage in any lawful activities for the benefit, use, convenience, and enjoyment of its members as it may deem proper.

Article III Principal Place of Business

The principal place of business of the Association shall be at 4317 Pinfish Lane, Palmetto, Florida 34221, or at such other place within the State as the Board of Directors shall by appropriate action hereafter form time to time determine.

Article IV Powers

The powers of the Association shall include and be governed by the following provisions:

- A. The Association shall have all the powers of a corporation, not for profit, provided by law and not in conflict with the terms of these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the Association and, in addition, all powers set forth in the conveyances of individual large parcels. It shall further have all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate pursuant to its purposes, as they may be amended form time to time, including, but not limited to, the following:
- 1. To fix, levy, collect, and enforce assessments (whether they be annual or special), to defray the costs, expenses and losses of its operation and to ensure compliance with its rules and regulations.
 - 2. To acquire liens against all Lot owners for assessments.
 - 3. To subordinate, in its sole discretion, any liens acquired by the Association.
 - 4. To use the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- 5. To acquire personal and real property (by purchase or otherwise), and to hold, maintain, repair, operate, lease, sell or otherwise dispose of any properties it may acquire.
- 6. To construct and maintain improvements on its property and to reconstruct improvements after casualty.
- 7. To borrow money and to mortgage, pledge, or otherwise hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred.

- 8. To purchase insurance for its properties and insurance for the protection of the Association, its Officers, Directors, and its members.
- 9. To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations, and to grant exceptions thereto, respecting the construction of improvements, and maintenance and use of the properties of its members.
- 10. To enforce any regulations, restrictions or limitations imposed by deed, plat, site plan, or otherwise on the land within Reflections West.
- 11. To enforce by legal means the rights of the Association and the provisions of these Articles, the By-Laws of the Association, the deed restrictions for Reflections West, and all rules and regulations for the construction, maintenance, and use of the properties of the members.
- 12. To manage, operate and maintain any of the Association properties, to contract for the management, operation and maintenance of any such properties and to thereby delegate powers and duties of the Association.
- 13. To employ personnel to perform the services required to carry out the purposes of this Association.
- 14. To participate in mergers or consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for similar purposes and to annex additional properties to the properties subject to the jurisdiction of this Association.
- 15. All funds, except such portions thereof as are expended for the expense of the Association, shall be held in trust for the members' respective interests in accordance with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association.
- 16. The power to meet the requirements of subsection 2.6.2.2.4(h) the basis of review of the Environmental Resource Permit Information Manual of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as promulgated by the Florida Administrative Code.

Article V Members

- A. Members of the Association shall be the record owners of title of the Lots located in Reflections West and each member shall be either a Class A member or a Class B member, as more particularly defined in Article VI hereof.
- B. Each record owner of a Lot in Reflections West shall be a member and have voting rights in the Association, membership to appurtenant to and inseparable from, membership of the lot and member of the Association.

- C. Change of membership shall be established by recording in the Public Records of Polk County, Florida, a deed or other instrument establishing record fee title to a Lot or by assignment of the contract to purchase the Lot and by the delivery to the Association of a copy of such instrument. The owner designed by such instrument or certificate thus becomes a member of the Association and the membership of the prior owner shall be terminated. In the event that a certified copy of said instrument or such certificate is not delivered to the Association, said owner shall become a member, but shall not be entitled to voting privileges. The foregoing shall not, however, limit this Association's powers or privileges.
- D. The interest of a member in the funds and assets of the Association shall not be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the real property.
- E. Membership shall be compulsory and shall continue until such time as the member transfers or conveys of record his interest upon which his membership is based or until said interest is transferred or conveyed by operation of law, at which time the membership shall automatically be conferred upon the transferee. Membership shall be appurtenant to, run with, and shall not be separated from the interests upon which membership is based.
- F. If ownership of a Lot is vested in more than one person, then all of the persons so owning the interest shall be members. However, the number of votes cast by such members shall be determined by the provisions of Article VI below.
- G. Notwithstanding the provisions hereof, no person or entity who holds an interest upon which membership is based only as security for performance of an obligation shall become a member of the Association.

Article VI Voting

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership.

<u>Class A.</u> Class A members shall be all Owners in all the phases of Reflections West, with the exception of the Developer, and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an undivided interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as the Owners of each Lot shall determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot. In the event ownership of a Lot is divided, no vote shall be cast with respect to such Lot.

<u>Class B</u>. The Class B members shall consist of the Developer and his successors and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned in all phases of the Development. The Class B

membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) when the total votes outstanding the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership, or
- (b) on June 1, 2010, or
- (c) when Developer, in his sole discretion, so determines.

The Owners of Lots located within additional lands made subject to this Association, and the Lots in such additional lands, shall be considered in determining the ratios set forth above. In the event that the Class B membership shall cease pursuant to paragraph B above, and thereafter additional lands are added to the Development, said Class B membership may, at the option of the Developer, be revived, and the Class B membership shall again have all the rights conferred herein.

Article VII Directors

- A. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the number of Directors determined by the By-Laws of the Association, but said board shall consist of not less than three (3) Directors.
- B. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members in the manner determined by the By-Laws of the Association.
- C. The powers and duties of the Directors shall be designated in the By-Laws of the Association.
- D. The first election by the Directors by members shall occur no later than thirty (30) days after first Lot has been conveyed. Directors named in the Articles shall serve until the first election of Directors by the members, and any vacancies in their number occurring before the first election shall be filed by the Declarant. Prior to the first election of the Board of Directors by the members, Directors need not be members of the Association. Subsequent thereto, however, Directors must be members of the Association.
- E. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who will hold office until their successors are elected to have qualified, or until removed, are as follows:

Article VIII Officers

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by a president, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer. The duties and authority of said officers shall be designated in the By-Laws of the Association. Said officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the first annual meeting of the members of the Association and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The names and addresses of the Officers who shall serve until their successors are designated are as follows:

President/Secretary/Treasurer

James F. Stephenson, Jr. Post Office Box 1660 Palmetto, Florida 34220

Article IX Indemnification

Every Director and Officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including legal fees and costs reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party in which he may become involved by reason of his being or having been a Director or Officer, whether or not he is a Director or Officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except when the Director or Officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided that in the event of a settlement, indemnification shall apply only in the event that the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interests of the Association.

Article IX Bylaws

The By-Laws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors prior to the first meeting of the members. Subsequent to the first meeting of the members, the By-Laws may be altered, amended or added to at any duly called meeting of the members, provided:

- A. Notice of the meeting shall contain a statement of the proposed amendment.
- B. The amendment shall be altered by the majority vote of the members voting at such meeting.

Article X Amendment

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

- A. A resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be either by fifty percent (50%) of the Board of Directors or by ten percent (10%) of the members of the Association. Directors and members not present in person or by proxy at the meeting considering a resolution for adoption of a proposed amendment may cast their votes for such proposal in writing, provided such votes are delivered to the Secretary of the Association at or prior to the meeting.
- B. Notice of the subject matter or proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which a proposed amendment is to be considered.
- C. Proposed amendments may be passed at the meeting at which they are to be considered as follows:
- 1. For so long as there are Class B members, amendments may only be made by approval of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the Lot Owners.
- 2. In the event there are no Class B members, then amendments may be made as follows:
 - a) By approval of not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the Board of Directors and by not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of the members voting at the meeting; or
 - b) By approval of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the Lot Owners.
- D. However, no amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership nor the voting rights of members without unanimous written consent or the vote of all members, except in the case of an amendment passed prior to the first election of Directors by members.
- E. A copy of each amendment shall be certified by the Secretary of State, State of Florida, and shall be recorded in the Public Records of Polk County, Florida.
- F. Annexation of additional_properties, mergers, consolidations, mortgaging of a common area, dissolution and amendment of these Articles, requires prior approval of HUD/VA so long as there is a Class "B" membership

Article XII Prohibition Against Issuance of Stock and Distribution of Income

This Association shall never have nor issue any share of stock, nor shall this Association distribute any part of the income of this Association, if any, to its members, Directors or Officers. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed to prohibit the payment by the Association of compensation in a reasonable amount to the members, Directors or Officers for services rendered, nor shall anything herein be construed to prohibit the Association from making any payments or distributions to members of benefits, monies or properties permitted by statute.

Article XIII Contractual Powers

In the absence of fraud, no contract or other transaction between this Association and any other person, firm, association, corporation or partnership shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any Director or Officer of this Association is pecuniarily or otherwise interest in, or is a director, officer or member of any such other firm, association, corporation or partnership, or is partly or is pecuniarily or otherwise interested in such contract or other transactions, or in any way connected with any person, firm, association, corporation or partnership, pecuniarily or otherwise interested therein. Any Director may vote and be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors of this Association for the purpose of authorizing such contract or transaction with like force and effect as if he were not so interested, or were not a director, member or officer of such other firm, association, corporation or partnership.

Article XIV Term

The term of this Association shall be perpetual.

Article XV Subscribers

The name and address of the subscriber of these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Article XVI Dissolution

If the Association is dissolved, the assets shall be dedicated to a public body, or conveyed to a nonprofit organization with similar purposes; provided, however, the control or right of access to the Property containing the Service Water Management System Facilities for Reflections

West shall be conveyed or dedicated to an appropriate governmental unit or public utility and if not accepted, then Service Water Management System Facilities shall be conveyed to a non-profit corporation similar to the Association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as incorporator, hereby executes these
Articles of Incorporation this 20 day of 2 wy, 2001. 2002.
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Incorporator
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POIK
Before me, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared <u>James F Stephenson</u> who [] is personally known to me or who [] has produced as identification.
Personally and the control of the production
WITNESS my hand and official seal this 26 day of July 2001. 2002.
(NOTARIAL SEAL)
DENISE JOHNSTON Notary Public
Notary Public, State of Florida State of Florida at Large
My Comm. Exp. April 9, 2005 My Commission Expires:

To: The Department of State
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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

Reflections West Homeowners Association, Inc., a corporation not for profit, desiring or organized under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation in the County of Manatee, State of Florida, has named James F. Stephenson, Jr., located at 4317 Pinfish Lane, Palmetto, Florida 34221, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process of the above named corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in its capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

DATED this **O** day of

_, 2001.

Registered Agent

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