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RE: Articles of Incorporation / Arbor Thicket Homeowners Association, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-named corporation. In addition, a check in the amount of \$78.75 is enclosed which represents the following fees:

Filing fee	\$ 35.00
Certified copy	8.75
Registered agent fee	<u>35.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 78.75

Please file the original of the enclosed Articles of Incorporation and return a certified copy to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Smith
GAVE
AUTHORIZATION BY PHONE TO
CORRECT *Prin. Add.*
DATE *9-17-02*
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cc: Greg Tope

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ARBOR THICKET HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
(A Corporation Not for Profit)

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In order to form a corporation under and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida for the formation of Corporations Not for Profit, we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together into a corporation for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter set forth, and to accomplish that end we do hereby adopt and set forth these Articles of Incorporation, viz:

ARTICLE I

NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of this corporation shall be **ARBOR THICKET HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**, hereinafter in these Articles referred to as "Association."

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The general nature, objects and purposes of the Association are:

- A. To promote the health, safety and social welfare of the owners of lots or parcels of land located within ARBOR THICKET, PHASE I (hereinafter referred to as "Subdivision"), as per plat thereof to be recorded in the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.
- B. To enforce and require compliance with the provisions of the Declaration of Restrictions For Arbor Thicket, Phase I against property owners, their tenants and guests on behalf of the owners of the lots or parcels in the Subdivision.
- C. To maintain the common areas, if any, of the Subdivision for which the obligation to maintain and repair has been delegated to the Association.
- D. To make annual and special assessments for such funds as are required to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the owners of the lots or parcels in the Subdivision, and in general to provide for the improvements and maintenance of the Subdivision.
- E. To collect on behalf of the Association all assessments levied by this Association.
- F. To provide such services as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Board

of Directors of the Association and to acquire such capital improvements and equipment as may be related thereto.

G. To purchase, acquire, replace, improve, maintain and repair such buildings, facilities, structures, and equipment related to the health, safety and social welfare of the members of the Association as the Board of Directors of the Association, in its discretion, determines to be necessary or desirable.

H. To carry out all of the duties and obligations assigned to it as a homeowners association under the terms of the Declaration of Restrictions applicable to lots or parcels in the Subdivision.

I. To operate without profit and for the sole and exclusive benefit of its members.

ARTICLE III

GENERAL POWERS

The general powers that the Association shall have are as follows:

A. To purchase, accept, lease, or otherwise acquire title to, and to hold, mortgage, rent, sell or otherwise dispose of, any and all real or personal property related to the purposes or activities of the Association; to make, enter into, perform and carry out contracts of every kind and nature with any person, firm, corporation or association; and to do any and all other acts necessary or expedient for carrying on any and all of the activities of the Association and pursuing any and all of the objects and purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation and not forbidden by the laws of the State of Florida.

B. To establish a budget and to fix assessments to be levied against all lots or parcels in the Subdivision which are subject to assessment pursuant to the aforesaid Declaration of Restrictions for the purpose of the defraying the expenses and costs of effectuating the objects and purposes of the Association and to create reasonable reserves for such expenditures, including a reasonable contingency fund for the ensuing year and a reasonable annual reserve for anticipated major capital repairs, maintenance and improvements, and capital replacements.

C. To place liens against any lots or parcels in the Subdivision for delinquent and unpaid assessments and to bring suit for the foreclosure of such liens or to otherwise enforce the collection of such assessments for the purpose of obtaining revenue in order to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Association.

D. To hold funds solely and exclusively for the benefit of the members of the Association for the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.

E. To adopt, promulgate and enforce rules, regulations, bylaws, covenants, restrictions and agreements in order to effectuate the purposes for which the Association is organized.

F. To delegate such of the powers of the Association as may be deemed to be in the Association's best interest by the Board of Directors.

G. To charge recipients of services rendered by the Association and users of property of the Association where such is deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

H. To pay all taxes and other charges of assessments, if any, levied against property owned, leased or used by the Association.

I. To enforce by any and all lawful means the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Association which may be hereafter adopted, and the terms and provisions of the aforesaid Declaration of Restrictions.

J. In General, to have all powers that may be conferred upon a corporation not for profit by the laws of the State of Florida, except as prohibited herein.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERS

The members of this Association shall consist of all of the owners of lots or parcels in the Subdivision. Owners of such units shall automatically become members upon acquisition of the fee simple title to their respective lot or parcel.

The membership of any member in the Association shall automatically terminate upon conveyance or other divestment of title to such member's lot or parcel, except that nothing herein contained shall be construed as terminating the membership of any member who may own two or more lots or parcels so long as such member owns at least one lot or parcel.

The interest of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner, except as an appurtenance to the lot or parcel which is the basis of his/her membership in the Association.

The Secretary of the Association, or another person designated by the Board, shall maintain a list of the members of the Association. Whenever any person or entity becomes entitled to membership in the Association, it shall become such party's duty and obligation to so inform the Secretary or its designee in writing, giving the owner's name, address and lot or parcel number; provided, however, that any notice given to or vote accepted from the prior owner of such lot or parcel before receipt of written notification of change of ownership shall be deemed to be properly given or received. The Secretary may, but shall not be required to, search the Public Records of Sarasota County or make any other inquiry to determine the status and correctness of the list of members of the Association and shall be entitled to rely upon the Association's records until notified in writing of any change in ownership.

ARTICLE V

VOTING

Subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, each member shall be entitled to one vote for each lot or parcel in which s/he holds a fee simple ownership. When more than one person holds such interest in any one lot or parcel, the vote attributable to such lot or parcel may be cast by only one of such joint owners, whose vote must be registered in a voter's certificate on file with the Association. In the event of a vote in person, only one such joint owner may vote on behalf of said lot or parcel. Except where otherwise required by law or by the provisions of said Declaration of Restrictions, or these Articles, the affirmative vote of a majority of members represented at any meeting of the members duly called and at which a quorum is present shall be binding upon the members.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting initially of three (3) Directors. The number of Directors comprising succeeding Boards of Directors shall be provided from time to time in the Bylaws of the Association, but in no event shall there be less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) directors. The directors (other than those appointed by the Developer) must be members of the Association, but need not be residents of the State of Florida.

B. Initial directors shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of ARBOR THICKET DEVELOPMENT, LLC., its successors or assigns (hereinafter referred to as the "Developer").

C. All directors who are not subject to appointment by Developer shall be elected by the members. Election of the Directors shall be conducted according to the provisions of Florida Statutes governing homeowners association, F.S. 720.301-720.312, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the "Homeowners Association Act").

D. All directors, whether appointed or elected, shall serve for terms of one (1) year in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws. Any elected director may be removed from office according to the provisions of the Homeowners Association Act, as amended from time to time. Similarly, in no event may a Director appointed by Developer be removed except by action of Developer.

E. The names and addresses of the members of the initial Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified are as follows:

EDWIN GREGORY TOPE
7355 Richardson Road, Sarasota, Florida 34240

RENEE TOPE
7355 Richardson Road, Sarasota, Florida 34240

JEFFERY ALLEN BARRETT
7355 Richardson Road, Sarasota, Florida 34240

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS

A. The officers of the Association, to be elected by the Board of Directors, shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board shall deem appropriate from time to time. The President shall be elected from among the membership of the Board of Directors, but no other officer need be a director. The same person may hold two or more offices; provided, however, that the office of President and Secretary shall not be held by the same person. The affairs of the Association shall be administered by such officers under the direction of the Board of Directors. Officers shall be elected for a term of one year in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Bylaws.

B. The names of the officers who are to manage the affairs of the Association until their successors are duly elected and qualified, are as follows:

President	- EDWIN GREGORY TOPE
Vice President & Secretary	- RENEE TOPE
Treasurer	- EDWIN GREGORY TOPE

ARTICLE VIII

CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE IX

BYLAWS

The initial Board of Directors of the Association shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles may be altered, amended or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of the voting interests in the Association. No amendment affecting the rights of Developer shall be effective without the prior written consent of Developer.

ARTICLE XI

REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The registered office of the Association shall be at 7355 Richardson Road, Sarasota, Florida 34240, and the registered agent at such address shall be Edwin Gregory Tope. The Association may, however, maintain offices and transact business in such other places within or without the State of Florida as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. The Principal address is the same.

ARTICLE XII

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

The Association shall obtain funds with which to operate by annual assessment of its members in accordance with the provisions of said Declaration of Restrictions as the same may be supplemented or modified by the provisions of the Association Articles and Bylaws. Accordingly, the Board of Directors shall annually adopt a budget for the operation of the Association for the ensuing year and for the purpose of levying assessments against all assessable lots or parcels in the Subdivision, which budget shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may thereafter at any time approve or ratify variations from such budget.

ARTICLE XIII

SUBSCRIBERS

The names and street addresses of the subscribers of these Articles are as follows:

EDWIN GREGORY TOPE
7355 Richardson Road, Sarasota, Florida 34240

RENEE TOPE
7355 Richardson Road, Sarasota, Florida 34240

ARTICLE XIV

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

All officers and directors shall be indemnified by the Association for and against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees (including appellate proceedings, mediation or arbitration), reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office. In no event, however, shall any officer or director be indemnified for his own willful misconduct, or any criminal proceeding, or his own knowing violation of provisions of law. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all officers and directors for any liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as officers and directors or arising out of their status as such.

ARTICLE XV

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. The Association may be dissolved upon a resolution to that effect being approved by 100% of the voting interests in the Association or as provided for in the Homeowners Association Act, as amended from time to time, and, if a judicial decree is necessary at the time of dissolution, then after receipt of an appropriate decree as provided for in §617.1433, Florida Statutes, as amended (2001), or any statute of similar import then in effect.

B. Upon dissolution of the Association, all of its assets remaining after provision for payment of creditors and all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed in the following manner:

(1) Any property determined by the Board of Directors of the Association to be appropriate for dedication to any applicable municipal or other governmental authority may be dedicated to such authority provided the authority is willing to accept the dedication.

(2) All remaining assets, or the proceeds from the sale of such assets, shall be apportioned among the lots or parcels subject to assessment in equal shares, and the share of each shall be distributed to the then owners thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the aforesaid subscribers have hereunto set their hands and seals this day of July 2002.


EDWIN GREGORY TOPE


RENEE TOPE

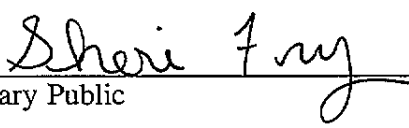
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on July 9th, 2002, before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared EDWIN GREGORY TOPE, to me personally known or who has produced his Florida driver's license as identification, who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledges the execution of such instrument for the purposes and uses therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Sarasota, in the County and State and on the date aforesaid.



Sheri Fry
MY COMMISSION # CC975516 EXPIRES
October 16, 2004
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.


Notary Public

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on July 9th, 2002, before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared RENEE TOPE, to me personally known or who has produced her Florida driver's license as identification, who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledges the execution of such instrument for the purposes and uses therein expressed.

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October 16, 2004
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Notary Public

ACCEPTANCE

I hereby agree, as Registered Agent, to accept Service of Process; to keep the office open during prescribed hours; to post my name (and any other officers of said corporation authorized to accept service of process at the above Florida designated address) in some conspicuous place in the office as required by law. I am familiar with and accept the obligations provided for in §617.0501 of the Florida Statutes.



EDWIN GREGORY TOPE
Registered Agent

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