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Summer Ridge Homeowners' Association, Inc.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
SUMMER RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.** SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

In compliance with the requirements of Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, Corporations Not for Profit, the undersigned have this day voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and do hereby certify:

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of the corporation is SUMMER RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "Association." The principal office of the Association is 60 Ridge Road, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459.

ARTICLE 2. REGISTERED AGENT

The initial Registered Agent of the Association is James P. Benson, whose street address is 60 Ridge Road, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459.

ARTICLE 3. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved in accordance with the provisions herein contained or in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The date on which corporate existence shall begin is the date on which these Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Florida Secretary of State.

ARTICLE 4. DEFINITIONS

The terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meanings as those set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Summer Ridge (the "Declaration"), recorded or to be recorded in the public records of Walton County, Florida.

ARTICLE 5. PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its Members. The Association's specific purposes are to provide for the maintenance and preservation of the residential lots and common area within that real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property") described in the Declaration. To promote the health, safety and welfare of the owners of lots in the Property and any additions thereto which may hereafter be brought

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within the jurisdiction of this Association, the Association shall have and exercise the following authority and powers:

(a) To exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

(b) To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association.

(c) To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, repair, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association.

(d) To borrow money, and with the assent of seventy-five percent (75%) of Members, to mortgage, pledge or hypothecate any and all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred.

(e) To dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Board of Directors. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective without attaining consent of the Declarant, for so long as the Declarant owns one (1) lot in the Property, and of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Association.

(f) To participate in mergers and consolidations with other nonprofit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional real property to the Property pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Declaration.

(g) To grant easements on or through the Common Property or any portion thereof subject to the terms and provisions of the Declaration.

(h) To promulgate or enforce rules, regulations, bylaws, covenants, restrictions or agreements to effectuate the purposes for which the Association is organized.

(i) To enter into contracts for management, insurance coverage, and maintenance, and to delegate in such contracts all or any part of the powers and duties of the Association; and to contract for services to be provided to Owners such as, but not limited to, utilities services.

(j) To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means all charges to maintain, repair, replace, operate, and manage the Property and any improvements therein, including the right to reconstruct improvements owned by the Association after casualty, to make further improvements of the Property or to purchase additional property and improvements, and to operate or maintain a stormwater management system and the stormwater discharge facility as permitted.

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ARTICLE 8. OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be deemed desirable or necessary by the Board of Directors. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors as provided by the By-Laws. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until the first election or appointment are:

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| <u>James P. Benson</u> | President |
| <u>Mark T. McCary</u> | Vice-President |
| <u>Suzette Benson</u> | Secretary-Treasurer |

ARTICLE 9. BY-LAWS

The first By-Laws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided in the By-Laws and the Declaration.

ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed either by sixty percent (60%) of the entire membership or by a majority of the Board of Directors. To become effective, an amendment must be approved by an affirmative vote of 75% of the entire membership, cast in person or by proxy at a specially called meeting for such purpose, the notice of which shall describe the amendment or amendments being proposed. The Declarant may amend these Articles consistent with the provisions of the Declaration allowing certain amendments to be effected by the Declarant alone. A copy of each amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of applicable Florida law, and a copy certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded in the Public Records of Walton County, Florida.

ARTICLE 11. INDEMNIFICATION

(a) Indemnity. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or contemplated action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that said person is or was a director, employee, officer or agent of the Association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement, actually

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and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, unless (i) a court of competent jurisdiction determines, after all available appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnitee, that said person did not act in good faith, nor in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that said person had reasonable cause to believe this conduct was unlawful, and (ii) such court further specifically determines that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which said person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, have reasonable cause to believe that said person's conduct was unlawful.

(b) Expenses. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, they shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection therewith. Any costs or expenses incurred by the Association in implementing any of the provisions of this Article shall be fully assessable against Owners as common expense of the Association.

(c) Advances. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding shall be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon the receipt of any undertaking by or on behalf of the affected director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that it is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article.

(d) Miscellaneous. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of members or otherwise, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such person.

(e) Insurance. The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association, or is or was serving, at the request of the Association, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against them and incurred by them in any such capacity, or arising out of their status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify them against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

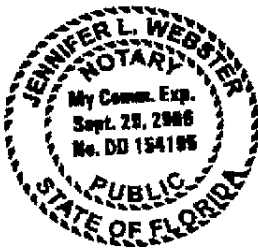
(f) Amendment. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the provisions of this Article may not be amended without the prior written consent of all persons whose interest would be adversely affected by such amendment.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF OKALOOSA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State of Florida to take acknowledgments, personally appeared **James P. Benson** who is personally known to me and who executed the foregoing before me.



Jennifer L. Webster

Notary Public, State of Florida
My Commission expires: 9/29/06

REGISTERED AGENT ACCEPTANCE

I do hereby accept the foregoing designation as registered agent of Summer Ridge Homeowners' Association, Inc. Further, I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of such designation.

James P. Benson

James P. Benson
Date: DECEMBER 11, 2002