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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR
GARDENS AT BEACHWALK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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

**ARTICLE 1
NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be **GARDENS AT BEACHWALK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.** For convenience, the corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the "Association", these Articles of Incorporation as the "Articles", and the By-Laws of the Association as the "By-Laws".

**ARTICLE 2
OFFICE**

The principal office and mailing address of the Association shall be 21 Old Kings Road North, Suite B101, Palm Coast, Florida 32137 or at such other place as may be subsequently designated by the Board of Directors. All books and records of the Association shall be kept at its principal office or at such other place as may be permitted by the Act.

**ARTICLE 3
PURPOSE**

- 3.1 The purpose for which the Association is organized is to provide an entity pursuant to the Florida Condominium Act as it exists on the date hereof (the "Act") for the operation of that certain condominium located in Lee County, Florida, and known as **GARDENS AT BEACHWALK, A CONDOMINIUM** (the "Condominium").
- 3.2 The Condominium is a part of the Gardens at Beachwalk Community (the "Community"). The Community is currently being developed by Gardens at Beachwalk, LLC, a Florida limited liability company in Fort Myers, Florida. Shera Development, L.C., a Florida limited liability company (the "Developer") is the contract purchaser of the portion of the Community which is intended to be developed as the Condominium. The Community presently consists of the Condominium which will include three (3) forty (40) unit residential buildings for a total of one hundred twenty (120) residential units, together with the Common Elements described in the Declaration of Condominium to be filed in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida (the "Declaration"). In addition, five (5) other residential buildings are planned to be constructed within the Community (with each building containing forty (40) residential units), all as shown more particularly described on the Site Plan attached to the Prospectus as Exhibit "H". However, there is presently no

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commitment to construct any or all of the five (5) other contemplated residential buildings or to add such other residential buildings to Phase Two or Phase Three of the Condominium as such other buildings are so constructed. Additionally, in the event such other residential buildings are constructed, they may be apartments and not subject to condominium ownership, or such other residential buildings may be made into one or more other condominiums and not added to the Condominium or a Phase. In the event these five (5) other residential buildings are added to the Community, the Community will consist of a total of eight (8) residential buildings and three hundred twenty (320) residential units. However, the Developer has no obligation to add any additional buildings to the Community, the Condominium and/or any Phase, and the Community will only consist of the three (3) forty (40) unit residential buildings and the Common Elements described in the Declaration.

3.3 The Community will be governed by the Gardens of Beachwalk Property Owners Corporation (the "Property Owners Corporation"), pursuant to the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements at Gardens of Beachwalk (hereinafter the "Covenants") which are filed (or will be filed) in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida. The Covenants shall encumber and restrict all of the Community. The Common Areas defined and described in the Covenants include the road and entrance ways in and to the Community, as well as certain recreational facilities as more particularly described in the Declaration and the Covenants. Owners are given easements of ingress and egress over such roads and entrance ways and the use of the recreation facilities, when available, all pursuant to the Covenants. Further, the Covenants provide that the expenses of the Property Owners Corporation, including, but not limited to, the expenses associated with the Common Areas will be assessed against all Owners in the Community, including, but not limited to, the Unit Owner (all as more particularly described in the Covenants). The Property Owners Corporation is given the right and obligation under the Covenants to lien Units and to foreclose same in the event of nonpayment of such assessments, all as more fully set forth in the Covenants.

3.4 In addition to the assessments which may be imposed by Property Owners Corporation, the Community is subject to certain assessments pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Easements, Charges and Liens for Beach Walk, as recorded in Official Records Book 3228, Page 1347 of the Public Records of Lee County, Florida, as amended by Amendment recorded in Official Records Book 3307, Page 1512 (the "Beach Walk Declaration"). Pursuant to the Beach Walk Declaration, the Beach Walk Homeowners Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation shall levy certain assessments against the Community (as more particularly described as the "Beach Walk Assessments" in the Covenants) and, as levied against the Community, the Beach Walk Assessments shall be collected by the Property Owners Corporation as an assessment against the Community for which each Unit Owner of any Phase and/or Unit shall be obligated to pay the Property Owners Corporation. All of the foregoing assessments shall be secured by a lien against each Unit.

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ARTICLE 4
DEFINITIONS

The terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meanings as those set forth in the Declaration, unless herein provided to the contrary, or unless the context otherwise requires.

ARTICLE 5
POWERS

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

- 5.1 **General.** The Association shall have all of the common-law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit under the Laws of Florida, except as expressly limited or restricted by the terms of these Articles, the Declaration, the By-Laws or the Act.
- 5.2 **Enumeration.** The Association shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in the Act, except as limited by these Articles, the By-Laws and the Declaration (to the extent that they are not in conflict with the Act), and all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate the Condominium pursuant to the Declaration and as more particularly described in the By-Laws, as they may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) To make and collect Assessments and other charges against members as Unit Owners (whether or not such sums are due and payable to the Association), and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties.
 - (b) To buy, accept, own, operate, lease, sell, trade and mortgage both real and personal property in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration.
 - (c) To maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to and operate the Condominium Property and/or Association Property, and other property acquired or leased by the Association.
 - (d) To purchase insurance upon the Condominium Property and Association Property and insurance for the protection of the Association, its officers, directors and Unit Owners.
 - (e) To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance, conservation and use of the Condominium Property and Association Property and for the health, comfort, safety and welfare of the Unit Owners.
 - (f) To approve or disapprove the leasing, transfer, ownership and possession of Units as may be provided by the Declaration.
 - (g) To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Act, the Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws, and the rules and regulations for the use of the Condominium Property and Association Property.

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- (h) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Condominium Property and/or Association Property and to authorize a management agent (which may be an affiliate of the Developer) to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing such functions as the submission of proposals, collection of Assessments, preparation of records, enforcement of rules and maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Elements and Association Property with such funds as shall be made available by the Association for such purposes. The Association and its officers shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties granted by the Condominium Act, including, but not limited to, the making of Assessments, promulgation of rules and execution of contracts on behalf of the Association.
- (i) To employ personnel to perform the services required for the proper operation of the Condominium and the Association Property.
- (j) The obligation to (i) operate and maintain the surface water management system in accordance with the permit issued by the District, (ii) carry out, maintain, and monitor any required wetland mitigation tasks and (iii) maintain copies of all permitting actions with regard to the District.
- (k) To execute all documents or consents, on behalf of all Unit Owners (and their mortgagees), required by all governmental and/or quasi-governmental agencies in connection with land use and development matters (including, without limitation, plats, waivers of plat, unitiles of title, covenants in lieu thereof, etc.), and in that regard, each Unit Owner, by acceptance of the deed to such Owner's Unit, and each mortgagee of a Unit, by acceptance of a lien on said Unit, appoints and designates the President of the Association as such Unit Owner's and mortgagee's agent and attorney-in-fact to execute, any and all such documents or consents.

5.3 Association Property. All funds and the title to all properties acquired by the Association and their proceeds shall be held for the benefit and use of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws.

5.4 Distribution of Income; Dissolution. The Association shall not pay a dividend to its members and shall make no distribution of income to its members, directors or officers, and upon dissolution, all assets of the Association shall be transferred only to another non-profit corporation or a public agency or as otherwise authorized by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes).

5.5 Limitation. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions hereof and of the Declaration, the By-Laws and the Act, provided that in the event of conflict, the provisions of the Act shall control over those of the Declaration and By-Laws.

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<u>President</u>	William Harkins	c/o Bay Communities 21 Old Kings Road Suite B101 Palm Coast, Florida 32137
<u>Vice President</u>	Greg Robinson	c/o Bay Communities 21 Old Kings Road Suite B101 Palm Coast, Florida 32137
<u>Secretary/Treasurer</u>	Rich Halpern	28733 Megan Drive Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

ARTICLE 10
DIRECTORS

- 10.1 Number and Qualification. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board consisting of the number of directors determined in the manner provided by the By-Laws, but which shall consist of not less than three (3) and not more than five (5) directors. Directors need not be members of the Association.
- 10.2 Duties and Powers. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the Act, the Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board of Directors, its agents, contractors or employees, subject only to approval by Unit Owners when such approval is specifically required.
- 10.3 Election; Removal. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members in the manner determined by and subject to the qualifications set forth in the By-Laws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the By-Laws.
- 10.4 Term of Developer's Directors. The Developer of the Condominium shall appoint the members of the first Board of Directors and their replacements who shall hold office for the periods described in the By-Laws.
- 10.5 First Directors. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have taken office, as provided in the By-Laws, are as follows:

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any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

- 11.2 Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify any person, who was or is a party to any proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association against expenses and amounts paid in settlement not exceeding, in the judgment of the board of directors, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such proceeding, including any appeal thereof. Such indemnification shall be authorized if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association, except that no indemnification shall be made under this subsection in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which such proceeding was brought, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.
- 11.3 Indemnification for 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 proceeding referred to in subsection 11.1 or 11.2, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.
- 11.4 Determination of Applicability. Any indemnification under subsection 11.1 or subsection 11.2, unless pursuant to a determination by a court, shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee, or agent is proper under the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subsection 11.1 or subsection 11.2. Such determination shall be made:
- (a) By the board of directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such proceeding;
 - (b) If such a quorum is not obtainable or, even if obtainable, by majority vote of a Committee duly designated by the Board of Directors (in which directors who are parties may participate) consisting solely of two or more Directors not at the time parties to the proceeding;
 - (c) By independent legal counsel:
1. selected by the Board of Directors prescribed in paragraph 11.4(a) or the committee prescribed in paragraph 11.4(b); or

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2. if a quorum of the Directors cannot be obtained for paragraph 11.4(a) and the Committee cannot be designated under paragraph 11.4(b), selected by majority vote of the full Board of Directors (in which Directors who are parties may participate); or

(d) By a majority of the voting interests of the members of the Association who were not parties to such proceeding.

11.5 Determination Regarding Expenses. Evaluation of the reasonableness of expenses and authorization of indemnification shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible. However, if the determination of permissibility is made by independent legal counsel, persons specified by paragraph 11.4(c) shall evaluate the reasonableness of expenses and may authorize indemnification.

11.6 Advancing Expenses. Expenses incurred by an officer or director in defending a civil or criminal proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if he is ultimately found not to be entitled to indemnification by the Association pursuant to this section. Expenses incurred by other employees and agents may be paid in advance upon such terms or conditions that the Board of Directors deems appropriate.

11.7 Exclusivity; Exclusions. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided pursuant to this section are not exclusive, and the Association may make any other or further indemnification or advancement of expenses of any of its directors, officers, employees, or agents, under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. However, indemnification or advancement of expenses shall not be made to or on behalf of any director, officer, employee, or agent if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his or her actions, or omissions to act, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated and constitute:

- (a) A violation of the criminal law, unless the director, officer, employee, or agent had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful;
- (b) A transaction from which the director, officer, employee, or agent derived an improper personal benefit; or
- (c) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association in a proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor or in a proceeding by or in the right of the members of the Association.

11.8 Continuing Effect. Indemnification and advancement of expenses as provided in this section shall continue as, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, to a

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person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified.

11.9 Application to Court. Notwithstanding the failure of the Association to provide indemnification, and despite any contrary determination of the Board or of the members in the specific case, a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association who is or was a party to a proceeding may apply for indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, to the court conducting the proceeding, to the circuit court, or to another court of competent jurisdiction. On receipt of an application, the court, after giving any notice that it considers necessary, may order indemnification and advancement of expenses, including expenses incurred in seeking court-ordered indemnification or advancement of expenses, if it determines that:

- (a) The director, officer, employee, or agent is entitled to mandatory indemnification under subsection 11.3, in which case the court shall also order the Association to pay the director reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining court-ordered indemnification or advancement of expenses;
- (b) The director, officer, employee, or agent is entitled to indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, by virtue of the exercise by the Association of its power pursuant to subsection 11.7; or
- (c) The director, officer, employee, or agent is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, in view of all the relevant circumstances, regardless of whether such person met the standard of conduct set forth in subsection 11.1, subsection 11.2, or subsection 11.7, unless (a) a court of competent jurisdiction determines, after all available appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnitee, that he or she did not act in good faith or acted in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he or she had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, and (b) such court further specifically determines that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith or did act in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he or she had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful. In addition, the Association will be responsible for the payment of Errors and Omissions Insurance on behalf of the Board of Directors and/or Officers.

11.10 Definitions. For purposes of this Article 11, the term "expenses" shall be deemed to include attorneys' fees, including those for any appeals; the term "liability" shall be deemed to include obligations to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine, and expenses actually

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and reasonably incurred with respect to a proceeding; the term "proceeding" shall be deemed to include any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or other type of proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether formal or informal; and the term "agent" shall be deemed to include a volunteer; the term "serving at the request of the Association" shall be deemed to include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association that imposes duties on such persons.

ARTICLE 12

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 13

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

- 13.1 Notice. Notice of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered and shall be otherwise given in the time and manner provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. Such notice shall contain the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be affected thereby.
- 13.2 Adoption. Amendments shall be proposed and adopted in the manner provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and in the Act (the latter to control over the former to the extent provided for in the Act).
- 13.3 Limitation. No amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership, nor in the voting rights or property rights of members, nor any changes in Sections 3.2, 5.4 or 5.5 above, without the approval in writing of all members and the joinder of all record owners of mortgages upon Units. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Act, the Declaration or the By-Laws, nor shall any amendment make any changes which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers or options herein provided in favor of or reserved to the Developer and/or Institutional First Mortgagees, unless the Developer and/or the Institutional First Mortgagees, as applicable, shall join in the execution of the amendment. No amendment to this paragraph 13.3 shall be effective.
- 13.4 Developer Amendments. Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, to the extent lawful, the Developer may amend these Articles consistent with the provisions of the Declaration allowing certain amendments to be effected by the Developer alone.
- 13.6 Recording. 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 Lee County, Florida with an identification on the first page thereof of the book and page of said public records where the Declaration was recorded which contains, as an exhibit, the initial recording of these Articles.

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ARTICLE 14
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE:
ADDRESS AND NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be at 103 N. Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 with the privilege of having its office and branch offices at other places within or without the State of Florida. The initial registered agent at that address shall be CorpDirect Agents, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has affixed his signature this 7th day of January, 2004.



Dan McCawley, Incorporator

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE,
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

First -- That desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the foregoing articles of incorporation, in the County of Flagler, State of Florida, the Association named in the said articles has named CorpDirect Agents, Inc, located at 103 N. Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named the statutory agent of said Association at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with the obligations of that position, and hereby accept the same and agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

CorpDirect Agents, Inc.

It's Agent: Phil Lock, Asst. Sec.
Registered Agent

DATED this 8TH day of Jan., 2004

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