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**ASBEL CREEK ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**OF**

SECRETARY OF STATE  
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**ASBEL CREEK ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned incorporator, a resident of the State of Florida and of full age, hereby makes, subscribes, acknowledges and files with the Department of the State of Florida these 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 this corporation is ASBEL CREEK ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit (hereinafter called the "Association" in these Articles).

**ARTICLE II**

**OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The Association's principal office and mailing address is 5100 W. Lemon Street, Suite 306, Tampa, Florida 33609. The Association's registered agent is Richard A. Schlosser, Esq., who maintains a business office at 500 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33602. Both this Association's registered office and registered agent may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors as provided by law.

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE**

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for the maintenance, preservation and architectural control of common areas and residential lots within that certain tract of property (hereinafter called the "Properties") in Pasco County, Florida, and more particularly described as:

All of Asbel Creek Subdivision, according to the plats thereof, recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of Pasco County, Florida together with all subsequent additions thereto.

#### ARTICLE IV POWERS

Without limitation this Association is empowered to:

(a) Declaration. Exercise all rights, powers, privileges, and perform all duties of this Association set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Easements for Asbel Creek (hereinafter called the "Declaration") applicable to the Properties and recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of Pasco County, Florida, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth in full;

(b) Property. In any lawful manner, acquire, own, hold, improve, manage, operate, maintain, repair, replace, operate, convey, sell, lease, transfer, assign, and otherwise dispose of property of any nature whatsoever, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible, in connection with this Association's affairs;

(c) Assessments. Fix, levy, collect, and enforce by any lawful means all charges or assessments established by, or pursuant to, the Declaration; and to use and expend the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties hereunder;

(d) Costs. Pay all costs, expenses, and obligations lawfully incurred in connection with this Association's affairs including, without limitation, all licenses, taxes, or other governmental charges levied or imposed against this Association's property;

(e) Borrowing. Borrow money and, with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, hypothecate, assign, grant security interests in, or otherwise transfer any or all of its property as security for money borrowed, debts incurred, or any of its other obligations;

(f) Dedications. With the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members, dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of its property to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes, and subject to such conditions, as two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members determine;

(g) Mergers. With the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members, participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for similar purposes;

(h) Rules. From time to time adopt, alter, amend, rescind, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Lots and Common Area (as those terms are defined in the Declaration) consistent with the rights and duties established by the Declaration and these Articles;

(i) General. Have and exercise all common law rights, powers, and privileges and those that a corporation not for profit may now or hereafter have or exercise under the laws of the State of Florida, together with all other rights, powers, and privileges reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right, power, or privilege so granted, or granted by the Declaration or these Articles, or reasonably necessary to effectuate the exercise of any right, power, or privilege so granted;

(j) Enforcement. To enforce by legal means the obligations of the members of this Association and the provisions of the Declaration;

(k) Litigation. To sue or be sued;

(l) Surface Water Management. Operate and maintain the surface water management system facilities, including all inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, flood plain compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffer areas, and wetland mitigation areas, and to contract for services for operation and maintenance of the surface water management system facilities;

(m) Other. Engage in all lawful acts permitted or authorized by law.

## ARTICLE V

### MEMBERSHIP

Every person who from time to time holds the record fee simple title to, or any undivided fee simple interest in, any Lot that is subject to the provisions of the Declaration is a member of this Association, including contract sellers, but excluding all other persons who hold any interest in any Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation. An Owner of more than one Lot is entitled to one membership for each Lot owned. Membership is appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of at least one Lot that is subject to the provisions of the Declaration, and membership may not be transferred other than by transfer of title to such Lot. Each membership is transferred automatically by record conveyance or other transfer of title of a Lot.

## ARTICLE VI

### VOTING RIGHTS

This voting rights of members are as set forth in the Declaration.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

During the Class B Control Period (as defined in the Declaration) this Association's affairs shall be managed by a Board of Directors initially composed of three (3) Directors appointed by the Declarant (as defined in the Declaration). Directors appointed by the Declarant need not be Association members. After termination of the Class B Control Period, the Board of Directors shall consist of either three (3) members or five (5) members, as determined by the Association, which Directors shall be elected by members of the Association in accordance with the By-laws of the Association. Directors elected by the members shall be Association members. Each member may vote for each vacancy on the Board of Directors, but cumulative voting is not permitted. Other provisions for the election of Directors, authority of the Directors, meetings, and quorum requirements are contained in the By-laws of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **DURATION**

This Association exists perpetually.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **DISSOLUTION**

This Association may be dissolved in the manner from time to time provided by the laws of the State of Florida and with the consent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members. Upon dissolution of this Association in any manner other than incident to a merger or consolidation, all of this Association's assets, together with the control or right of access to any property containing the surface water management system facilities, shall be conveyed or dedicated to an appropriate governmental unit or public utility to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. If any such conveyance or dedication is refused, such assets, together with the control or right of access to any property containing the surface water management system facilities shall be granted, conveyed, and assigned to a non-profit corporation or other organization similar to the Association and devoted to such similar purposes. In no event, however, may any assets inure to the benefit of any member or other private individual.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **BY-LAWS**

This Association's By-Laws will initially be adopted by the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the By-Laws shall be altered, amended, or rescinded solely by the approval of the Board of Directors. In certain circumstances set forth in the Declaration or as may be set forth in any future supplemental declaration, the Members may have authority to approve amendments to the By-laws; in those circumstances such provisions shall control the alteration, amendment or rescission the By-laws.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

Subject to the provisions of Article XII, amendments to these Articles may be proposed and adopted in the manner from time to time provided by the laws of the State of Florida. In certain circumstances set forth in the Declaration or as may be set forth in any future supplemental declaration, the Members may have authority to approve amendments to these Articles by a different percentage than established by law; in those circumstances such provisions shall control the amendment to these Articles.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **FNMA/FHA/VA APPROVAL**

As long as there is a Class B membership in the Association, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or Veterans Administration (VA) if determined necessary by the Declarant:

- (a) Amendment of these Articles of Incorporation; or
- (b) Merger, consolidation and/or dissolution of the Association.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **INTERPRETATION**

Express reference is made to the Declaration where necessary to interpret, construe, and clarify the provisions of these Articles. Without limitation, all terms defined in the Declaration have the same meaning where used in these Articles. By subscribing and filing these Articles, the incorporator intends for its provisions to be consistent with the provisions of the Declaration and to be interpreted, construed, and applied with those of the Declaration to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and residence of the incorporator is:

Name: Richard A. Schlosser, Esq.

Address: 500 East Kennedy Blvd., Suite 200  
Tampa, Florida 33602

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, I, the undersigned, constituting the incorporator of this Association, have executed these Articles of Incorporation March 19, 2004.

  
Richard A. Schlosser, Incorporator



**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR  
THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND  
NAMING THE REGISTERED AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE  
SERVED**

ASBEL CREEK ASSOCIATION, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, as a corporation not for profit with its principal office as indicated in its Articles of Incorporation has named Richard A. Schlosser, whose business office is 500 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33602, as its registered agent to accept service of process within Florida.

## ACCEPTANCE

Having been named to accept service of process for the foregoing corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes, including the duties and obligations imposed by Section 617.0503, Florida Statutes, relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Richard A. Schlosser

Date: March 19, 2004

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