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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF SANDHILL COMMONS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. ONLY ONLY

In compliance with the requirements of Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, the undersigned, all of whom are residents of the State of Florida and all of whom are of full age, have this day voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation, not for profit, and do hereby certify:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation is SANDHILL COMMONS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereafter called the "Association").

ARTICLE II

OFFICE

The principal office of the Association is located at 14463 West Colonial Drive, Winter Garden, Florida 34787.

ARTICLE III

REGISTERED AGENT

Theodore D. DeWitt, whose address is 14463 West Colonial Drive, Winter Garden, Florida 34787, is hereby appointed the initial registered agent of this Association.

ARTICLE IV

DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise provided herein to the contrary, all capitalized terms and words utilized herein shall be as defined in that certain Sandhill Commons Declaration of Easements,

Covenants, and Restrictions dated April 12, 2004, and recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of Lake County, Florida (the "Declaration").

ARTICLE V

PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the Members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for the maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas benefitting that certain Property located adjacent to State Road 50 in Clermont, Lake County, Florida, as more particularly described in the Declaration, and for this purpose to:

- (a) 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 as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth at length;
- (b) To operate, maintain and manage the Stormwater Management System in a manner consistent with applicable St. Johns River Water Management District permit requirements and applicable District rules, and assist in the enforcement of the Declaration which relate to the surface water or stormwater management systems.
- (c) Fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments required for the cost of maintenance and operation of the Stormwater Management System maintained by the Association, and as otherwise required pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to 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;
- (d) Acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold improve, build upon, operate, 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;
- (e) Have and exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a not for profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida may by law now or hereafter have or exercise.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP

The record owner of each Parcel or portion thereof which is subject to assessment by the Association, including contract sellers, shall be a Member of the Association. If an owner

consists of more than one person or entity, it shall collectively constitute one Member. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, unless it has obtained title to such Parcel through a judicial foreclosure sale. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Parcel or portion thereof which is subject to assessment by the Association.

ARTICLE VII

MEETING OF MEMBERS: QUORUM REQUIREMENTS

The presence at any meeting of Members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, thirty (30%) percent of the votes shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

VOTING RIGHTS

The Association shall have two (2) classes of membership:

Class A. The Class A Member shall be the Declarant.

<u>Class B.</u> The Class B Members shall be all Owners of any Parcel, or portion thereof, other than the Declarant.

The Class A Member shall be the only Member entitled to vote during the Class A Control Period, as defined in the Declaration. Upon the expiration of the Class A Control Period, each Class B Member shall be entitled to one vote per acre owned, rounded to the nearest whole acre. For example, if a Class B Member owns 6.3 acres, it shall be entitled to six (6) votes. If a Class B Member owns 6.6 acres, it shall be entitled to seven (7) votes.

ARTICLE IX

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, who need not be Members of the Association. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) person, appointed by the Class A Member during the Class A Control Period, and thereafter as set forth in the Bylaws. The number of directors may be changed by amendment of the Bylaws of the Association. The names and addresses of the person who shall act in the capacity of director until the selection of his successor(s) is:

NAME

Theodore D. DeWitt

ADDRESS

14463 West Colonial Drive Winter Garden, Florida 34787

ARTICLE X

DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Members entitled to vote. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any not for profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Stormwater Drainage Area must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which would comply with Section 40C-42.027, Florida Administrative Code, and be approved by the St. John's River Water Management District prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

ARTICLE XI

DURATION

Existence of the Association shall commence with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Secretary of State. The Association shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE XII

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Theodore D. DeWitt 14463 West Colonial Drive Winter Garden, Florida 34787

ARTICLE XIII

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Amendment of these Articles shall require the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members entitled to vote. The amendment of these Articles may be proposed by the Board of Directors and shall be voted on at a Special Meeting of the Members entitled to vote duly called for that purpose, or at an annual meeting of the Members entitled to vote; provided, however, the foregoing requirement as to a meeting of the Members entitled to votes shall not be construed to prevent the Members entitled to vote from waiving notice of a meeting; provided further, if Members entitled to vote (and/or persons holding valid proxies) with not less than sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the votes of the entire membership sign a written consent manifesting their intent that an Amendment to these Articles be adopted, then such Amendment shall thereby be adopted as though proposed by the Board of Directors and voted on at a meeting of the membership as hereinabove provided. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the purpose of the Association, as defined in Article V, may only be amended by a unanimous vote of all Owners.

ARTICLE XIV

BYLAWS

The Bylaws of this Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended, or rescinded by a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members entitled to vote, either in person or by proxy.

ARTICLE XV

INDEMNIFICATION

Subject to and consistent with the requirements and procedures for such indemnification under the applicable provisions of the Florida Statues, the Association shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless 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 (other than an action by or in the right of the Association), whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, employee, officer, committee member or agent of the Association, from and against any and all liabilities, expenses (including attorneys' and paralegals' fees and for all stages prior to and in connection with any such action, suit or proceeding, including all appellate proceedings), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement as long as actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, including any appeal thereof, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe this conduct was unlawful, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as

to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for gross negligence or malfeasance in the performance of his duty to the Association, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper. The termination of any action, suit or proceedings 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 and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

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| executed these Articles of Incorpo | oration this <u>II M</u> day of |
| | THEODORE D. DEWITT, Incorporator |
| STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE | |
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| Jacqueline Swale My Commission DD172397 Expires January 10, 2007 | Nothry Rublic, State of Florida |
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REGISTERED AGENT CERTIFICATE

In pursuance of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, the following is submitted, in compliance with said statute:

That Sandhill Commons Property Owners' Association, Inc. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its registered office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at the City of Orlando, County of Orange, State of Florida, has named THEODORE D. DEWITT, located at 14463 West Colonial Drive, Winter Garden, Florida 34787, as its registered agent to accept service of process and perform such other duties as are required in the State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process and serve as registered agent for the above-stated Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, the undersigned hereby accepts to act in this capacity, and agrees to comply with the provision of said statute relative in keeping open said office, and further states he is familiar with §617.0501, Florida Statutes.

THEODORE D. DEWITT, Registered Agent

DATED: 6-1, 2004

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