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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
LANCASTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION OF HIALEAH, INC.  
(A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT-FOR-PROFIT)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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In order to form a corporation not-for-profit under and in accordance with Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, we, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves into a corporation not-for-profit for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter set forth and to that end, we do, by these Articles of Incorporation, certify as follows:

EXPLANATION OF TERMINOLOGY

The terms contained in these Articles which are contained in the Declaration of Condominium ("Declaration") creating LANCASTER CONDOMINIUM, shall have the meaning of such terms set forth in the Declaration.

ARTICLE I  
NAME

The name of this Association shall be LANCASTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION OF HIALEAH, INC. (the "Association"), whose present address is 8950 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hialeah, Florida 33014.

ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE OF ASSOCIATION

The purpose for which this Association is organized is to maintain, operate and manage the Condominium and to operate, lease, trade, sell and otherwise deal with the personal and real property thereof.

ARTICLE III  
POWERS

The Association shall have the following powers which shall be governed by the following provisions:

A. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit and all powers set forth in the Florida Statutes Chapter 718, Florida Statutes Chapter 607, and Florida Statutes Chapter 617 which are not in conflict with or limit the terms of the Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws of the Act.

B. The Association shall have all of the powers of an owners association under the Act and shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. to make, establish and enforce reasonable Rules and Regulations governing the Condominium and the use of Units;
2. to make, levy, collect and enforce Special Assessments and Annual Assessments against Owners and to provide funds to pay for the expenses of the Association and the maintenance, operation and management of the Condominium in the manner provided in the Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws and the Condominium Act and to use and expend the proceeds of such Assessments in the exercise of the powers and duties of the Association;
3. to maintain, repair, replace and operate the Condominium in accordance with the Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws and the Act;
4. to reconstruct improvements of the Condominium in the event of casualty or other loss in accordance with the Declaration;

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5. to enforce by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws and the Act; and,

6. to employ personnel, retain independent contractors and professional personnel and enter into service contracts to provide for the maintenance, operation and management of the Condominium and to enter into such other agreements that are consistent with the purpose of the Association.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### MEMBERS

The qualification of Members, the manner of their admission to membership in the Association, the manner of the termination of such membership, and voting by Members shall be as follows:

A. Until such time as the recordation of the Declaration, the Members of this Association shall be comprised solely of the Subscribers ("Subscriber Members") to these Articles; and in the event of the resignation or termination of any Subscriber Member, the remaining Subscriber Members may nominate and designate a successor Subscriber Member. Each of the Subscriber Members shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote on all matters requiring a vote of the Members.

B. Upon the recordation of the Declaration, the Subscriber Members' rights and interests shall be automatically terminated and the Owners, which in the first instance means Developer as the owner of the Units, shall be entitled to exercise all of the rights and privileges of Members.

C. Membership in the Association shall be established by the acquisition of ownership of a Condominium Unit in the property as evidenced by the recording of an instrument of conveyance amongst the Public Records of Dade County, Florida, whereupon, the membership in the Association of the prior Owner thereof, if any shall terminate. New Members shall deliver a true copy of the recorded deed or other instrument of acquisition of title to the Association.

D. No Member may assign, hypothecate or transfer in any manner his membership in the Association or his share in the funds and assets of the Association except as an appurtenance to his Condominium Unit.

E. With respect to voting, the Members as a whole shall vote. Each Condominium Unit with respect to all matters upon which Owners (other than the Developer) are permitted or required to vote as set forth in the Declaration, these Articles or By-Laws shall be entitled to one vote for each Unit owned (unless altered pursuant to Article V of the Declaration) which vote shall be exercised and cast in accordance with the Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE V

##### TERM

The term for which this Association is to exist shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### SUBSCRIBERS

The names and addresses of the Subscribers to these Articles are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Jorge Mederos	5835 Blue Lagoon Drive Suite#302 Miami, Florida 33128
Zandra Mederos	5835 Blue Lagoon Drive Suite#302 Miami, Florida 33128

**ARTICLE VI**

**OFFICERS**

A. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a President, one (1) or several Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer and, if elected by the Board, an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer, which officers shall be subject to the directions of the Board.

B. The Board shall elect the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and as many other Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall from time to time determine appropriate. Such officers shall be elected annually by the Board at the first meeting of the Board; provided, however, such officers may be removed by such Board and other persons may be elected by the Board as such officers in the manner provided in the By-Laws. The President shall be a Director of the Association, but no other officer need be a Director. The same person may hold two (2) offices, the duties of which are not incompatible.

**ARTICLE VII**

**FIRST OFFICERS**

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of officers by the Board are as follows:

President : Jorge Mederos

Vice President and Secretary: Zandra Mederos

Treasurer: Rafael Fortuny

The street address of the initial office of this corporation is: 6850 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hialeah, Florida 33014; and the name of the initial resident agent of this Corporation is Jose L. Baloyra, Esq., THE GROVE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING, 2950 S.W. 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 300, Miami, Florida 33133.

**ARTICLE IX**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. The form of administration of the Association shall be by a Board of three (3) Directors.

B. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the first Board of Directors ("First Board") are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Jorge Mederos	5835 Blue Lagoon Drive Suite#302 Miami, Florida 33126
Zandra Mederos	5835 Blue Lagoon Drive Suite#302 Miami, Florida 33126
Rafael Fortuny	5835 Blue Lagoon Drive Suite#302 Miami, Florida 33126

Developer reserves the right to designate successor Directors to serve on the First Board for so long as the First Board is to serve, as hereinafter provided.

C. The First Board shall serve until the "Initial Election Meeting," as hereinafter described, which shall be held sixty (60) days after the sending of notice by Developer to the Association that Developer

voluntarily waives its right to continue to designate the members of the First Board, whereupon the First Board shall resign and be succeeded by the "Initial Elected Board" (as hereinafter defined). Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, when unit owners other than the Developer own more than 15% of the units in the condominium, they shall be entitled to elect one-third (1/3) of the Board.

D. Within seventy-five (75) days after the Unit Owners, other than the Developer, are entitled to elect a member of the Board of Administration (Directors) of the Association, the Association, shall call, and give not less than sixty (60) days notice of an election for the members of the Board of Administration. The election shall proceed as provided in Florida Statutes Chapter 718.112(2)(d). The notice may be given by any Unit Owner if the Association fails to do so. Upon election of the first Unit Owner, other than Developer, to the Board of Administration, the Developer shall forward to the Bureau of Condominiums the name and mailing address of the Unit Owner Board Member.

#### ARTICLE X

#### INDEMNIFICATION

Every Director and every officer of the Association (and the Directors and/or officers as a group) shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees (at all trial and appellate levels) reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him or them in connection with any proceeding, litigation or settlement in which he may become involved by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association. The foregoing provisions for indemnification shall apply whether or not he is a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred. Notwithstanding the above, in instances where a Director or officer admits or is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties, the indemnification provisions of these Articles shall not apply. Otherwise, the foregoing rights to indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any and all rights of indemnification to which a Director or officer may be entitled whether by statute or common law.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Association shall be adopted by the First Board, and thereafter may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided for in the By-Laws and the Act. As is set forth in the By-Laws, the By-Laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the Members present at an Annual Members Meeting or a special meeting of the Members and the affirmative approval of a majority of the Board at a regular or special meeting of the Board. Subject to 718.110(4), and (8), Florida Statutes, notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, while the Developer is entitled to appoint a majority of the Board of Directors, the By-Laws may be amended by a Majority of the Board of Directors, provided that such Amendment shall not increase the proportion of common expenses nor increase the ownership of Common Elements borne by the Unit Owners or change a Unit Owner's voting rights without the consent of the affected by Unit Owners. Subject to 718.110(4), and (8), Florida Statutes, said Amendment need only be executed and acknowledged by the Developer and the consent of the Unit Owners, the Association, the owner and holder of any lien encumbering a Unit in this Condominium, or any others, shall not be required.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### AMENDMENTS

A. Prior to the recording of the Declaration amongst the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, these Articles may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by all of the Directors and filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. The instrument amending these Articles shall identify the particular Article or Articles being amended and give the exact language of such amendment, and a certified copy of such amendment shall always be attached to any certified copy of these articles and shall be an exhibit to the Declaration upon the recording of any such Declaration.

B. After the recording of the Declaration amongst the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, these Articles may be amended in the following manner;



