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CASA MONTALTO
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned Incorporator, by these Articles, does so for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida (Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, 1991), and hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be CASA MONTALTO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. For convenience, the Corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the "Association" or the "Corporation," these Articles of Incorporation as the "Articles," and the By-Laws of the Association as the "By-Laws."

ARTICLE II

OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the Association shall be at 2805 East Oakland Park Boulevard, #242, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306, or 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 submitted by the Act.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Association is organized is to provide an entity pursuant to the Florida Condominium Act, Chapter 718, Florida Statutes (the "Act") for the operation of that certain condominium to be known as CASA MONTALTO, a CONDOMINIUM (the "Condominium").

ARTICLE IV

DEFINITIONS

The terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meaning as those set forth in the Declaration of Condominium of Casa Montalto, a Condominium (the "Declaration") to be recorded in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, unless herein provided to the contrary, or unless the context otherwise requires.

ARTICLE V

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 not-for-profit corporation under the laws of Florida that are not in conflict with the provisions of these Articles, the Declaration, the By-Laws or of the Act.

5.2 Enumeration. The Association shall have all 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 its Declaration, and as more particularly described in the By-Laws of the Association, and as they may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, the following:

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- A. To make and collect Assessments and other charges against Members as Unit Owners, and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- B. To buy, accept, own, operate, lease, sell, trade mortgage, assign or hypothecate both real and personal property as may be necessary or convenient in the administration of the Condominium.
- C. To maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to, and operate the Condominium and other property acquired or leased by the Association for use by Unit Owners.
- D. To purchase insurance upon the Condominium Property and insurance for the protection of the Association, its officers, directors, and Members as Unit Owners and such other parties as the Association may determine in the best interest of the Association.
- E. To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance, conservation and use of the Condominium Property.
- F. To approve or disapprove the leasing, transfer, mortgaging, 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.
- H. To contract for the management and maintenance of the Condominium, and to delegate to the party with whom such contract has been entered into all of the powers and duties of the Association, except (1) those which require specific approval of the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association; (2) those which are incapable of being delegated as same may be contrary to the Declaration or the By-Laws; (3) those which are contrary to the Statutes of the State of Florida; and (4) wherein a delegation is a power and duty which by its very nature is a decision or fiduciary responsibility to be made by the Board of Directors and is therefore not susceptible of delegation.
- I. To employ personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of the Condominium.
- J. To enter into agreements with other parties for easements or sharing arrangements or recreational facilities as the Board of Directors may deem in the best interests of the Condominium.
- K. To assume all of Developer's and/or its affiliates' responsibilities to the County, and its governmental and quasi-governmental subdivisions and similar entities of any kind with respect to the Condominium Property (including, without limitation, any and all obligations imposed by any permits or approvals issued by the County, as same may be amended, modified or interpreted from time to time) and, in either such instance, the Association shall indemnify and hold Developer and its affiliates harmless with respect thereto in the event of the Association's failure to fulfill those responsibilities.
- L. 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, unities 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 Owner 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 Assets of the Association. 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 Limitation. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions hereof and of the Declaration and the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERS

6.1 Membership. The Members of the Association shall consist of all of the then record title holders of Units in the Condominium; and, after termination of the Condominium, if same shall occur, the Members of the Association shall consist of those who are Members at the time of the termination, and their successors and assigns. Membership shall be established by the acquisition of ownership of fee title to, or fee interest in, a condominium parcel in the Condominium, whether by conveyance, devise, judicial decree, or otherwise subject to the provisions of the Declaration, and by the recordation amongst the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, of the deed or other instrument establishing the acquisition and designating the parcel affected thereby, and by the delivery to the Association of a true copy of such deed or other instrument. The new Owner of legal title designated in such deed or other instrument shall thereupon become a Member of the Association, and the membership of the prior owner as to the parcel designated shall be terminated.

6.2 Assign. The share of a Member in the funds and assets of the Association, in its common elements and its common surplus, and membership in this Association, cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the Unit for which that share is held.

6.3 Voting. On all matters upon which the membership shall be entitled to vote, there shall be only one (1) vote for each Unit. Said votes shall be exercised or cast in the manner provided by the Declaration and By-Laws. Any person or entity owning more than one (1) Unit shall be entitled to the aggregate number of votes allocated for each Unit owned.

6.4 Meetings. The By-Laws shall provide for an annual meeting of Members, and may make provision for regular and special meetings of Members other than the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII

TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VIII

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Charles Theoclis	2805 East Oakland Park Blvd. Suite 242 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

ARTICLE IX

OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the officers designated in the By-Laws. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Association at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the Members of the Association, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The By-Laws may provide for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies, and for the duties and qualifications of the officers. The names and addresses of the initial officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
President:	Charles Theocles	2805 East Oakland Park Blvd. Suite 242 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Vice President:	Robert Theocles	2805 East Oakland Park Blvd. Suite 242 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Secretary/Treasurer:	Tony Pignatiello	2805 East Oakland Park Blvd. Suite 242 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

ARTICLE X

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 by the By-Laws, but which shall consist of either three (3) or five (5) directors. Except for directors appointed by the Developer, all directors must be Members of the Association. Directors, other than the Developer, or its designee, must be Unit Owners (or, if a Unit is owned by a business entity, then the director(s) may be an officer, director, shareholder, manager, or Member of such business entity, as applicable) and be natural persons who are 18 years of age or older. Any person who has been convicted of any felony by any court of record in the United States and who has not had his or her right to vote restored pursuant to law in the jurisdiction of his or her residence is not eligible for Board membership (provided, however, that the validity of any Board action is not affected if it is later determined that a Member of the Board is or was ineligible for Board membership due to having been convicted of a felony).

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 these Articles and 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 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 qualified, are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Charles Theocles	2805 East Oakland Park Blvd. Suite 242 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Robert Theocles	2805 East Oakland Park Blvd. Suite 242 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Tony Pignatiello	2805 East Oakland Park Blvd. Suite 242 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

10.6 Standards. A Director shall discharge his duties as a director, including any duties as a Member of a Committee in good faith; with the care an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association. Unless a Director has knowledge concerning a matter in question that makes reliance unwarranted, a Director, in discharging his duties, may rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other data, if prepared or presented by: (i) one or more officers or employees of the Association whom the Director reasonably believes to be reasonable and competent in the manners presented; (ii) legal counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters the Director reasonably believes are within the persons' professional or expert competence; and/or (iii) or a Committee of which the Director is not a Member if the Director reasonably believes the Committee merits confidence. A Director is not liable for any action taken as a director, or any failure to take action, if he performed the duties of his office in compliance with the foregoing standards.

ARTICLE XI

INDEMNIFICATION

11.1 Indemnity. The Association shall indemnify any officer, director, or committee member 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 he is or was a director, officer, or committee member of the Association, against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorney's fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, unless: (i) a court of competent jurisdiction finally determines, after all appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnitee, that he did not act in good faith or 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, that he had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; and (ii) such court also determines specifically that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any action, suit, or 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 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. It is the intent of the membership of the Association, by the adoption of this provision, to provide the most comprehensive indemnification possible to their officers, directors, and committee members as permitted by Florida law.

11.2 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 in Section 11.1 above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith. Assessments may be made by the Association to cover any expenses or other amounts to be paid by the Association in connection with the indemnification provided herein.

11.3 Approval. Any indemnification under Section 11.1 above (unless ordered 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 in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 11.1 above. 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 action, suit or proceeding, or (b) if such quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (c) by a majority of the Members.

11.4 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 By-Law, agreement, vote of Members or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity while holding such office, 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, executors and administrators of such a person.

11.5 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 him

and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE XII

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.

ARTICLE XIII

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. A resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be proposed either by a majority of the Board of Directors or by not less than one-third (1/3) of the Members of the Association. Directors and Members not present in person or by proxy at the meeting considering the amendment may express their approval in writing, provided that approval is delivered to the secretary at or prior to the meeting. The approvals must be either:

A. Not less than a majority of the entire membership of the Board of Directors and by not less than a majority of the voting interests of the membership of the Association; or

B. By not less than sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the votes of the entire membership of the Association.

13.3 Limitation. No amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership or in the voting rights or property rights of Members, nor any changes in Sections 3.3 and 5.4 of Article V, entitled "Powers," without approval in writing by 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 or the Declaration, 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, or an affiliate, beneficiary or designee of 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.

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.

13.5 Recording. A copy of each amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of the applicable Florida Statutes, and a copy certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

ARTICLE XIV

DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the assets, both real and personal of the Association, consisting of the surface water management system, including drainage easements, shall, upon request by the appropriate public agency or utility, be dedicated to such public agency or utility to be devoted to purposes, as nearly as practicable, the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance,

such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization, to be devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable to the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. No such disposition of Association properties shall be effective to divest or diminish any right or title of any Unit Owner vested in him under the recorded Declaration and deeds applicable to the Condominium, unless made in accordance with the provisions of such Declaration and deeds.

ARTICLE XV

**INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE:
NAME AND ADDRESS OF REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial registered office of this Corporation shall be located at 2805 East Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 242, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306, with the privilege of having its office and branch offices at other places within or without the State of Florida. The initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be Charles Theocles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has affixed his signature this 16th day of December, 2006.



Charles Theocles, 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:

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 Broward County, Florida the corporation named in the said Articles has named Charles Theocles, whose address 2805 East Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 242, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named the statutory agent of said corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I 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.

DATED: 12-18-06


Charles Theocles, Registered Agent

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