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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORTION

OF

# WASHINGTON PARK VILLAGE

# HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of Florida Statutes, Chapter 617 and 720, the undersigned incorporator has executed, adopted and caused to be delivered for filing these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and does hereby certify:

# ARTICLE I

# NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is Washington Park Village Homeowners Association, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Association").

# ARTICLE II

# PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The principal place of business and the mailing address of the Association is located at 1594 Eastlake Woodlands Parkway, Oldsmar, Florida 34677.

# ARTICLE III

# REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the initial registered agent of the Association is Marie M. Becklund, and the street address of the registered office of the Association to accept service of process within the State of Florida is 1594 Eastlake Woodlands Parkway, Oldsmar, Florida 34677.

# ARTICLE IV

# **DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise provided herein to the contrary, all terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meanings as those set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Washington Park Village, as recorded, or to be recorded, in the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, as the same may be, from time to time, amended (hereinafter called the "Declaration").

# ARTICLE V

# PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the Members thereof. The specific purposes for which the Association is formed are to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents within the Property described in the Declaration, and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought under the jurisdiction of the Association. The Association shall not pay dividends and no part of any income of the Association shall be distributed to its Members, directors or officers. The Association shall have all the powers of a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, subject only to such limitations upon the exercise of such powers as are expressly set forth in these Articles, the Bylaws, or the Declaration. The Association shall have the power and duty to do any and all lawful things which may be authorized, assigned, required or permitted to be done by the Declaration, these Articles or the Bylaws, and to do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or proper for, or incidental to, the exercise of any of the duties or powers of the Association for the benefit of the Owners and for the maintenance, operation and improvement of the Property, including the Common Property and Areas of Common Responsibility, and including, without limitation, the following powers:

- (a) Own and convey real property;
- (b) Own, operate, maintain an convey the Common Property and to operate and maintain Areas of Common Responsibility, including, without limitation, the Master Surface Water Management System and any personal property owned by the Association;
- (c) Operate and maintain the Master Surface Water Management System 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;
- (d) Grant easements as to the Common Property to public and private utility companies, including, without limitation, cable television, and to public bodies or governmental agencies or other entities or persons, with or without cost or charge at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, where convenient, desirable or necessary in connection with the development of the Property, and the providing of utilities and other services thereto, and to enter into shared facilities agreements and related reciprocal easement agreements as may be deemed desirable to provide for utilities and other facilities, and the maintenance thereof and costs association therewith with any third parties, including, without limitation, homeowners' associations and other public and private utility companies, agencies, and entities:
- (e) Establish rules and regulations for the operation of the Association, the Common Property and Areas of Common Responsibility;
- (f) Annex additional real property in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration;

- (g) Sue and be sued;
- (h) Fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, of all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, and to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the Association;
- (i) Abate nuisances and enjoin or seek damage from any Owner(s) for violation of the provisions of these Articles, the Bylaws, the Declaration and any rules and regulations of the Association;
- (j) Contract for services to be provided to and for the benefit of the Association, including, without limitation, contract for services to provide for the operation and maintenance of the Master Surface Water Management System if the Association contemplates employing a maintenance company for such purposes; and
- (k) Purchase insurance of any nature in such amounts and with such companies as the Board of Directors shall deem necessary or appropriate.

# ARTICLE VI

# **MEMBERSHIP**

Section I. Members. Every person or entity who is a record Owner of a fee interest in any Lot in the Property shall be a Member of the Association. The Declarant under the Declaration shall also be a Member for so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary set forth in this Article, any such person or entity who holds such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member of the Association. The Association membership of each Owner (other than Declarant) shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from the Lot giving rise to such membership, and shall not be transferred except upon the transfer of title to said Lot and then only to the transferce of title thereto. Any prohibited separate transfer shall be void. Any transfer of title to a Lot shall operate automatically to transfer the membership of the Association appurtenant thereto to the new Owner thereof.

# Section 2. Classes. The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

- (1) <u>Class "A"</u>. Class "A" Members shall be all Owners, with the exception of the Declarant for so long as Declarant retains Class "B" voting rights. Each Class "A" Member shall have one (1) vote for each Lot owned by that Member.
- (2) <u>Class "B"</u>. The sole Class "B" Member shall be Declarant. Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot actually or potentially included in the Property owned by Declarant. The actual number of votes of Declarant shall be determined, from time to time, in accordance with the terms of the Declaration. The Class "B" Member shall be entitled to cast all of its votes in any vote or election held by the Association.
- (3) <u>Termination of Class "B" Membership</u>. As each Lot in the Property is conveyed by Declarant to a Class "A" Member, Declarant's votes for that Lot shall hapse.

The Class "B" membership shall terminate and become converted to Class "A" membership upon the earlier of the following:

- (i) When the total outstanding Class "A" votes in the Association equal to or exceeds the total outstanding Class "B" votes; or
  - (ii) Four (4) years from the date of recording the Declaration; or
  - (iii) At such earlier time as Declarant, in its discretion, may so elect.

Upon the happening of any one of these events, Declarant shall call a special meeting of the Members to advise of the termination of Class "B" membership.

Section 3. Transition of Control. Any other provision of these Articles to the contrary notwithstanding, Members other than the Declarant shall be entitled to elect at least a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, not later than three (3) months after ninety percent (90%) of the Lots that will or may ultimately be operated by the Association have been conveyed to Class "A" Members. Declarant shall be entitled to elect at least one member of the Board of Directors as long as Declarant holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five percent (5%) of the Lots. After Declarant relinquishes control of the Association, Declarant may exercise the right to vote any Declarant-owned voting interests in the same manner as any other Member, except for purposes of reacquiring control of the Association or selecting the majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Multiple Owners. Each vote in the Association must be cast as a single vote, and fractional votes shall not be allowed. If joint or multiple Owners are unable to agree among themselves as to how their vote is to be cast, or if more than one (1) Class "A" vote is cast for any Lot, none of the votes for that Lot shall be counted. If any Owner casts a vote on behalf of a Lot, it shall be conclusively presumed that Owner was acting with the authority and consent of all other Owners of that Lot.

# ARTILCE VII

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of this Association shall be managed and administered by a Board of Directors consisting of at least three (3) members. Initially, the board shall consist of three (3) members, with the number in subsequent years to be determined by the members of the Board or by amendment to the Bylaws of the Association; provided that there shall always be an odd number of directorship created. Each director must be either (1) a Member of the Association, or (2) an officer, director or agent either of Declarant or a member of Declarant. The names and address of persons who are to act in the capacity of director until appointment or election of their successors are:

NAME

<u>ADDRESS</u>

Marie M. Becklund Vincent Becklund 100 Colette Ct., Oldsmar, FL 34677 2997 Via Conquistadores, Navarre, FL 32566 Vance Becklund Victor Becklund 90 Woodgen Ct., Oldsmar, FL 34677 1594 East Lake Woodlands Pkwy, Oldsmar, FL 34677

Interim vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by Declarant until Declarant has no authority to appoint Directors and thereafter by the majority of the remaining Directors, and any such appointed Director shall serve for the remaining term of his or her predecessor. After Declarant relinquishes its right to appoint the Board of Directors, the Members shall elect the directors by majority vote, for staggered terms of three (3) years each. To create the staggered terms, one post shall become vacant in one (1) year and a successor director shall be elected. The second post shall be deemed vacant at the end of the second year, and a successor director shall be elected. The third post shall be deemed vacant at the end of the third year, and a successor director shall be elected. All successor directors shall serve for terms of three (3) years each. In the event that the number of people compromising the Board of Directors is changed, such change in number shall be implemented in such a manner as to have as nearly equal in number as possible the number of directors whose term expires in any given year.

# ARTICLE VIII

# **OFFICERS**

The day-to-day affairs of the Association shall be administered, subject to the direction and authority of the Board of Directors, by the officers of the Association, which may include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as permitted by the Bylaws. The Declarant shall have the right to appoint and remove any officer so long as Declarant shall own ten percent (10%) or more of the Lots in the Property; thereafter the officers shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>		<u>ADDRESS</u>	) y 2.1	in.
Name	Title	Address	AC,y	
Vincent Becklund	President	2997 Via Conquistadores,	17	
Victor Becklund	Vice President	Navarre, Ft. 32566 1594 East Lake Woodlands		
Marie Becklund	Secretary/Treasurer	Oldsmar, FL 34677 100 Colette Ct., Oldsmar, Fl 34677	다. 1일 :	(3) (1)

## ARTICLE IX

# <u>DURATION</u>

The corporation shall commence to exist upon the filing of these Articles with the Florida Department of State and shall thereafter exist perpetuity. In the event that Association is dissolved, the Master Surface Water Management System and any other Common Property shall be conveyed

to an appropriate agency of local government, and that if such property is not accepted thereby, then the Master Surface Water Management System and any other Common Property shall be dedicated to another not for profit corporation.

## ARTICLE X

# AMENDMENTS

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

Section 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 Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes. Such notice shall contain the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be affected thereby.

Section 2. Adoption. Amendments shall be proposed and adoptd in the manner provided in Chapters 617 amd 720, Florida Statutes. Subject to the terms of Article XIV, any amendment to these Articles of Incorporation shall require the assent of two thirds (2/3) of the votes of the entire membership without regard to class.

Section 3. Amendments by Declarant. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 and 2 of this Article X, the Declarant shall have the right to amend these Articles at any time in its sole and absolute discretion, so long as Class B Membership exists.

Section 4. 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 Pinellas County, Florida.

Section 5. Limitations. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Declaration.

BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, ed, or rescinded in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Association shall a folion who is manner. amended, or rescinded in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

Association who is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatended, pending or contemplated action, suit or proceedings whether civil, criminal, adminsitrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, committee members, employee or agent of the Association:

- From and against expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees for pretrial, trial or appellate proceedings), judgements, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonable incurred by him or her in connection with an action, suit, or proceeding (other than one by or in the right of the Association), if he or she acted in good faith, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he or she had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; and
- From and against expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees for pretial, trial, or appellate proceedings) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of an action or suit by or in the right of the Association, if he or she acted in good faith.
- Section 2. The termination of any action, suit, proceeding by judment, order, settlement, convition, 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, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that such person had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.
- Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof to the contrary, no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for gross negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the Assocation.
- Section 4. Any indemnification under Section 1 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Assocaition only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director or officer, committee member, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1. 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 and a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs, by a majority vote of Members of the Assocattion.
- Section 5. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding shall by paid by the Association from time to time as incurred rather than only after the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding. Payment of such expenses shall be authorized by the Board of Directors in each specific case only after receipt by the Association of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay such amounts if it shall later develop that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association.
- Section 6. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the Association's directors, officers, committee members, employees or agents may be entitled under the Association's bylaws, agreement, vote of Members or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to actions in their official capabilities and as to action in another capacity which holding such officers or positions, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, or committee member, agent or employee and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

Section 7. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, indemnification provided under this 7

Article shall not include indemnification for any action of a director, officer, committee member, agent or employee of the Association for which indemnification is deemed to be against public policy. In the event that indemnification provided under this Article is deemed to be against public policy, such an event shall not invalidate or affect any other right or indemnification herein provided.

Section 8. The Association shall have the power, but shall not be obligated, to purchase and maintain indemnifiation insurance to provide coverage for any liability asserted against any director, officer, committee member, agent or employee of the Association in any of his or her capacities as described in Section 1, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him or her under this Article.

Section 9. Any person requesting indemnification shall first look to any insurance maintained by the Association for indemnification against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgements, fines, and amounts paid in settlement (as described above). The Association shall be obligated to indemnify such person (if entitled to indemnification by the Association) only to the extent such insurance does not indemnify such person. In the event that any expenses, judgments, fines, or amounts paid in settlement are not paid pursuant to insurance maintained by such Association, the Association shall have no obligation to reimburse the insurance company.

# ARTICLE XIII

# INCONSISTENCY

In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and provisions contained in the Declaration and those contained in these Articles of Incorproation, the terms and provisions of the Declaration shall prevail. 7 AM 3:33

# ARTICLE XIV

# REQUIRED APPROVALS

Notwithstanding anything in these Articles to the contrary, as long as there exists a Clas "B" membership, if any one or more of HUD, FHA, or VA requires approval or consent by it or therm to annexation of Additional Property, any merger or consolidationn involving the Association, the placing of any mortgage lien on the Common Property, dedication to the public of any Common Property, any amendment of the Declaration or these Articles, or dissolution of the Association, by any one or more of said agencies as a condition of making, insuring or purchasing loans on Dwellings in the Property, and any such loan has been approved, insured or purchased by the applicable agency at the time of the proposed annexation, merger, consolidation, mortgaging, dedication, amendment or dissolution, then the required consent or approval shall be obtained. In addition, in the event of termination, dissolution or final disposition of the Asociation, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Master Surface Water Management System must be transferred to and acceptable by an entity which would comply with Section 40D-4, F.A,C., and be approved by the Southwest Florida Water Management District prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

# ARTICLE XV

# **INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the sole incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is Michael E. Boutzoukas, 1511 N. Westshore Boulevard, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33607

IN WITNESS WHREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the 

Micheal E. Boutzoukas

Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 171 day of November , 2017, by Michael E. Boutzoukas, who is personally known to me or produced as identification.

TRUDY FARMER
MY COMMISSION # FF 911928 EXPIRES: October 20, 2019

Print Name: TRUCY FAME My Commission expires: 10/20/19

# CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

Pursuant to Chapters 48 and 617, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Acts.

WASHINGTON PARK VILLAGE TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION, INC., desires to organize as a corporation unde the laws of the State of Florida, with its registered office at 1594 Eastlake Woodlands Parkway, Oldsmar, FL 34677, has named Marie Becklund, located at the aboveregistered office, as its Registered Agent to accept service of process within the State.

# **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of said Acts relative to keeping open said office.

Registered Agent:

Marie M. Becklund Dated: November 17, 2017

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