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## BERKSHIRE PINES MASTER HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. (A Corporation Not-for-Profit)

In order to form a corporation not-for-profit under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned hereby incorporate, by the Articles of Incorporation of Berkshire Pines Master Homeowner's Association, Inc., (the "Articles"), this corporation not-for-profit for the purposes and with the powers set forth herein. The undersigned, for the above-stated purposes, certify as follows:

#### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

- A. All terms which are defined in the Master Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Berkshire Pines ("Declaration"), as recorded in the Public Records of Collier County, Florida, shall be used herein with the same meanings as defined in said Declaration.
- B. "Master Association" as used herein shall mean Berkshire Pines Master Homeowner's Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, the corporation formed by these Articles, its successors or assigns. The Master Association is NOT a condominium association.
- C. "Turnover Date" shall be deemed to refer to the date when Class B membership ceases pursuant to the terms of Article V hereof.

#### ARTICLE II NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be Berkshire Pines Master Homeowner's Association, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as the "Master Association") whose present address is 123 N.W. 13th Street, Suite 300, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSES

The purposes for which this Master Association is organized are to take title to, operate, administer, manage and maintain the Master Association Common Areas and improvements thereon and such other areas of Berkshire Pines as are dedicated to or made the responsibility of the Master Association is any Plat recorded in the Public Records, in the Declaration, a Supplement, or in any other Master Association Documents; in accordance with the terms of

and purposes set forth therein; to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Members and Owners; and to conduct any lawful business permitted under the laws of the State of Florida for corporations not-for-profit in order to carry out the covenants and enforce the provisions of any Master Association documents.

#### ARTICLE IV POWERS

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

- A. The Master Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit which are not in conflict with the terms of the Master Association Documents.
- B. The Master Association shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Master Association, including but not limited to the following:
- 1. To perform any act required or contemplated by it under the Declaration, any Supplement or any other Master Association Documents.
- 2. To make, establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Master Association Common Areas and to effectuate all of the purposes for which the Master Association is organized.
- 3. Fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration or By-Laws of the Master Association; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Master Association, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Master Association.
- 4. After the Turnover Date, acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Master Association, with the assent of Members entitled to vote at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of the Master Association, at a duly called meeting of the Master Association. Prior to the Turnover Date, the vote of the Members shall not be required, and the Master Association shall have the authority to exercise the powers set forth in this Article IV B 4 upon the consent of a majority of the Board.
- 5. After the Turnover Date, with the assent of Members entitled to vote at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Votes of the Master Association, at a duly called meeting of the Master

Association, borrow money, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred. Prior to the Turnover Date, the vote of the Members shall not be required, and the Master Association shall have the authority to exercise the powers set forth in this Article IV B 5 upon the consent of a majority of the Board.

- 6. Dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Master Association Common Areas to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to the following: (i) after the Turnover Date, no such dedication or transfer shall be effective without obtaining consent of Members entitled to vote at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of the Master Association, to such dedication, sale or transfer in writing or by vote at a duly called meeting of the Master Association, and prior written consent of Declarant for so long as Declarant Towns property within Berkshire Pines. Prior to the Turnover Date, the vote of the Members shall not be required, and the Master Association shall have the authority to exercise the powers set forth in this Article IV B 6 upon the consent of a majority of the Board.
- 7. Except as otherwise provided in the Declaration, after the Turnover Date, participate in mergers and consolidations or other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional residential property and Master Association Common Areas, provided that any such merger, consolidation or annexation shall have the assent of Members entitled to vote at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of the Master Association, at a duly called meeting of the Master Association. Prior to the Turnover Date, the vote of the Members shall not be required, and the Master Association shall have the authority to exercise the powers set forth in this Article IV B 7 upon the consent of majority of the Board.
- 8. To maintain, repair, replace and operate the Committed Property in accordance with the Master Association Documents.
- 9. To enforce the provisions of the Master Association Documents.
- 10. To employ personnel; to retain independent contractors and professional personnel; and to enter into service contracts to provide for the maintenance, operation and management of the Committed Property; and to enter into any other agreements consistent with the purposes of the Master Association, including but not limited to agreements with respect to the installation, maintenance and operation of the System or for professional management of the Committed Property and to delegate to such professional management certain powers and duties of the Master Association.

#### ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING

- A. Every Owner of a Parcel within Berkshire Pines shall be Class A Members of the Master Association as more specifically set forth in Article 5 of the Declaration.
- B. Declarant shall be a Class B Member of the Master Association, until its Class B membership terminates as hereinafter provided. Thereafter Declarant may be a Class A Member if Declarant is then an Owner. Such Class B membership shall cease on the happening of one of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:
- 1. One (1) year after 95% of the Units that will be ultimately operated by the Master Association, as so determined by Declarant, have been constructed and conveyed to Unit purchasers. The term "conveyed" shall mean the sale of a Unit in fee simple to a purchaser and the recording of an instrument of conveyance to such purchaser among the Public Records of the County, but specifically excluding any sale to a party designated by Declarant as a successor to Declarant and assigned Declarant rights under the Master Association Documents; or,
- 2. Ten (10) years following conveyance of the first Unit in Berkshire Pines to a Unit purchaser; or,
  - Such earlier dater as Declarant may determine.
- C. Each and every Member shall be entitled to the benefits of membership, and shall be bound to abide by the provisions of the Master Association Documents.

#### ARTICLE VI TERMS

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

#### ARTICLE VII INCORPORATORS

The name and street address of the Incorporator of the Master Association is as follows:

<u>Name</u>

<u>Address</u>

Engle Homes/Southwest Florida, Inc.

123 N.W. 13th Street, Suite 300 Boca Raton, FL 33432

The rights and interests of the Incorporator shall automatically terminate when these Articles are filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

- A. The affairs of the Master Association shall be managed by the President of the Master Association, assisted by one (1) or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer and, if elected by the Board, one (1) or more Assistant Secretaries and one (1) or more Assistant Treasurers, which officers shall be subject to the direction of the Board.
- B. The Board shall elect a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer; and as many 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, that such officers may be removed by the Board and other persons may be elected by the Board as such officers in the manner provided in the Bylaws. The President shall be a member of the Board, but no other officer need be a member of the Board. The same person may hold two offices, the duties of which are not incompatible; provided, however, the offices of President and Vice President shall not be held by the same person, nor shall the offices of President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary be held by the same person.

#### ARTICLE IX FIRST OFFICERS

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

President

Robert Wolfe

Vice President/ Secretary/Treasurer -

David Shapiro

Vice President -

Wendy Key-Buxton

#### ARTICLE X BOARD OF GOVERNORS

A. The number of members of the First Board of Governors ("First Board") shall be three (3). "First Board" shall refer to the Board of Governors until the Board is expanded as provided in paragraphs C and D of this Article X.

B. The names and street addresses of the persons who are to initially serve as the First Board are as follows:

Name
Address

Robert Wolfe
123 N.W. 13th Street, Suite 300
Boca Raton, FL 33432

David Shapiro 123 N.W. 13th Street, Suite 300 Boca Raton, FL 33432

Wendy Key-Buxton 123 N.W. 13th Street, Suite 300 Boca Raton, FL 33432

The Declarant shall have the right to remove, appoint, replace or fill any vacancy to the First Board until the Turnover Date.

- At such time as fifty percent (50%) of the Units that will be ultimately operated by the Master Association, as so determined by Declarant, have been constructed and conveyed to Unit purchasers, the number of the members of the First Board shall increase to four (4). The three (3) members of the First Board then in office, pursuant to the provisions of Paragraphs A and B above in this Article X, shall automatically continue to be members of the board, and the provisions of Paragraphs A and B above shall continue to apply. The fourth member of the Board shall be elected by Members, other than Declarant, at an Annual Members Meeting or a special Members' Meeting of the Master Association called for this purpose within sixty (60) days after the date when the First Board increases to four (4) members as herein provided. Such fourth member shall serve until the next Annual Members' Meeting of the Master Association and a new election shall be held for this fourth member to the Board at each annual members meeting thereafter, provided, however, upon the election of the nine-member Board as provided in Paragraph  $\bar{D}$  of this Article X below, the term of office for such fourth member shall then terminate.
- D. After the Turnover Date, there shall be elected a Board composed of seven (7) Governors plus those Governors, if any, which Declarant is entitled to designate as set forth in Paragraph E of this Article X. Upon such election of a new board under this Paragraph D, Declarant shall relinquish its right to appoint, designate or elect Governors and shall cause all the Governors on the First Board to resign, except for "Declarant Governor" provided in Paragraph E. below.
- E. At the first Members' Meeting after the Turnover Date, which shall be held within thirty (30) days after Turnover Date, and at all Annual Members' Meetings thereafter, the Members shall elect all of the Governors, except a "Declarant Governor." After the Turnover Date, and for so long as Declarant owns (i) Units or (ii) land in Berkshire Pines, Declarant shall have the right, but

not the obligation, to designate, remove and/or replace one additional Governor ("Declarant Governor").

- elected to "Initial Terms" (as that term is hereinafter defined) as follows: Three (3) of the Governors shall serve for a period ("Initial Term") of one (1) year, commencing with the first Members' Meeting after the Turnover Date. Two (2) of the Governors shall serve for a period ("Initial Term") of two (2) years, commencing with the first Members' Meeting after the Turnover Date. The remaining two (2) Governors shall serve for a period ("Initial Term") of three (3) years, commencing with the first Members' Meeting after the Turnover Date. At the termination of each Governor's Initial Term, each Governor elected thereafter at a Members' Meeting shall be elected to a term of three (3) years. At the first Members Meeting after the Turnover Date, the two (2) governors receiving the most votes shall serve for three (3) years; the Governors receiving the third and fourth most votes shall serve for two (2) years; the Governors receiving the fifth, sixth and seventh most votes shall serve for one (1) year terms.
- G. Except for Governors on the First board, and their successors, and the Declarant Governor, all Governors must be Owners.
- H. Upon the resignation of a Governor who has been designed, appointed or elected by Declarant, or the resignation of an officer of the Master Association who was elected by the First board, the Master Association shall remise, release, acquit, and forever discharge such Governor or officer of and from any and all manner of action(s), cause(s) of action, suits, debts, dues, claims, bonds, bills, covenants, contracts, controversy, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages (except to the etent any such changes are covered by insurance), judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity which the Master Association or Members had, now have, or will have; or which any personal representative, successor, heir or assign of the Master Association or Members hereafter may have against such Governor or officer by reason of his having been a Governor or officer of the Master Association.

## ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION

Every Governor and every officer of the Master Association shall be indemnified by the Master Association against all expenses and liabilities, including court costs and attorney's fees through all trial and appellate levels, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding, arbitration, or settlement to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being of having been a Governor or officer of the Master Association, whether or not he is a Governor

of officer at the time such expenses are incurred. Provided, however, such indemnification shall be authorized only if Governor or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Master Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a unlawful. settlement, the indemnification provisions herein shall not be automatic and shall apply only when the Board approves such settlement in accordance with the provisions set forth in Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary , and in instances where the Governor or officer admits or is adjudged guilty of willful malfeasance in the performance of his duties, or his actions or omissions to act constitute a violation of the criminal law or a transaction from which the Governor of officer derived an improper personal benefit or such other act or omission to act under Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, the indemnification provisions contained herein shall not apply. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any and all right of indemnification to which such Governor or officer may be entitled by common law or statute.

#### ARTICLE XII BY-LAWS

By-Laws of the Master 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. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of these Articles and the provisions of the By-Laws, the provisions of these Articles shall control.

## ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

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

- 1. Proposal. Amendments to these Articles may be proposed upon a vote of the majority of the entire Board adopting a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment to these Articles, directing that it be submitted to a vote at a special or annual meeting of Members; or amendments may be proposed by the Members of the Master Association who are entitled to vote at least two thirds (2/3) of the votes of the Members represented at a meeting for which notice of the proposed amendment has been given.
- 2. Call for Meeting. Upon the adoption of a resolution proposing any amendment or amendments to these Articles by said Board of Members, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be

transmitted to the President of the Master Association, or other officer of the Master Association in absence of the President, who shall thereupon call a special meeting of the membership, unless it is to be considered at an annual meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give each Member written notice stating the purpose of the meeting, place, day and hour of the meeting, and setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby. Notice shall be delivered not less than ten (10) or more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by first class mail. If the notice is mailed with postage thereon prepaid, at least thirty (30) days before the date of meeting, it may be done by a class of United States mail other than first class mail, addressed to the Member at his address as it appears on the membership books.

- 3. Vote Necessary. In order for such amendment or amendments to become effective, the same must be approved at a duly called meeting, by an affirmative vote of Members entitled to cast at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes of Members represented at such meeting.
- 4. By Written Statement. If all the directors and all the Members eligible to vote sign a written statement manifesting their intention that an amendment to these Articles be adopted, then the amendment shall thereby be adopted as thought subsections 1, 2 and 3 above have been satisfied.
- 5. Filing. The Articles of Amendment containing said approved amendment or amendments shall be executed by the corporation by its President or Vice President and by its Secretary or Assistant Secretary and acknowledged by one of the officers signing such Articles. The Articles of Amendment shall set forth:
  - (a) The name of the corporation.
  - (b) The amendments so adopted.
  - (c) The date of the adoption of the amendment by the Members.

Such Articles of Amendment shall be filed, along with the appropriate filing fees with the office of the Secretary of the State of Florida for approval and will be effective upon such filing.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article XIII, so long as the Declaration holds a portion of Berkshire Pines for sale in the ordinary course of business, no amendment to these Articles may be adopted or become effective without the prior written consent of Declarant.

#### ARTICLE XIV SUCCESSOR ENTITIES

In the event of the dissolution of the Master Association, or any successor entity thereto, any property dedicated or conveyed to the Master Association shall be transferred to either a successor entity or an appropriate governmental agency or public body to be maintained for the purposes for which the Master Association, or a successor thereto, was maintaining such property in accordance with the terms and provisions under which such property was being held by this Master Association, or such successor.

#### ARTICLE XV REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Master Association is 123 N.W. 13th Street, Suite 300, Boca Raton, Florida, 33432, the initial Registered Agent of the Master Association at that address shall be David Shapiro.

### ARTICLE XVII TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED

No contract or transaction between the Master Association and one (1) or more of its Directors or Officers, or between the Master Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one (1) or more of its officers or directors are Officers or Directors of this Master Association shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Officer or Director is present at, or participates in, meetings of the Board or Committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, solely because said Officers' or Director's votes are counted for such purposes. No Director or Officer of the Master Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that said Director or Officer may be interested in any such contract or transaction.

Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a Committee which authorized the contract or transaction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator of Berkshire Pines Master Homeowner's Association, Inc., has hereunto affixed its signature this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

ENGLE HOMES/SOUTHWESD FLORIDA, INC.

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The undersigned hereby accepts the designation of Registered Agent of Berkshire Pines Master Homeowner's Association, Inc., as set forth in Article XV of these Articles.

DAVID SHAPERO

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

Before me personally appeared OHN H. MANNICC, to me well known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as VICE TRESIDENT OF ENGLE HOMES/SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC., a Florida corporation, and acknowledged to and before me that he executed such instrument as such President, of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation; that it was affixed to said instrument by due and regular corporate authority; that said instrument is the free act and deed of said corporation. (Check one:) \_\_\_\_\_\_ said individual is personally known to me; or \_\_\_\_\_\_ said individual produced the following identification: \_\_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this \_\_\_\_\_3 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 1988.

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

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My Commission Expires: 9/4/48

KATHLEEN DOLENCE
Notary Public, State of Florida
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