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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR

# YACHT CLUB AT AVENTURA MARINA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit pursuant the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

### ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the corporation shall be YACHT CLUB AT AVENTURA MARINA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. For convenience, the corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the "Association", these Articles of Incorporation as the "Articles", and the By-Laws of the Association as the "By-Laws".

# ARTICLE 2 OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the Association shall be at 19777 East Country Club Drive, Aventura, Florida, 33180, or at 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 permitted by the Act.

# ARTICLE 3 PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Association is organized is to provide an entity pursuant to the Florida Condominium Act as it exists on the date hereof (the "Act") initially for the operation of that certain condominium located in Miami-Dade County, Florida, and known as YACHT CLUB AT AVENTURA MARINA CONDOMINIUM as well as any condominium(s) in its vicinity which is later brought within its jurisdiction (each of which shall be considered to be "the Condominium" hereunder). The Association shall automatically assume all rights, powers and duties provided for herein and in the Act, the By-Laws and any applicable Declaration of Condominium upon recordation of such a Declaration naming the Association as the association being responsible for the condominium created by such Declaration; provided, however, that such condominium must be located in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

# ARTICLE 4 DEFINITIONS

The terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meanings as those set forth in the declaration of any condominium recorded in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, naming the Association as the entity responsible therefor, unless herein provided to the contrary, or unless the context otherwise requires. In the event of conflict of definitions between two or more declarations of condominium, (i) if possible and practical, the definition set forth in a specific declaration shall be applied with respect to the Association's functions as to that condominium, or if that can not be done, (ii) the definition set forth in the declaration which was first recorded shall control.

# ARTICLE 5 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 corporation not for profit under the Laws of Florida, except as expressly limited or restricted by the terms of these Articles, the Declaration, the By-Laws or the Act.
- 5.2 <u>Enumeration</u>. The Association shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in the Act, which shall be exercised in the manner described in 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 the Declaration and as more particularly described in the By-Laws, as they may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, the following:

- To make and collect Assessments and other charges against members as Unit (a) Owners (whether or not such sums are due and payable to the Association) and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- To buy, accept, own, operate, lease, sell, trade and mortgage both real and (b) personal property in accordance with the Declaration.
- To maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to and operate the Condominium (c) Property and/or Association Property, and other property acquired or leased by the Association.
- To purchase insurance upon the Condominium Property and Association (d) Property and insurance for the protection of the Association, its officers, directors and Unit Owners.
- To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance, (e) conservation and use of the Condominium Property and Association Property and for the health, comfort, safety and welfare of the Unit Owners.
- To approve or disapprove the leasing, transfer, ownership and possession of (f) Units as may be provided by the Declaration.
- To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Act, the Declaration, these (g) Articles, the By-Laws, and the rules and regulations for the use of the Condominium Property and Association Property, subject, however, to the limitation regarding assessing Units owned by the Developer for fees and expenses relating in any way to claims or potential claims against the Developer as set forth in the Declaration and/or By-Laws.
- To contract for the management and maintenance of the Condominium Property (h) and/or Association Property and to authorize a management agent (which may be an affiliate of the Developer) to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing such functions as the submission of proposals, collection of Assessments, preparation of records, enforcement of rules and maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Elements and Association Property with such funds as shall be made available by the Association for such purposes. The Association and its officers shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties granted by the Condominium Act, including, but not limited to, the making of Assessments, promulgation of rules and execution of contracts on behalf of the Association.
- To employ personnel to perform the services required for the proper operation of (i) the Condominium and Association Property.
- Association Property. All funds and the title to all properties acquired by the 5.3 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.
- Distribution of Income; Dissolution. The Association shall make no distribution of 5.4 income to its members, directors or officers, and upon dissolution, all assets of the Association shall be transferred only to another non-profit corporation or a public agency or as otherwise authorized by the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Statute.
- Limitation. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in 5.5 accordance with the provisions hereof and of the Declaration, the By-Laws and the Act, provided that in the event of conflict, the provisions of the Act shall control over those of the Declaration and By-Laws.

ARTICLE 6 **MEMBERS** 

- Membership. The members of the Association shall consist of all of the record title 6.1 owners of Units in the Condominium from time to time, and after termination of the Condominium, shall also consist of those who were members at the time of such termination, and their successors and assigns.
- Assignment. The share of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be 6.2 assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the Unit for which that share is held.
- Voting. On all matters upon which the membership shall be entitled to vote, there shall 6.3 be only one vote for each Unit, which vote shall be exercised or cast in the manner provided by the Declaration and By-Laws. Any person or entity owning more than one Unit shall be entitled to one vote for each Unit owned.
- Meetings. The By-Laws shall provide for an annual meeting of members, and may make 6.4 provision for regular and special meetings of members other than the annual meeting.

# ARTICLE 7 TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence.

# ARTICLE 8 INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is:

NAME

Walter Blackburn

19777 East Country Club Drive Aventura, Florida, 33180

### ARTICLE 9 **OFFICERS**

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the officers holding the offices 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 officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

TITLE	NAME	ADDRESS
President	Walter Blackburn	19777 East Country Club Drive, Aventura, Florida, 33180
Vice President/Secretary	Linda Blackburn	19777 East Country Club Drive, Aventura, Florida, 33180
Treasurer	Ignacio Mendez	19777 East Country Club Drive, Aventura, Florida, 33180

# ARTICLE 10 DIRECTORS

Number and Qualification. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board consisting of the number of directors determined in the manner provided by the By-Laws, but which shall consist of not less than three (3) directors. Directors, other than designees of the Developer, must be members of the Association

- (or authorized representatives of corporate/partnership/trust members of the Association).
- Duties and Powers. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the 10.2 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.
- Election; Removal. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting 10.3 of the members in the manner determined by and subject to the qualifications set forth in 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.
- Term of Developer's Directors. The Developer of the Condominium shall appoint the 10.4 members of the first Board of Directors and their replacements who shall hold office for the periods described in the By-Laws.
- First Directors. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors 10.5 who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have taken office, as provided in the By-Laws, are as follows:

NAME	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Walter Blackburn	19777 East Country Club Drive, Aventura, Florida, 33180
Linda Blackburn	19777 East Country Club Drive, Aventura, Florida, 33180
Ignacio Mendez	19777 East Country Club Drive, Aventura, Florida, 33180

# ARTICLE 11 INDEMNIFICATION

- Indemnity. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, employee, officer, agent or committee member (each, an "Indemnitee") of the Association, against liability incurred by him in connection with such proceeding, unless (a) a court of competent jurisdiction determines, after all available appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnitee, that he did not act in good faith or acted in a manner he reasonably believed to be not in, or 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 (b) such court further specifically determines that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any 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 or did act in a manner which he reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.
- Expenses. To the extent that an Indemnitee has been successful on the merits or 11.2 otherwise in defense of any proceeding referred to in Section 11.1 above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- Advances. Expenses incurred by an officer or director in defending a civil or criminal 11.3 proceeding shall be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the affected director or officer to repay such amount if he is ultimately found not to be entitled to indemnification by the Association as authorized in this Article 11. Expenses incurred by other Indemnitees may be paid in advance upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate.

- Miscellaneous. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by this 11.4 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. However, indemnification shall not be made to or on behalf of, and all advanced expenses shall be repaid by, any Indemnitee if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his actions, or omissions to act, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated and constitute: (a) a violation of the criminal law, unless the Indemnitee had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; (b) a transaction from which the director, officer, employee or agent derived an improper personal benefit; or (c) willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association in a proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by this Article shall continue, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, agent or committee member and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such person, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified.
- 11.5 Insurance. The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was an Indemnitee of the Association, or is or was serving, at the request of the Association, as a director, officer, employee, agent or committee member 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.
- 11.6 <u>Alternative Relief.</u> Despite any contrary determination of the Board of Directors to provide indemnification in any particular case, an Indemnitee of the Association who is or was a party to a proceeding may apply for indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, to the court conducting the proceeding, to the circuit court, or to another court of competent jurisdiction.
- 11.7 <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Article 11, the term "expenses" shall be deemed to include attorneys' fees, including those for any appeals; the term "liability" shall be deemed to include obligations to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine, and expenses actually and reasonably incurred with respect to a proceeding; and the term "proceeding" shall be deemed to include any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or other type of proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether formal or informal.
- 11.8 <u>Amendment</u>. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, no amendment to the provisions of this Article 11 shall be applicable as to any Indemnitee who has not given his prior written consent to such amendment.

# ARTICLE 12 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 and the Declaration.

### ARTICLE 13 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 <u>Adoption</u>. 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 (I/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, providing the approval is delivered to the Secretary at or prior to the meeting. The approvals must be:

- (a) by not less than a majority of the votes of all of the members of the Association represented at a meeting at which a quorum thereof has been attained and by not less than 66-2/3% of the entire Board of Directors; or
- (b) after control of the Association is turned over to Unit Owners other than the Developer, by not less than 80% of the votes of all of the members of the Association represented at a meeting at which a quorum has been attained.
- 13.3 <u>Limitation</u>. No amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership, nor in the voting rights or property rights of members, nor any changes in Sections 5.3, 5.4 or 5.5, without the approval in writing of 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, the Declaration or the By-Laws, 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 of the Developer, unless the Developer shall join in the execution of the amendment. No amendment to this paragraph 13.3 shall be effective.
- 13.4 <u>Developer Amendments</u>. 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 <u>Recording.</u> 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 Miami-Dade County, Florida with an identification on the first page thereof of the book and page of said public records where the Declaration was recorded which contains, as an exhibit, the initial recording of these Articles.

# ARTICLE 14 INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE; ADDRESS AND NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be at 19777 East Country Club Drive, Aventura, Florida, 33180, with the privilege of having its office and branch offices at other places within or without the State of Florida. The initial registered agent at that address shall be Walter Blackburn.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has affixed his signature the day and year set forth below.

Walter Blackburn

Incorporator

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:

First -- That desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the foregoing articles of incorporation, at the City of Aventura, County of Miami-Dade, State of Florida, the corporation named in the said articles has named Walter Blackburn, with offices at 19777 East Country Club Drive, Aventura, Florida, 33180, 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.

Registered Agent

DATED this a day of Aper, 1998