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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGES OPERATING COMPANY

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Florida Business's Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation is The Villages Operating Company

ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR MAILING ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The street address of the Corporation's principal office of this corporation is: 1020 Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, Florida 32162. The mailing address of this corporation is:1020 Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, Florida 32162.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The corporation is organized to engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and Florida.

ARTICLE IV. CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is:

Five thousand (5,000) shares of common stock all of one class, having a nominal or par value of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) per share.

ARTICLE V. INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the initial Directors are as follows:

H. Gary Morse - 1020 Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, Florida 32162.

Mark G. Morse - 1020 Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, Florida 32162.

John F. Wise - 1020 Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, Florida 32162.

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The names and addresses of the initial officers are as follows:

H. Gary Morse	-	President	1020 Lake Sumter Landing The Villages, Florida 32162
Mark G. Morse	-	Vice President	1020 Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, Florida 32162
W. Thomas Brooks	-	Treasurer	1020 Lake Sumter Landing The Villages, Florida 32162
John F. Wise		Secretary	1020 Lake Sumter Landing

The Villages, Florida 32162.

ARTICLE VI. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered agent of this corporation is 1028 Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, Florida 32162. The name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Steven M. Roy.

ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is H. Gary Morse, 1020 Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, Florida 32162. The incorporator of the corporation assigns to this corporation his rights under Section 607.0201, Florida Statutes, to constitute a corporation, and he assigns to those persons designated by the board of directors any rights he may have as incorporator to acquire any of the capital stock of this corporation, this assignment becoming effective on the date corporate existence begins.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

ARTICLE IX. INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify its officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by

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the Florida Business Corporation Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of

2006.

Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT:

I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS REGISTERED AGENT FOR SAID CORPORATION.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SUMTER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ? day of MARCH 2006,

by H. Gary Morse, Incorporator, who did not take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA

(Signature of Notary)

Boris A. Pardo

(Typed name of Notary)

Personally known Produced Identification

(Commission)

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