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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

STEPPING STONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. (A CORPORATION NOT-FOR-PROFIT)

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Florida, and for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit, the undersigned does hereby acknowledge:

- 1. Name of Corporation. The name of the corporation is STEPPING STONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Association").
- 2. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of Association is located at 10401 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Suite 2130, Jacksonville, FL 32256.
- 3. Registered Office Registered Agent. The street address of the Registered Office of Association is 10401 Decrwood Park Boulevard, Suite 2130, Jacksonville, FL 32256. The name of the Registered Agent of Association is: Evergreen Lifestyles Management, LLC.

EVERGREEN LIFESTYLES MANAGEMENT, LLC

- 4. <u>Definitions.</u> A declaration entitled Declaration for Stepping Stone (the "<u>Declaration</u>") will be recorded in the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida, and shall govern all of the operations of a community to be known as Stepping Stone. All initially capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration or the By-Laws of the Association.
- 5. <u>Purpose of Association</u>. Association is formed to: (a) provide for ownership, operation, maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas, and improvements thereon; (b) perform the duties delegated to it in the Declaration; (c) administer the interests of Association and the Owners; (d) provide the health, safety and welfare of the Owners.
- 5.1 Provide for ownership, operation, maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas and improvements thereon.
 - 5.2 Perform the duties delegated to it in the Declaration.
 - 5.3 Administer the interests of Association and the Owners.
 - 5.4 Promote the health and welfare of the Owners.
- the common inter-village needs of the owners and residents of property in all villages of Poinciana Subdivision, wherever required, in Osceola County, Florida, where such activities, services, community improvements and facilities are created for the benefit of, and which serve, the owners and residents of property of more than one Village of Poinciana Subdivision. Such contribution and support shall be equitably apportioned among all Poinciana Villages to the extent that the costs of such services are attributable to or benefit such property owners and residents of Stepping Stone. For the purpose of providing fair and just representation of Association and other member associations on the Board of Directors of the APV, the membership of which Board of Directors of the APV shall be composed of one delegated director from each member association, including this Association, in the Poinciana Subdivision. The Board of Directors of this Association shall elect from among its directors a delegate to serve in such capacity.
- 5.6 Collect assessments and other amounts due, if any, to the APV and remit the same to the APV.
- 5.7 Collect assessments and other amounts due, if any, to the Village One Association and remit the same to the Village One Association.
- 6. Not for Profit. Association is a not-for-profit Florida corporation and does not contemplate pecuniary gain to, or profit for, its members.
- 7. <u>Powers of Association</u>. Association shall, subject to the limitations and reservations set forth in the Declaration, have all the powers, privileges and duties reasonably necessary to discharge its obligations, including, but not limited to, the following:
- 7.1 To perform all the duties and obligations of Association set forth in the Declaration and By-Laws, as herein provided.

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- 7.2 To enforce, by legal action or otherwise, the provisions of the Declaration and By-Laws and of all rules, regulations, covenants, restrictions and agreements governing or binding Association and Stepping Stone.
- 7.3 The obligation to operate and maintain Surface Water Management System within Stepping Stone (including, without limitation, all lakes, retention areas, culverts and related appurtenances, if any) in a manner consistent with the applicable SFWMD Permit requirements and applicable SFWMD rules, and to assist in the enforcement of the Declaration which relate to the Surface Water Management System. The Association shall be responsible for assessing and collecting assessments for the operation, maintenance, and if necessary, repairs of the Surface Water Management System within Stepping Stone:
- 7.4 To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment, by any lawful means, of all Assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, these Articles and By-Laws.
- 7.5 To pay all Operating Costs, including, but not limited to, all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of Association.
- 7.6 To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), annex, own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, grant rights and easements, sell, dedicate, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of real or personal property (including the Common Areas) in connection with the functions of Association except as limited by the Declaration.
- 7.7 To borrow money, and to mortgage, pledge or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money or debts incurred.
- 7.8 To dedicate, grant, license, lease, concession, create easements upon, sell or transfer all or any part of Stepping Stone to any public agency, entity, authority, utility or other person or entity for such purposes and subject to such conditions as it determines and as provided in the Declaration.
- 7.9 To participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes.
- 7.10 To adopt, publish, promulgate or enforce rules, regulations, covenants, restrictions or agreements governing Association, Stepping Stone, the Common Areas, Lots, Parcels, and Homes, as provided in the Declaration, and to effectuate all of the purposes for which Association is organized.
- 7.11 To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Fforida may now, or hereafter, have or exercise.
- 7.12 To employ personnel and retain independent contractors to contract for management of Association, Stepping Stone, and the Common Aréas as provided in the Declaration and to delegate in such contract all or any part of the powers and duties of Association.
- 7.13 To contract for services to be provided to, or for the benefit of, Association, Owners, the Common Areas, and Stepping Stone, as provided in the Declaration, such as, but not limited to, Telecommunications Services, maintenance, garbage pick-up; and utility services. The foregoing shall not be deemed to impose any obligation on Association to provide such services. The Board shall not approve any contract with a contingency payment without the approval of the members.
 - 7.14 To establish committees and delegate certain of its functions to those committees.
- Voting Rights. Owners and Developer shall have the voting rights set forth in the By-Laws.
- 9. Board of Directors. The affairs of Association shall be managed by a Board of an odd number with not less than three (3) nor more that nine (9) members. The initial number of directors shall be three (3). Board members shall be appointed and/or elected as stated in the By-Laws. The election of directors shall be held at the Annual Members Meeting. Directors shall be elected for a term expiring on the date of the next Annual Members Meeting. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board who shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected, or until removed, are as follows:

NAME,

AUDRESS

Anthony S. Iorio

2420 S. Lakemont Avenue, Suite 450 Orlando, FL 32814

Dan Young

2420 S. Lakemont Avenue, Suite 450 Orlando, FL 32814

Chris Devis

2420 S. Lakemont Avenue, Suite 450 Orlando, FL 32814

- 10. <u>Dissolution</u>. In the event of the dissolution of Association other than incident to a merger or consolidation, any member may petition the circuit court having jurisdiction of the judicial circuit of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage its affairs of the dissolved Association and to manage the Common Areas, in the place and stead of Association, and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties. To the extent it is not an obligation of the APV, if Association is dissolved, the Surface Water Management System shall be conveyed to an appropriate agency of local government. If a governmental agency will not accept the Surface Water Management System, then it must be dedicated to a similar non-profit corporation.
- 11. <u>Duration</u>. Association shall have perpetual existence.
- 12. Amendments.
- 42.1 <u>General Rentrictions on Amendments</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to these Articles shall affect the rights of Developer unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of Developer, which may be withhold for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval or consent of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any senendment to these Articles, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. No amondment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.
- 12.2 Amendments Prior to and Including the Turnover Date. Prior to and including the Turnover Date, Developer shall have the right to amend these Articles as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever. Developer's right to amend under this Section is to be construed as broadly as possible. In the event that Association shall desire to amend these Articles prior to and including the Turnover Date, Association must first obtain Developer's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. Thereafter, an amendment identical to that approved by Developer may be adopted by Association pursuant to the requirements for amendments from and after the Turnover Date. Thereafter, Developer shall join in such identical amendment so that its cussent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records.
- 12.3 Amendments From and After the Turnover Date. After the Turnover Date, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, these Articles may be unended with the approval of (i) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board; and (ii) seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes present, in person or by proxy, at a duly noticed meeting of the Members of Association at which there is a concrum.
- 13. Limitations.
- 13.1 <u>Declaration is Paramount</u> No amendment may be made to these Articles which shall in any manner reduce, amend, affect or modify the terms, conditions, provisions, rights and obligations set forth in the Declaration.
- 13.2 <u>Rights of Developer.</u> There shall be no amendment to these Articles which shall abridge, reduce, amend, effect or modify the rights of Developer.
- 13.3 By-Laws. These Articles shall not be amended in a manner that conflicts with the By-
- 14. Incorporator. The name and address of the Incorporator of this corporation is:

ANTHONY S. IORIO 2420 S. Lakemont Avenue, Suite 450 Orlando, FL 32314

15. Qüiccia. The Board shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall from time to time determine. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until their successors are elected by the Board are as follows:

President:

Anthony S. Iorio 2420 S. Lakemont Avenue, Simo 450 Orlando, FL 32814 Vice President

Dan Young 2420 S. Lakemont Avenue, Suite 450

Orlando, FL 32814

Chris Davis

2420 S. Lakemont Avenue, Suite 450 .

Orlando, FL 32814

Treasurer

Sonny Prevatt

2420 S. Lakemont Avenue, Suite 450

Orlando, FL 32814

- Indemnification of Officers and Directors. Association shall and does hereby indemnify and hold harmless every director and every officer, their heirs, executors and administrators, against all loss, cost and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any action, said or proceeding to which such director or officer may be made a party by reason of being or having been a director or officer of Association, including reasonable counsel fees and paraprofessional fees, pre-trial and at all levels of proceedings, including appeals. This indemnification shall not apply to matters wherein the director or officer shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for or guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such directors or officers may be extitled.
- 17. Transactions in Which Directors or Officers are Interested. No contract or transaction between Association and one (1) or more of its directors or officers or Developer, or between Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one (1) or more of its officers or directors are officers, directors or employees or otherwise interested 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 thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because such officers' or directors' votes are counted for such purpose. No director or officer of Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that such director or officer may be interested in any such contract or transaction. Interested directors shall disclose the general nature of their interest and may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board which authorized the contract or transaction. the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board which authorized the contract or transaction.

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

ANTHONY S. IORIP, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corpovation at the place designated in this certificate, hereby agrees to act in this capacity, and is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of this position and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of its duties.

Dated this Stady of February, 2018.

EVERGREEN LIFESTYLES MANAGEMENT, LLC

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