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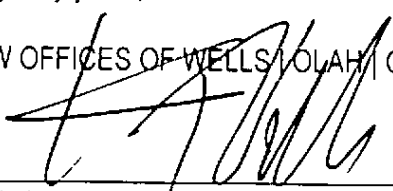
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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$43.75 for the filing fee and certified copy fee. Please return a certified copy to the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS, INC.  
(Division of Corporation's Document Number: 715040)**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this Florida Not For Profit Corporation adopts the following Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation:

- A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation: N/A.
- B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable: N/A.
- C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable: N/A.
- D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address: N/A.
- E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here: See attached documents.

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: The Annual Membership Meeting adopted the attached Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation on: December 16, 2020.

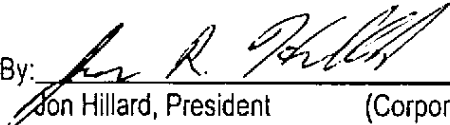
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**Adoption of Amendments: (CHECK ONE)**

- ☒ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.
- ☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the Board of Directors.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.


LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS, INC.,  
a Florida not for Profit Corporation

By:   
John Hillard, President (Corporate Seal)

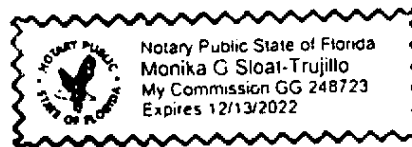
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Sarasota

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, by John Hillard as the President of LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS, INC., a Florida corporation, on behalf of the corporation, who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign: 

Print: MONIKA G. SLOAT-TRUJILLO  
State of Florida at Large (Seal)  
My Commission expires: 12/13/2021



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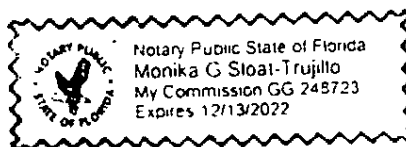
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NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign: [Signature]

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State of Florida at Large (Seal)  
My Commission expires: 12/13/2021



**LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS, INC.**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS, INC.**

**A Florida Not for Profit Corporation**

***[Substantial rewording of Articles of Incorporation. See existing Articles of Incorporation  
and amendments thereto for present text.]***

The Members of **LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS, INC.**, a Florida not for profit corporation, hereby adopt these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

**LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS** was created in eight (8) Sections, such original Declarations of Condominium creating the community having been recorded in the Official Records of Sarasota County as follows:

Lucaya Country Club Villas	Section 1	Book 779	Page 560
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Lucaya Country Club Villas	Section 8	Book 872	Page 994

All eight (8) such Declarations of Condominium are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Original Declarations."

In 1992, the eight (8) Sections merged pursuant to a Certificate of Merger, which was recorded in the Official Records of Sarasota County at Book 2359, Page 894, et seq. As part of that merger, an amended and restated Declaration of Condominium of Lucaya Country Club Villas (hereinafter the "Original Declaration"), was created to combine the Original Declarations, and was recorded in Official Records Book 2359, Page 897, et seq., in the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

**ARTICLE 1.  
NAME OF CORPORATION AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The name of this not for profit corporation shall be **LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS, INC.**, hereinafter referred to as the "Association." The street address of the principal office of the Association is c/o Argus Property Management, Inc., 2477 Stickney Point Road, Suite 118A, Sarasota, Florida 34231.

The Association's Board of Directors may change the address and location of the principal office of the Association from time to time.

## ARTICLE 2. PURPOSES

**2.1 Purposes.** The purposes for which the Association is organized is to provide an entity pursuant to Chapter 718, Florida Statutes ("Condominium Act"), for the administration and operation of **LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS**, located in Sarasota County, Florida and to perform all acts provided in the Condominium Documents and Florida law.

**2.2 Distribution of Income.** The Association shall be organized as a Florida not for profit corporation. As such, it shall issue no stock and make no distribution of income to its Members, directors or officers. The general nature of the business to be conducted by the Association shall be the operation and management of the affairs and property of the condominium known as **LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS** located in Sarasota County, Florida, and to perform all acts provided in the Declaration of Condominium of said Condominium and the Florida Condominium Act, Chapter 718, Florida Statutes.

## ARTICLE 3. POWERS

**3.1 Common Law and Statutory Powers.** The Association's Board of Directors shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit, not in conflict with the terms of these Articles of Incorporation, the Association Bylaws, the Declaration of Condominium or the Condominium Act.

**3.2 Specific Powers.** The Association's Board of Directors shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in Chapter 718, Florida Statutes ("Florida Condominium Act"), and Chapter 617, Florida Statutes ("Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act"). The Association shall also have all the powers and duties set forth in the Declaration of Condominium (herein, the "Declaration") and the Association Bylaws, as they may be amended from time to time; and all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate the Condominium pursuant to the Declaration and the Condominium Act, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. To make, amend and collect annual Assessments and Special Assessments against Members as Unit Owners to defray the Common Expenses and losses of the Association.

B. To use the proceeds of Assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties.

C. To maintain, repair, alter, improve, replace, administer and operate the Condominium Property, which shall include the irrevocable right of access to each Unit during reasonable hours when necessary for the inspection, maintenance, repair or replacement of any Common Elements or any portion of the Units to be maintained by the Association pursuant to the Declaration or as necessary to inspect and/or prevent damage to the Common Elements or a Unit or Units.

D. To purchase insurance upon the Condominium Property and insurance for the protection of the Association, its directors, officers and its Members as Unit Owners.

E. To reconstruct improvements after casualty and to further improve the Condominium Property.

F. To make and amend reasonable Rules and Regulations regarding the Common Elements, Limited Common Elements, the Condominium Units and the operation and administration of the Association.

G. To approve or disapprove the transfer, lease, mortgage and ownership of a Unit, as more provided in the Condominium Documents.

H. To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Condominium Act, the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations.

I. To contract for the management, operation, administration and maintenance of the Condominium Property and to delegate to such contractor any powers and duties of the Association, except such as are specifically required by the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws or by the Condominium Act to have the approval of the Board of Directors or the membership.

J. To employ personnel for reasonable compensation to perform the services required for proper administration and operation of the Association and the Condominium Property.

K. To enter into agreements acquiring leaseholds, membership and other possessory or use interests in lands or facilities, whether or not contiguous to the lands of the Condominium Property, intended to provide for the enjoyment, recreation or other use benefits of the unit owners.

L. To purchase, acquire or take title to Units within the Condominium for any purpose and to hold lease, sell, mortgage, use or convey such Units on terms and conditions approved by the Board of Directors.

M. To grant, modify, move or terminate easements over, under or through the Common Elements or Association Property.

N. To sue and be sued.

O. To borrow money and secure the same by assigning Assessments, lien rights, Assessment collection authority, and by execution of mortgages encumbering the Association real property (but not the Common Elements) and to acquire property or interests therein encumbered by mortgages which are to be paid or assumed by the Association.

P. To create, modify, and disband committee(s).

Q. To further improve the Condominium Property, both real and personal, and to purchase realty and items of furniture, personal property, furnishings, and equipment.

R. To exercise such other powers and authority to do and perform every act and thing necessary and proper in the conduct of its business for the accomplishment of its purposes as set forth in the Condominium Documents and as permitted by the laws of Florida.

S. To name and authorize a sales and/or rental agent for the Condominium.

T. To use the proceeds of Assessments to encourage and facilitate social interaction among the Owners, renters and occupants of the Units.

**3.3 Emergency Powers.** In the event of an emergency as defined herein, the Board of Directors may exercise the emergency powers and any other powers authorized by the provisions of Section 718.1265, Florida Statutes, and Sections 617.0207 and 617.0303, Florida Statutes. For purposes of this Section 3.3 only, an emergency exists during a period of time that the Condominium, or the immediate geographic area in which the Condominium is located, is subject to: a state of emergency declared by civil or law enforcement authorities; a hurricane watch or warning as issued by a governmental authority; a partial or complete evacuation order issued by civil or law enforcement authorities; the declaration of a federal or state "disaster area" status; or catastrophe, whether natural or manmade, which seriously damages, or threatens to seriously damage the physical existence of the Condominium. During an emergency as defined herein, the Board of Directors may exercise the following emergency powers:

- A. Conduct meetings of the Board of Directors and membership meetings with notice given as is practicable. Such notice may be given in any practicable manner, including, but not limited to, publication, telephone, radio, United States mail, electronic mail, the Internet, public service announcements, and conspicuous posting in the Condominium or any other means the Board of Directors deems reasonable under the circumstances. Notice of Board of Directors' decisions may be communicated as provided herein. The Directors in attendance at such a meeting of the Board of Directors, if more than one (1) Director, shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Cancel and reschedule any membership meeting, committee meeting or meeting of the Board of Directors.
- C. Name as interim assistant officers' persons who are not directors, which assistant officers shall have the same authority as the executive officers to whom they are assistants during the state of emergency to accommodate the incapacity or unavailability of any officer of the Association.
- D. Relocate the Association's principal address or designate alternative principal addresses.
- E. Enter into agreements with governmental agencies, local counties and municipalities to assist counties and municipalities with debris removal and other emergency assistance.
- F. Implement a disaster plan before or immediately following the event for which a state of emergency is declared which may include, but is not limited to, electricity; water, sewer, or security systems; or heating, ventilating and air conditioners.
- G. Based upon advice of emergency management officials or upon the advice of licensed professionals retained by the Board of Directors, determine any portion of the Condominium unavailable for entry or occupancy by Unit Owners, tenants, guests, occupants, or invitees to protect the health, safety, or welfare of such persons.
- H. Require the evacuation of the Condominium in the event of a mandatory evacuation order in the locale in which the Condominium is located. Should any Unit Owner, tenant, guest, occupant, or invitee fail or refuse to evacuate the Condominium where the Board of Directors has required evacuation, the Association shall be immune from any and all liability or injury to persons or property arising from such failure or refusal.
- I. Based upon advice of emergency management officials or upon the advice of licensed professionals retained by the Board of Directors, determine whether the Condominium Property can be safely inhabited or occupied. However, such determination is not conclusive as to any determination of habitability pursuant to the Declaration.

J. Mitigate further damage, including taking action to contract for the removal of debris and to prevent or mitigate the spread of mold, mildew or fungus by removing and disposing of wet drywall, insulation, carpet, carpet pad, wood flooring, tile, baseboards, air ducts, insulation, cabinetry, any and all personal property or belongings of a Unit Owner or occupant, including but not limited to furniture, clothes, mattresses, and all other fixtures on or within the Common Elements, Association Property or the Units, even if the Unit Owner is obligated by the Declaration or Florida law to insure or replace those fixtures and to remove personal property from a Unit.

K. Contract, on behalf of any Unit Owner, for items or services for which Unit Owners are otherwise individually responsible for, but which are necessary to prevent further damage to the Common Elements, Condominium Property or Association Property. In such event, the Unit Owner on whose behalf the Board of Directors has contracted shall be responsible for reimbursing the Association for the actual costs of the items or services, and the Association may use any Assessment and claim of lien authority provided by Section 718.116, Florida Statutes, or the Declaration, to enforce collection of such charges.

L. Regardless of any provision to the contrary and even if such authority does not specifically appear in the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Bylaws, the Board of Directors may levy one or more Special Assessments without a vote of the Unit Owners.

M. Without Unit Owner approval, borrow money and pledge Association assets as collateral to fund emergency repairs and carry out the duties of the Association when operating funds are insufficient. This paragraph does not limit the general authority of the Association to borrow money, subject to such restrictions as are contained in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or the Bylaws.

N. Corporate action taken in good faith to meet the emergency needs of the Association or its Members shall bind the Association; have the rebuttable presumption of being reasonable and necessary; and may not be used to impose liability on a Director, Officer, or employee of the Association. An officer, director, or employee of the Association acting in good faith and in accordance with this Article 3, Section 3.3 herein shall only be liable for willful misconduct.

The special powers authorized in Article 3, Section 3.3 herein shall be limited to the time period reasonably necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Condominium Property, the Association and Association Property, the Unit Owners, tenants, guests, occupants and invitees and shall be reasonably necessary to mitigate further damage and make emergency repairs to the Common Elements and Association Property.

**3.4 Assets Held in Trust.** All funds and the titles of all properties acquired by the Association and the proceeds thereof shall be held in trust for the Members in accordance with the provisions of the Condominium Act, the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

**3.5 Limitation on Exercise of Powers.** The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Condominium Act, the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 4. MEMBERS**

**4.1 Membership in Association.** All persons owning a vested present interest in the fee title to any of the Condominium Units in LUCAYA COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS as evidenced by a duly recorded proper instrument in

the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, shall be Members. Membership shall terminate automatically and immediately as a Member's vested interest in the fee title terminates, except that upon termination of the entire condominium project, the membership shall consist of those who were Members at the time of each conveyance of the respective Units to the trustee as provided in the Declaration of Condominium. In the event a Unit is owned by a legal entity other than a natural person, the officer, director, or other official so designated by such legal entity shall exercise its membership rights.

**4.2 Change of Membership.** After the Association approves of a conveyance of a Condominium Unit as provided in the Declaration of Condominium, the change of membership in the Association shall be evidenced in the Association's records by delivery to the Secretary of a certified copy of the deed or other instrument of conveyance.

## **ARTICLE 5. VOTING RIGHTS**

Subject to a voting right being suspended pursuant to Section 718.303, Florida Statutes, the Owner of each Unit is entitled to one (1) vote as a member of the Association. The manner of exercising voting rights shall be determined by the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. There shall be no vote for a Unit owned by the Association or held in a court appointed receivership. Owners of more than one Unit shall be entitled to cast one vote for each Unit owned.

## **ARTICLE 6. INCOME DISTRIBUTION**

No part of the income of the Association shall be distributable to its Members, except as compensation for services rendered.

## **ARTICLE 7. CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

The Association shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

## **ARTICLE 8. REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The registered office of the Association shall be c/o Argus Property Management, Inc. 2477 Stickney Point Road, Suite 118A, Sarasota, Florida 34231. The Board of Directors may change the Association's registered office or agent from time to time in the manner provided by law.

## **ARTICLE 9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**9.1 Board of Directors.** The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors, composed as provided in the Bylaws, but in no event consisting of less than three (3) directors. A director must fulfill all requirements of eligibility provided in Florida law, the Association Bylaws and in the Declaration.

**9.2 Election of Directors.** Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of members in the manner determined by the Association Bylaws and the Condominium Act. Directors may be removed

and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Association Bylaws and the Condominium Act.

## **ARTICLE 10. OFFICERS**

The affairs of the Association shall be administered, as directed by the Board, by the officers designated in the Association Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall elect officers at its organizational Board meeting following the annual meeting of the Members of the Association. Officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE 11. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**11.1 Indemnity.** The Association shall indemnify any officer, director, or committee member who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or contemplated action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, or committee member of the Association, against expenses (including attorney fees and appellate attorney fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, unless: (i) a court of competent jurisdiction finally determines, after all appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnitee, that he or she did not act in good faith or in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he or she had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, and (ii) such court also determines specifically that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any action, suit, or 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 and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. It is the intent of the membership of the Association, by the adoption of this provision, to provide the most comprehensive indemnification possible to their officers, directors, and committee members as permitted by Florida law.

**11.2 Defense.** To the extent that a director, officer, or committee member of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in Section 11.1 above, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified for expenses (including attorney fees and appellate attorney fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.

**11.3 Advances.** Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding shall be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the affected director, officer, or committee member to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized by this Article 11.

**11.4 Miscellaneous.** The indemnification provided by this Article 11 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of Members, or otherwise, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, or committee member and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such person.

**11.5 Insurance.** The Association has the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, committee member, employee, or agent of the Association, or a director, officer,

employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability under the provisions of this Article 11.

**11.6 Amendment.** Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the provisions of this Article 11 may not be amended without the approval in writing of all persons whose interest would be adversely affected by such amendment.

**11.7 Delegation.** To the extent permitted by law, the powers and duties of the directors and officers may be delegated for the purpose of administration, operation and management.

## **ARTICLE 12. BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Association may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 13. SUBSCRIBERS**

The names and street addresses of the original subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
GORDON KLFERDINK	2819 UPPER TANGLE, SARASOTA, FL
MARVIN E. SILVERMAN	1537 GOLD AVENUE, SARASOTA, FL
KERA J. ROGEN	3432 DANTE DRIVE, SARASOTA, FL

## **ARTICLE 14. AMENDMENTS**

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

**14.1 Notice and Proposal.** Notice of the subject matter or proposed amendments shall be included in or with the notice of the membership meeting at which the amendment will be considered. An amendment to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by at least twenty percent (20%) of the Association's Voting Interests. Upon an amendment being properly proposed, such proposed amendment shall be transmitted to the President of the Association or other officer of the Association in the absence of the President, who shall thereupon call a special meeting of the members of the Association for a date not sooner than fourteen (14) days nor later than sixty (60) days from receipt of the proposed amendment and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give to each Member notice of such meeting in the manner provided for in the Bylaws.

**14.2 Approval of Amendments.** An amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall be adopted upon the affirmative approval of at least a majority (51%) of the eligible voting interests present (in person or by proxy) and voting at a duly noticed membership meeting at which a quorum is obtained.



**14.3 Automatic Amendment.** These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Board of Directors, if necessary, to make the same consistent with the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium. Whenever Chapters 617 or 718, Florida Statutes, or other applicable Florida or Federal laws or administrative regulations, are subsequently amended so that these Articles of Incorporation are inconsistent with the applicable law or administrative rules, the Board of Directors, without a vote of the Owners, may, but shall not be under a duty or obligation to, adopt by majority vote of the Board, amendments to these Articles of Incorporation to make them consistent.

**14.4 Limitation on Amendments.** No amendment to these Articles of Incorporation shall be made which conflicts with the Condominium Act or the Declaration.

**14.5 Certification.** A copy of each amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall be filed with the Florida Secretary of State, Division of Corporations, and shall be recorded in the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, along with a certificate of amendment executed by the appropriate officers of the Association attesting that the amendment has been lawfully adopted.

## **ARTICLE 15. MISCELLANEOUS**

**15.1 Definitions and Interpretation.** Terms used in these Articles of Incorporation shall have the same meaning as defined in the Declaration or the Condominium Act. The Board of Directors is responsible for interpreting the provisions of the Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors' interpretation shall be binding upon all parties unless wholly unreasonable. A written opinion rendered by legal counsel that an interpretation adopted by the Board of Directors is not wholly unreasonable shall conclusively establish the validity of such interpretation.

**15.2 Conflicts.** The term "Condominium Documents," as used in these Articles of Incorporation and elsewhere shall include the Declaration of Condominium, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, the Plats, Surveys, Plot Plans, and graphic descriptions of improvements of record, and all other exhibits to the original Declaration of Condominium. In the event of an actual or implied conflict in the Condominium Documents, the Condominium Documents shall control in the following order:

- A. Declaration of Condominium;
- B. Articles of Incorporation;
- C. Bylaws; and
- D. Rules and Regulations

**15.3 Gender.** The use of the term "he," "she," "his," "hers," "their," "theirs" and all other similar pronouns should be construed to include all genders and encompass the plural as well as the singular.

**15.4 Severability.** In the event that any Section, clause, paragraph or other provision of the Articles of Incorporation is deemed invalid, it shall be deemed severed and the remaining provisions of the Articles of Incorporation shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

**15.6 Headings.** The headings of paragraphs or sections herein are for convenience purposes only, and shall not be used to alter or interpret the provisions therein.