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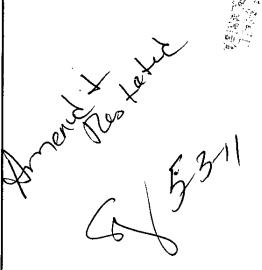
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April 21, 2011

Department of State Division of Corporations Corporate Filings Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Gulf Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc.

To Whom It Concerns:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Gulf Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc., along with our firm's check in the amount of \$43.75 to cover the filing fee and to obtain a certified copy. Please return the certified copy to our office in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly,

CONDO & HOA LAW GROUP, PLLC

Richard D. DeBoest, II

Richard D. DeBoest, II, Esq. For the Firm Signed electronically to avoid delay.

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## AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GULF RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida not for profit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.

FIRST: Amendment(s) adopted:

Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation. See attached Exhibit "A" for full text.

SECOND: The date of adoption of the amendments was January 5, 2011.

THIRD: Adoption of Amendment (Check one):

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GULF RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Signature of Officer

CHLLIAM GRADE

Print Name of Officer

**President** 

Title of Officer

3/25/2011

Date

NOTE: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OF ENTIRE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. FOR PRESENT TEXT SEE EXISTING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

## AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GULF RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pursuant to Section 617.1007, Florida Statutes, these Articles of Incorporation of Gulf Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, which was originally incorporated under the same name on September 23, 1980, are hereby amended and restated in their entirety. All amendments included herein have been adopted pursuant to Section 617.1002, Florida Statutes, and there is no discrepancy between the corporation's Articles of Incorporation as heretofore amended and the provisions of these Amended and Restated Articles other than the inclusion of amendments, adopted pursuant to Section 617.1002, Florida Statutes, and the omission of matters of historical interest. The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Gulf Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc., shall henceforth be as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

<u>NAME</u>: The name of the corporation is Gulf Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc., sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

#### **ARTICLE II**

<u>PRINCIPAL OFFICE</u>: The principal office of the corporation shall be at Royal Shell Property Management, 2340 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957 unless otherwise changed by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE III

<u>PURPOSE AND POWERS</u>: This Association will not permit pecuniary gain or profit or distribution of its income to its members, officers or Directors. It is a nonprofit corporation formed for the purpose of establishing a private residential community homeowners' association which, subject to a Declaration of Restrictions for Gulf Ridge Subdivision originally recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida, at O.R. Book 1405 at Page 712 et seq., and as, amended, and Declaration of Restrictions for Gulf Ridge East Subdivision originally recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida, at O.R. Book 1654 at Page 438 et seq., and as

amended has the powers described herein. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a Florida Homeowner's not for profit Association consistent with these Articles, the Bylaws of the Homeowners Association, and with said Declaration and shall have all of the powers and authority reasonably necessary or appropriate for the operation and regulation of a residential community, subject to said recorded Declaration, as it may from time to time be amended, including, but not limited, to the power:

- (A) to fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means all charges, assessments, or liens pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the corporation, including, but not limited to, all license fees, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property or the Association;
- (B) to make, amend and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas and the operation of the Association;
- (C) to sue and be sued, and to enforce the provisions of the Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and the reasonable rules of the Association;
- (D) to contract for the management and maintenance of the Common Areas and to pay any and all expenses in connection therewith and to delegate any powers and duties of the Association in connection therewith except such as are specifically required by the Declaration to be exercised by the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association;
- (E) to employ managers, accountants, attorneys, architects, and other professional personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of the properties and of the Association and to pay all reasonable fees and expenses in connection with such services.
- (F) to dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas to any public agency, authority, conservation foundation or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication, sale or transfer shall be effective unless first approved by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the voting interests, present and voting, in person or by proxy, at a duly called meeting of the membership;
- (G) to 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 if first approved by Board;
- (H) to maintain, repair, replace and provide insurance for the Common Areas;

- (I) to 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 corporation;
- (J) to grant, modify or move easements;
- (K) to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapters 617 and 720 of Florida Statutes may now or hereafter have or exercise; subject always to the Declaration as amended from time to time.

All funds and the title to all property acquired by the Association shall be held for the benefit of the Members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS: Membership and Voting Rights shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE V**

TERM; DISSOLUTION: The term of the Association shall be perpetual. The Association may be dissolved with the consent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of total voting interests of the Association. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, its assets, both real and personal, shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was formed. In the event there is a refusal to accept such dedication, then such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to the then existing lot owners, their heirs and assigns in equal shares.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

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

#### **ARTICLE VII**

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>: Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

- (A) <u>Proposal</u>: Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed by a majority of the Board or upon petition of one-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the voting interests, and shall be submitted to a vote of the members not later than the next annual meeting.
- (B) <u>Vote Required</u>: Except as otherwise required by Florida law or as provided elsewhere in these Articles, these Articles of Incorporation may be amended if the proposed amendment is approved by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the voting interests present and voting, in person or by proxy, at a duly called meeting of the members of the Association.
- (C) <u>Effective Date:</u> An amendment shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and recording a certified copy in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida with the same formalities as are required in the Declaration for recording amendments to the Declaration.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:**

- (A) The affairs of the Association shall be administered by a Board of Directors which shall consist of at least three (3) Directors. Directors must be members of the Association.
- (B) Directors of the Association shall be elected by the members in good standing in the manner determined by the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- (C) The day to day business of the Association shall be conducted by the officers <u>as</u> designated in the Bylaws. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the members of the Association and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The President must be a member of the Association and the Board of Directors, the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer may but shall not be required to be, members of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### INDEMNIFICATION:

(A) <u>Indemnity</u>. The Association shall and hereby does indemnify and hold harmless any officer, Director, or committee member who was or is a party to 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 is or was a Director,

officer, or committee member of the Association, against expenses (including attorney's fees, costs and appellate attorney's fees and costs), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him 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 did not act in good faith or in a manner 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, that he had reasonable cause to believe his 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.

- (B) <u>Defense</u>. 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 (A) above, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees and costs and appellate attorney's fees and costs) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- (C) 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 IX.
- (D) <u>Miscellaneous</u>. The indemnification provided by this Article IX 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.
- (E) <u>Insurance</u>. The Association shall have 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, 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.

(F) <u>Amendment</u>. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the provisions of this Article IX may not be amended without the approval in writing of all persons whose interest would be adversely affected by such amendment.

#### AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION **OF**

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