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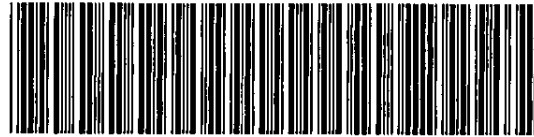
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**Re: *Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of  
Riverbend Homeowners' Association, Inc.***

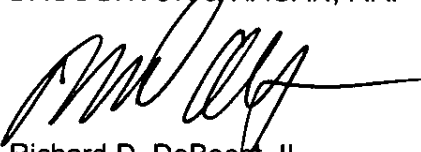
To Whom It Concerns:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Riverbend Homeowners' Association, Inc., a check for \$35.00 to cover the filing fee, and a check for \$8.75 for 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,

DeBOEST, STOCKMAN, DECKER,  
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**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
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OF  
RIVERBEND HOMEOWNERS' 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 October 25, 2006.

THIRD: Adoption of Amendment (Check one):

☒ The amendment(s) was (were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.

☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was (were) adopted by the Board of Directors.

RIVERBEND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officer

Claude Williams

Print Name of Officer

Claude Williams

President

Title of Officer

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Date

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

**OF**

**RIVERBEND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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

Pursuant to Section 617.1007, Florida Statutes, these Articles of Incorporation of Riverbend Homeowners' Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, which was originally incorporated under the same name on January 7, 1981, are hereby amended and restated in their entirety. All amendments included herein have been adopted pursuant to Section 671.1002, 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 Restates Articles of Incorporation of Riverbend Homeowners' Association, Inc., shall henceforth be as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME:** The name of the corporation is Riverbend Homeowners' Association, Inc., sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

**ARTICLE II**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE:** The principal office of the corporation shall be at the Riverbend Clubhouse or in LaBelle, Florida as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE AND POWERS:** This Association will not permit pecuniary gain or profit nor distribution of its income to its members, officers or Directors. It is a nonprofit corporation formed for the purpose of establishing a corporate residential community homeowners' association which, subject to a Riverbend Estates Deed Restrictions originally recorded in the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, at O.R. Book 302 at Page 443 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

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corporation not for profit, and a Chapter 720, Homeowners Association, consistent with these Articles, the Bylaws of the corporation, and with said Riverbend Estates Deed Restrictions 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 Deed Restrictions, 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 Deed Restrictions; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the corporation, including all license fees, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property or the corporation;
- (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 Deed Restrictions, 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 delegate any powers and duties of the Association in connection therewith except such as are specifically required by the Deed Restrictions to be exercised by the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association;
- (E) to employ accountants, attorneys, architects, and other qualified and licensed professional personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of the properties;
- (F) to dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas to any public agency, authority, 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 two-thirds (2/3rds) of the voting interests, present and voting, in person or by proxy at a duly called meeting of the membership;
- (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

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connection with the affairs of the corporation; and

(J) 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 Deed Restrictions 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 Deed Restrictions, 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 and two-thirds (2/3rds) of all of the institutional mortgages holding mortgages on the Lots. 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 amend assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization which is devoted to purposes similar to those of this Association.

#### ARTICLE VI

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

#### ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS: Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

(A) Proposal. Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed by a majority of the Board or upon petition of one-fourth (1/4th) of the voting interests, and shall be submitted to a vote of the members not later than the next annual meeting.

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(B) Vote Required: 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 a two thirds (i.e. 31) of the total voting interests in the Association, voting in person or by proxy, at a duly called meeting of the members of the Association.

(C) Effective Date: An amendment shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and recording a certified copy in the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida with the same formalities as are required in the Deed Restrictions for recording amendments to the Deed Restrictions.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

(A) The affairs of the Association will be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the number of Directors determined by the Bylaws, but not less than three (3) Directors, and in the absence of such determination shall consist of three (3) Directors. Directors must be members of the Association.

(B) Directors of the Association shall be elected by the members 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 business of the Association shall be conducted by the officers 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.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### INDEMNIFICATION:

To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, the Association shall indemnify and hold harmless every Director and every officer of the Association against all expenses and liabilities including attorney fees, actually and reasonably incurred by or imposed on him in connection with any legal proceeding (or settlement or appeal of such proceeding) to which he may be a party because of his being or having been a director or officer of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not apply to:

(A) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association, in an proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor.

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(B) A violation of criminal law, unless the Director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful.

(C) A transaction from which the Director or officer derived an improper personal benefit.

(D) Wrongful conduct by Directors or officers, in a proceeding brought by or on behalf of the Association.

In the event of a settlement, the right to indemnification shall not apply unless a majority of the disinterested Directors at the settlement as being in the best interest of the Association. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of all other rights to which a Director or officer may be entitled.