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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

THE TRADE CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned natural person, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I Name and Address

The name of the corporation is THE TRADE CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. For convenience the corporation shall hereafter be referred as the "Association". The mailing address of the corporation is Post Office Box 610, Fort Myers, Florida 33902.

ARTICLE II Purposes

- 2.1 The purposes and objectives of the Association are those authorized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and include providing for the maintenance, preservation, administration, and management of a condominium located in Lee County, Florida, known as THE TRADE CENTER AT SIX MILE COMMERCIAL PARK, a condominium, established in its declaration of condominium.
- 2.2 The Association is organized and operated solely for administrative and managerial purposes. It is not intended that the Association show any net earnings, but no part of any net earnings that do occur shall inure to the benefit of any private member. If, in any taxable year, the net income of the Association from all sources other than casualty insurance proceeds and other nonrecurring items exceeds the sum of (1) total common expenses for which payment has been made or liability incurred

within the taxable year, and (2) reasonable reserves for common expenses and other liabilities in the next succeeding taxable year, such excess shall be held by the Association and used to reduce the amount of assessments that would otherwise be required in the following year. For such purposes, each unit owner shall be credited with the portion of any excess that is proportionate to his interest in the common elements of the condominium.

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2.3 The Association shall make no distribution of income to its members, directors or officers.

ARTICLE III Duration

The period of duration of the Association is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV Members

- 4.1 Each condominium unit shall have appurtenant thereto one membership in the Association, which membership shall be held by the person or entity, or in common by the persons or entities owning such unit, except that no person or entity holding title to a unit as security for performance of an obligation shall acquire the membership appurtenant to such unit by virtue of such title ownership. In no event may any membership be severed from the unit to which it is appurtenant. Should the condominium be terminated, those persons or entities that are members at the time of such termination, or their successors and assigns to their respective interests, shall be members.
- 4.2 Membership in the Association shall entitle the holder or holders thereof to exercise the vote appurtenant to each unit owned as established in the Declaration of Condominium.
- 4.3 The share of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to his unit.
- 4.4 A unit owner or member shall not have any authority to act for the Association except as specifically provided herein.

ARTICLE V Directors

- 5.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the number of directors determined by the Bylaws, but not less than three directors, and in the absence of such determination, shall consist of three directors. The initial directors need not be members of the Association. All subsequent directors, except for a director elected by Developer consistent with the Condominium Act, shall be members of the Association. The Directors of the Association have a fiduciary relationship to the unit owners.
- 5.2 Directors of the Association, other than the initial Directors, shall be elected in accordance with the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- 5.3 Association control shall be transferred from the Developer to unit owners in the manner provided by the Condominium Act.
- 5.4 The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified, or until removed, are as follows:

Richard A. Rogero 12378 Kelly Sands Way Fort Myers FL 33908 Glynnis M. Rogero 12378 Kelly Sands Way Fort Myers FL 33908

Daniel M. DiCarlo, Jr. 300 5th Avenue Hackettstown NJ 07840

ARTICLE VI Officers

6.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be accountable to the Board of Directors and who shall be elected by

and from the members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may also appoint such other officers as may be designated by the Bylaws.

- 6.2 The officers and directors of the Association have a fiduciary relationship to the unit owners.
- 6.3 The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

President Richard A. Rogero

12378 Kelly Sands Way Fort Myers FL 33908

Vice President Daniel M. DiCarlo, Jr.

300 5th Avenue

Hackettstown NJ 07840

Secretary Glynnis M. Rogero

12378 Kelly Sands Way Fort Myers FL 33908

Treasurer Daniel M. DiCarlo, Jr.

300 5th Avenue

Hackettstown NJ 07840

ARTICLE VII Indemnification

7.1 Every director and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in favor of someone other than the Association in connection with any proceeding or settlement of any proceeding to which he may be a part or in which he may be involved by reason of his being or having been a director or officer of the Association, whether or not he is a director or officer at the time such judgment, settlement or expenses are incurred, except when the director or officer is adjudged to be guilty of willful misconduct or bad faith in the performance of his or her duty to

the Association.

7.2 Members of the Board of Directors shall not be liable to any member of the Association for any mistake of judgment or negligence in the absence of willful misconduct or bad faith, nor shall any member of the Board be personally liable with respect to any contract made by them on behalf of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII Power

The powers of the Association shall include and be governed by the following provisions:

- 8.1 The Association shall have all of the common-law and statutory powers of a Association not for profit not in conflict with the terms of these Articles and the Declaration of Condominium.
- 8.2 The Association shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in the Condominium Act except those specifically excluded by these Articles or the Declaration of Condominium for THE TRADE CENTER AT SIX MILE COMMERCIAL PARK, a condominium, and shall have all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate the condominium pursuant to the Declaration as from time to time amended which are not inconsistent with the Condominium Act.
- 8.3 Specifically included among the powers of the Association without limitation of any powers provided by 8.1 and 8.2, above, is the power to acquire, convey, lease and mortgage association real property for the use and benefit of members.
- 8.4 All funds and the titles of all properties acquired by the Association and their proceeds shall be held in trust for the benefit of members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.
- 8.5 The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Condominium Act, these articles, the declaration of condominium

and the bylaws.

ARTICLE IX Bylaws

The Bylaws regulating operation of the Association are attached to the Declaration. The Bylaws may be amended by the Developer or the initial Board of Directors as provided by the Condominium Act in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes. After unit owners other than developer assume control of the Association, the Bylaws shall be amended in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X Amendments

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

- 10.1 Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed and adopted in accordance with those procedures provided in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and the Condominium Act except as provided herein.
- 10.2 Such approval must be by not less than a majority of the Board of Directors and not less than sixty five percent of the voting interests of all members of the Association.
- 10.3 Provided, however, that no amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership nor the voting rights of members, nor any change in Section 8.4 of Article VIII without approval in writing by all members and the joinder of all record owners of mortgages upon the condominium. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Condominium Act or the Declaration of Condominium.
- 10.4 The Articles amendment shall be prepared, executed, delivered and filed with the Florida Department of State in accordance with Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida as an amendment to the appropriate Exhibit of the Declaration of Condominium.

ARTICLE XI Subscribers

The name and address of the Incorporator subscribing these Articles is:

Richard W. Winesett 2248 First Street Fort Myers FL 33901

ARTICLE XII Registered Office - Registered Agent

The registered office of the Association is at 2248 First Street, Fort Myers, Florida, 33901. The Registered Agent is Richard W. Winesett, whose address is the same as that of the registered office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribers have executed these articles this 17th day of April, 2000.

Richard W. Winesett, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 17th day of April, 2000, by Richard W. Winesett, who is personally known [] to me or who has produced []

as identification.

JULIE ARMSTRONG
MY COMMISSION # CC 550038
EXPIRES: August 14, 2000
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

NOTARY PUBLIC:

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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, having been named Registered Agent in the Articles of Incorporation of THE TRADE CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., hereby accepts the appointment of Registered Agent. I agree to comply with the statutory provisions relative to the maintenance of an office in accordance with Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2000.

Richard W. Winesett, Registered Agent

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