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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
MANDARIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**A CORPORATION NOT-FOR-PROFIT**

We, the undersigned, being desirous of forming a corporation not for profit, do hereby associate ourselves into a corporation for the purposes and with the powers herein specified and do hereby agree to the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be:

MANDARIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE**

The purposes and object of the Association shall be to administer the operation and management of Mandarin Ridge, a residential development, (hereinafter "the Development") to be established upon that certain real property in Duval County, Florida, as described in that certain Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of Mandarin Ridge dated January 22, 1999, recorded in Official Records Volume 9198, page 2199, et seq., of the current public records, Duval County, Florida (the "Declaration"), together with any additions to the property which may be brought into the jurisdiction of this Association by annexation under the terms and conditions as set forth in the Declaration and to operate, maintain and manage the stormwater management system in a manner consistent with the St. Johns River Water Management District (the "District"), Permit No. 40-031-0424AW requirements and applicable District rules and to assist in the enforcement of the restrictions and covenants contained in the Declaration. Mandarin Ridge Development Corporation, a Florida corporation, is the developer (the "Developer") of the Development.

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and shall undertake and perform all acts and duties incident to the operation and management preservation and architectural control of the residence lots and Common Areas and Maintenance Areas of the Development in accordance with the terms, provisions, and conditions of these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the Association and the Declaration.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **POWERS**

The Association shall have the following powers:

A. All of the powers and privileges granted to corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida and the Declaration as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth in length.

B. All of the powers reasonably necessary to implement and effectuate the purposes of the Association, including, without limitation, the power, authority and right to:

1. Make and establish reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Lots, Common Area and Maintenance Area, as such terms are defined in the Declaration.
2. Own, hold, improve, build upon, maintain, operate, lease, sell, manage, transfer, dedicate for public use, and otherwise dispose of and deal with such real and personal property as may be necessary or convenient in connection with the affairs of the Association.
3. To own, manage, administer and operate such property as may be conveyed to it by the Developer, its successors or assigns for the mutual benefit and use of all Members.
4. Tax, levy, collect and enforce payment by all lawful means all charges or assessments against members of the Association and their Lots to defray the Common Expenses of the Development, as will be provided in the Declaration and the By-Laws, including the right to levy and collect assessments for the purpose of acquiring, owning, holding, operating, leasing, encumbering, selling, conveying, exchanging, managing and otherwise dealing with the Common Area, the Maintenance Area and other property owned by the Association, which may be necessary or convenient in the operation and management of the Development and in accomplishing the purposes set forth in the Declaration, and to pay all expenses, including office expenses, licenses, taxes, or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association, incident to the conduct of business of the Association, and to pay the cost of maintenance and operation of the stormwater management system (including work performed in the retention areas, drainage structures and drainage easements, if applicable).

5. Maintain, repair, replace, operate and manage the Common Area, Maintenance Area, including without limitation, the stormwater management system serving the Development (including, but not limited to, retention areas, drainage structures and drainage easements) and any property owned by the Association, including the right to reconstruct improvements after casualty and to further improve and add to the Common Area, the Maintenance Area and other property owned by the Association.
6. Contract for the management of the Development, the Common Area, the Maintenance Area and other property owned by the Association and, in connection therewith, to delegate any and/or all of the powers and duties of the Association to the extent and in the manner permitted by the Declaration, the ByLaws.
7. Enforce the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, the ByLaws, and all rules and regulations governing use of the Development which may hereafter be established.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

The qualifications of members, manner of their admission to and termination of membership shall be as follows:

A. The owners (as defined in the Declaration and the ByLaws) of all Lots in the Development shall be members of the Association, and no other persons or entities shall be entitled to membership, except the subscribers hereof.

B. A person shall become a Member by the acquisition of a vested present interest in the fee title to a Lot in the Development. The membership of any person or entity shall be automatically terminated upon his being divested of his title or interest in such Lot.

C. Transfer of membership shall be recognized by the Association upon its being provided with a certified copy of the recorded deed conveying such fee simple title to a Lot to the new Member.

D. If a corporation, partnership, joint venture or other entity is the fee simple title holder to a Lot, or the Lot is owned by more than one person, the Lot owner shall designate one person as the Member entitled to cast votes and/or to approve or disapprove matters as may be required or provided for in these Articles, the ByLaws or the Declaration.

E. Except as an appurtenance to his Lot, no Member can assign, hypothecate or transfer in any manner, his membership in the Association or his interest in the funds and assets of the Association. The funds and assets of the Association shall belong solely to the Association subject to the limitation that the same be expended, held or used for the benefit of the membership and for the purposes authorized herein, in the Declaration, and the ByLaws hereof.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **VOTING**

A. There shall be two classes of voting membership which classes are more fully defined in the Declaration and ByLaws.

B. On all matters upon which the membership shall be entitled to vote, there shall be only one vote for each "Unit" (as such term is defined in the Declaration and ByLaws) in the Development. Such vote may be exercised or cast by the owner or owners of each Unit in such manner as may be provided in the ByLaws of this Association. Should any Member own more than one Unit, such Member shall be entitled to exercise or cast one vote for each such Unit, in the manner provided for in the ByLaws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Developer shall have the right to cast the number of votes allocated to it in the Declaration and ByLaws for so long as it owns any "Lots" as defined in the Declaration or until its right to such votes terminates as provided in the Declaration.

C. Until the recordation of Declaration in the public records of Duval County, Florida, the membership of the Association shall be comprised of the subscribers to these Articles, each of whom shall be entitled to cast a vote on all matters upon which the membership would be entitled to vote.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The Association shall have perpetual existence.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **OFFICE**

The principal office of the Association shall be 11018 Old St. Augustine Road, Suite 113, PMB 103, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida 32257-1080, or such other place as the Board of Directors may designate.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. The business affairs of this Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of members of the first Board of Directors shall be three.

B. Subject to the Declaration, the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Members of the Association from among the membership at the annual membership meeting as provided in the ByLaws; provided, however, that the Developer shall have the right to elect all of the Directors on the Board subject to the following:

1. Lot owners other than the Developer shall be entitled to elect a majority of the Members of the Board of Directors when the Class B Membership terminates as provided in Article II, Section 2.2 of the Declaration.
2. The names and residence addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Board of Directors until their successors are chosen, are as follows:

<u>Director</u>	<u>Address</u>
John Molasso	11018 Old St. Augustine Road, Suite 113, PMB 103, Jacksonville, Florida 32257-1080
Charles E. Marshall	1745 Woodside Drive Thousand Oaks, California 93162
Joseph E. Warren	2503 Dean Road Jacksonville, Florida 32216

**ARTICLE IX**  
**OFFICERS**

A. The officers of the Association shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer and, if any, the Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, who shall perform the duties of such offices customarily performed by like officers of corporations in the State of Florida subject to the directions of the Board of Directors.

B. Officers of the Association may be compensated in the manner to be provided in the ByLaws. The Board of Directors, or the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, may employ a managing agent, agency, and/or other managerial and supervisory

personnel or entity to administer or assist in the administration of the operation and management of the Development and the affairs of the Association, and any and all such persons and/or entity or entities may be so employed without regard to whether any such person or entity is a Member, Director or officer of the Association.

C. The persons who are to serve as officers of the Association until their successors are chosen are:

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	John Molasso
Vice President	Charles Marshall
Secretary/Treasurer	Joseph E. Warren

D. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting as provided in the ByLaws. Any vacancies in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors at any meeting duly held.

E. The President shall be elected from the membership of the Board of Directors, but no other officer need be a Director. The same person may hold two offices, provided, however, that the office of President and Vice President shall not be held by the same person, nor shall the office of President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary be held by the same person. Officers shall be elected annually.

#### **ARTICLE X** **BYLAWS**

A. The Board of Directors shall adopt by a majority vote the original ByLaws of the Association.

B. The ByLaws may be amended in accordance with the procedures set forth in the ByLaws.

#### **ARTICLE XI** **AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

A. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as follows:

1. Amendments shall be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors.
2. The President, or acting Chief Executive Officer of the Association in the absence of the President, shall thereupon call a special meeting of the Members of the

Association for a date not sooner than twenty (20) days nor later than sixty (60) days from the date on which the Board of Directors approve the amendment proposal. Each Member shall be given written notice of such meeting stating the time and place of the meeting and reciting the proposed amendment or amendments in reasonably detailed form, which notice shall be mailed or presented personally to each Member not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date set for such meeting. Such notice shall be deemed properly given when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the Member at his post office address as it appears on the records of the Association. The amendment or amendments proposed must be approved by a majority of the votes entitled to be cast at a duly called meeting for such amendment or amendments to become effective. If so approved, a certified copy of the said amendment or amendments shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida and recorded in the public records of Duval County, Florida.

#### **ARTICLE XII** **INDEMNITY**

Every Director and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party, or in which he may become 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 expenses are incurred, except in such cases where the Director or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided, that in the event any claim for reimbursement or indemnification hereunder is based upon a settlement by the Director or officer seeking such reimbursement or indemnification, the indemnification herein shall only apply if the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interests of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Director or officer may be entitled.

#### **ARTICLE XIII** **NONPROFIT STATUS**

No part of the income of this corporation shall be distributed to the Members except upon dissolution or final liquidation and as permitted by the court having jurisdiction thereof.

#### **ARTICLE XIV** **RULES OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the stormwater management system must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which would comply with Section 40C-



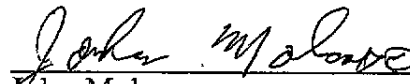
42.027 F.A.C. and be approved by the St. Johns River Water Management District prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**SUBSCRIBERS**

The names and addresses of the subscribers to these Articles are:

John Molasso	11018 Old St. Augustine Road, Suite 113, PMB 103 Jacksonville, Florida 32257-1080
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 11th day of July, 2000, for the purpose of forming this corporation notfor-profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

  
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John Molasso

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DUVAL

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000, by JOHN MOLASSO, a subscriber, who has produced PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE as identification.

  
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Notary Public, State of Florida  
Name: JOHN F. RIEBSAME

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Number is: \_\_\_\_\_



John F. Riebsame  
MY COMMISSION # CC717080 EXPIRES  
February 17, 2002  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

**CERTIFICATE NAMING AGENT  
UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

That MANDARIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the articles of incorporation at City of Jacksonville, County of Duval, State of Florida, has named JOHN MOLASSO, located at 11247 San Jose Blvd., Apt. 414, City of Jacksonville, County of Duval, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Florida Statute relative to keeping open said office.

  
John Molasso

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