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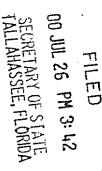
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

OAK TREE PLAZA ASSOCIATION, INC.

A Not-For-Profit Corporation

under the laws of the State of Florida



ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Oak Tree Plaza Association, Inc. (the "Association").

ARTICLE II ADDRESS

The street and mailing address of the initial principal office of the Association shall be 2601 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 608, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306.

ARTICLE III PURPOSES

The general nature, objects and purposes of the Association are as follows:

- A. To promote the health, safety and social welfare of the Owners of the Units, which area will be hereinafter referred to as "Oak Tree Plaza", and to perform all of the duties and responsibilities delegated or assigned to the Association by the provisions of the Declaration.
- B. To own and maintain, repair and replace the general and/or Common Areas and other improvements in and/or benefitting Oak Tree Plaza for which the obligation to maintain and repair has been delegated to and accepted by the Association.

- C. To control the specifications, architecture, design, appearance, elevation and location of (and landscaping around) all buildings, improvements and any other structures constructed, placed or permitted to remain in Oak Tree Plaza, as well as the alteration, improvement, addition and/or change thereto, to the extent that this duty is delegated to the Association by the Declaration, Declarant or the Owners.
- D. To provide, or provide for, private security, fire protection and such other services the responsibility for which has been or may be accepted by the Association, and the capital improvements and equipment related thereto, in Oak Tree Plaza.
 - E. To operate without profit for the benefit of its members.
- F. To perform all of the functions contemplated of the Association, and undertaken by the Board of Directors of the Association, in and pursuant to the Declaration and the Bylaws.

The Association is created pursuant to the Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation and is not intended to be, nor shall it be deemed to be, a condominium association within the meaning of Florida Statutes, Chapter 718.

ARTICLE IV GENERAL POWERS

The Association shall have all powers granted to it by common law, Florida Statutes, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and the Declaration. The powers of the Association shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. <u>Common Law and Statutory Powers</u>. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles, the By-Laws and the Declaration.
- B. <u>Necessary Powers</u>. The Association shall have all the powers reasonably necessary to perform the obligations and duties and to exercise the rights and powers set out in the Articles, the Declaration and the By-Laws, including, but not limited to, the following:
- 1. To hold funds solely and exclusively for the benefit of the members for purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.
- 2. To promulgate and enforce rules, regulations, bylaws, covenants, restrictions and agreements to effectuate the purposes for which the Association is organized.

- 3. To delegate power or powers where such is deemed in the interest of the Association.
- dispose of interests in, real or personal property, to the extent required or anticipated hereby; to enter into, make, perform or carry out contracts of every kind with any person, firm, corporation, association or other entity, to the extent required or anticipated hereby; and to do any and all acts necessary or expedient for carrying on any and all of the activities and pursue any and all of the objects and purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and not forbidden by the laws of the State of Florida, including contracting for the management of the Association and Association properties.
- 5. To fix assessments to be levied against Oak Tree Plaza to defray expenses and the cost of effectuating the objects and purposes of the Association, and to create reasonable reserves for such expenditures, and to authorize its Board of Directors, in its discretion, to enter into agreements for the collection of such assessments.
- 6. To charge recipients for services rendered by the Association and the user for use of Association property when such is deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- To pay taxes and other charges, if any, on or against property owned or accepted by the Association.
- 8. To improve, maintain, repair, replace, operate and manage Oak Tree Plaza to the extent such responsibility is delegated to the Association by the Declaration, including the right to reconstruct improvements after casualty.
- 9. To enforce the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, the Bylaws, and all rules and regulations governing use of Oak Tree Plaza which may from time to time be established.
- 10. To borrow money and, from time to time, accept, endorse, execute and issue debentures, promissory notes or other obligations of the Association for monies borrowed or in payment for property acquired for any of the purposes of the Association and to secure the payment of such obligation by mortgage, pledge or other instrument of trust, or by lien upon, assignment of or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property rights or privileges of the Association wherever situated.
- 11. To maintain, repair, replace, operate and manage the Association properties, including all surface water drainage facilities including the right to reconstruct the Association's improvements after casualty and further to improve and add to the Association properties.

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- 12. This is a non-stock corporation.
- 13. In general, to have all powers conferred upon a corporation by the laws of the State of Florida, except as prohibited herein, and as are assigned or delegated to the Association by the Declarant and/or the Declaration.

ARTICLE V MEMBERS

- A. The members will consist of the Owners in Oak Tree Plaza, and all such Owners will be members of the Association.
- B. 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 of its Unit.
- C. "Owners", "Declaration" and any other capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given those terms in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Oak Tree Plaza recorded July 21, 2000, in Official Records Book 30695, Page 1247, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida (as the same may be amended from time to time, the "Declaration").
- D. Oak Tree Plaza consists of the Property which is situated in Broward County, Florida made subject to the provisions of the Declaration from time to time.

<u>ARTICLE VI</u> MEMBER VOTING AND ASSESSMENTS

- A. Members shall have no voting rights and all decisions of the Association shall be made by the Board of Directors pursuant to the terms of these Articles, the Bylaws and the Declaration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any membership vote is mandated pursuant to any applicable law, rule or regulation which would supersede theses Articles, then each member of the Association shall be entitled to one (1) membership vote.
- B. The Association will obtain funds with which to operate by assessment of its members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration as supplemented by the provisions of these Articles and the Bylaws of the Association relating thereto.

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The affairs of the Association will be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of three (3) Directors. The Directors may, but need not be, members of the Association

or employees, shareholders or directors of such members and need not be residents of the State of Florida.

B. The method of appointment of the Directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the Association who shall serve in accordance therewith.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

The officers of the Association will be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other offices as the Board of Directors may from time to time, by resolution, create.

ARTICLE IX CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Association will have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE X BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Association may be adopted, amended, altered or rescinded pursuant to the written consent of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles may be amended, altered or rescinded only pursuant to the written consent of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is:

Kenneth E. Richardson

2601 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 608

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306

ARTICLE XIII INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- A. The Association hereby indemnifies any Director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding:
- by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity as Director or officer of the Association, or in his capacity as Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise in which he served at the request of the Association, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal therein, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent will not in itself create a presumption that any such Director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association or that he had reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful.
- by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, or by reason of his being or having been a Director, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against the reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, or in connection with an appeal therein if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association. Such matters to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of gross negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Association will be excepted herefrom unless, and only to the extent, that the court, administrative agency or investigative body before which such action, suit or proceeding is held will determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such tribunal will deem proper.
- B. The Board of Directors will determine whether amounts for which a Director or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and whether such Director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination will be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.

C. The foregoing rights of indemnification will not be deemed to limit in any way the powers of the Association to indemnify under applicable law.

ARTICLE XIV TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED

- A. No contract or transaction between the Association and one (1) or more of its Directors or officers, or between the Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one (1) or more of its Directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, will be invalid, void or voidable, solely for this reason, or solely because the Director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the board or committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose. No Director or officer of the Association will incur liability by reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.
- B. Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of directors or of a committee which authorized the contract or transaction.

ARTICLE XV DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- A. Upon dissolution of the Association, all of its assets remaining after provision for creditors and payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution will be distributed in the following manner:
- 1. Real property contributed to the Association without the receipt of other than nominal consideration by any member (or its predecessor in interest) will be returned to such member (whether or not such member at the time of such dissolution), unless it refuses to accept the conveyance (in whole or in part).
- 2. Dedication to any applicable municipal or other similar nonprofit corporation or governmental body determined by the Board to be appropriate for such dedication and which such entity is willing to accept. However, it is expressly understood that Broward County or any other entity is not obligated to accept such dedication or maintenance responsibility unless the same is done by appropriate resolution by the Board of County Commissioners or such other appropriate entity.
- 3. Remaining assets will be distributed equally among the members as tenants in common.

B. The Association may be dissolved upon a resolution to that effect being recommended by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVI REGISTERED AGENT

Until changed, Valdes-Fauli Corporate Services, Inc. will be the registered agent of the Association and the registered office will be at 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1400, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33394.

Dated: // // 2000

Kenneth E. Richardson, Incorporator

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ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

In compliance with Florida Statutes Sections 617.0501, the following is submitted:

Having been named Registered Agent for the above-stated corporation, at the designated Registered Office, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 617.0503.

Valdes-Fauli Corporate Services, Inc.

Name: ANDILEU S ROBINS

Title: Vice-President

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