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Re: VIEW POINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF POLK COUNTY, INC.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please file the enclosed Articles of Incorporation for VIEW POINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF POLK COUNTY, INC. and certify and return the enclosed copy of the Articles of Incorporation. Our firm's check in the amount of \$78.75 is enclosed to cover the cost of filing, \$35.00, certified copy, \$8.75, and registered agent designation, \$35.00.

Please call the undersigned collect if you have any questions regarding the enclosures.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Christopher M. Fear

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

VIEW POINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF POLK COUNTY, INC.

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit, pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is View Pointe Homeowners Association of Polk County, Inc., hereinafter called the "Association."

ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Association is located at 2000 Edgewood Dr. Suite 102, Lakeland, Florida 33803. The Board of Directors of the Association may change the location of the principal office of said Association from time to time.

ARTICLE III. REGISTERED AGENT

Edward H. Laderer, Jr., whose address is 2000 Edgewood Dr. Suite 102, Lakeland, Florida 33803, is hereby appointed the initial registered agent of this Association.

ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE AND POWERS OF ASSOCIATION

LM Properties, Inc., a Florida corporation ("Developer"), has developed a residential subdivision in Polk County, Florida, known as View Pointe Subdivision, the plat of which has been recorded Plat Book 114, Pages 45 and 46, public records of Polk County, Florida, which will be referred to hereinafter as the "Subdivision". The Subdivision is subject to the terms of that certain Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Limitations and Conditions to be recorded in the public records of Polk County, Florida, which will refer to the Association and which will be referred to herein collectively as the

"Declaration". This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members and is formed as the Association described and referred to in the Declaration and shall have the power and responsibility to perform the maintenance and other obligations and responsibilities specified in the Declaration, shall have the power and authority to enforce the terms, restrictions and other provisions of the Declaration. The Association shall also have such other authority as may be necessary for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents, and of the owners of lots in the Subdivision who are members of the Association.

In furtherance of such purposes, the Association shall have the power to:

- (a) Exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, the terms of which Declaration are incorporated herein by reference;
- (b) Fix, levy, collect, and enforce payment by any lawful means of all charges and assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration and the Bylaws of the Association; and pay all expenses in connection therewith, and all office and other expenses incidental to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all licenses, taxes, or governmental charges levied on or imposed against the property of the Association;
- (c) Acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association;
- (d) Borrow money, and with the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- (e) Participate in mergers and consolidations with other nonprofit corporations organized for the same purposes, provided that any such merger or consolidation shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of the members; and

(f) Have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges that a nonprofit corporation organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes by law may now or hereafter have or exercise, as well as all other express and implied powers of corporations not-for-profit.

The Association shall be conducted as a nonprofit organization for the benefit of its members. The Association is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the purposes set forth above. The activities of the Association will be financed by assessments against members as provided in the Declaration and in accordance with the Bylaws and no part of any net earnings of the Association will inure to the benefit of any member.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERS

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any lot (as defined in the Declaration and referred to herein as "Lot") in the Subdivision shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a Lot. Each Lot shall be entitled to one (1) vote exercised by the owner or owners at any meeting of members of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI. DURATION

The period of duration of the Association shall be perpetual, unless sooner dissolved pursuant to provisions of Florida Statutes 617, as amended.

ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR

The name and residence address of the incorporator is:

NAME

ADDRESS

Edward H. Laderer, Jr 2000 E. Edgewood Dr., Suite 102 Lakeland, Florida 33803

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors who, except for those Directors selected by the Developer, shall be members

of the Association. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association. Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled until the next annual meeting in such a manner as provided by the Bylaws. The officers shall be: a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors. The officers and members of the Board of Directors shall perform such duties, hold office for such term, and take office at such time as shall be provided by the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE IX. INITIAL DIRECTORS

The number of persons constituting the first Board of Directors of the Association shall be three (3). The first Board of Directors who shall serve until the first election at the regular annual meeting are:

NAME ADDRESS

Edward H. Laderer, Jr. 2000 E. Edgewood Dr., Suite 102

Lakeland, Florida 33803

Gregory A. Masters 2000 E. Edgewood Dr., Suite 102

Lakeland, Florida 33803

Sang Hui Kwan 2000 E. Edgewood Dr., Suite 102

Lakeland, Florida 33803

ARTICLE X. BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Association may be made, altered, or rescinded as provided for in the Bylaws of the Association. However, the initial Bylaws of the Association shall be made and adopted by the initial Board of Directors of the Association.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any member of the Association. These Articles may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association, or at any special meeting duly called and held for such purpose, on the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the membership existing at the time of, and present at such meeting. A copy of each

amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of the applicable Florida Statutes and a copy certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded in the public records of Polk County, Florida. Without the prior written approval of Southwest Florida Water Management District, there shall be no amendment to these Articles of Incorporation which would affect the surface water management system, the retention areas and drainage facilities described in the Declarations or which would affect the obligation of this Association to maintain the foregoing.

ARTICLE XII. DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed, and assigned to any nonprofit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

ARTICLE XIII. FHA/VA APPROVAL

So long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require the prior written approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans' Administration: Annexation of additional properties, merger and consolidations, mortgaging of the assets of the Association, dedication of any of the assets of the Association for public purposes, dissolution and amendment to these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this <u>28</u> day of <u>Deptumbur</u>, 2001.

EDWARD H. LADERER, JR.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this $\frac{\sqrt{8}^{3}}{\sqrt{8}}$ day of $\frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{8}}$ day of $\frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{8}}$, 2001, by EDWARD H. LADERER, JR., who is personally known to me or produced a Florida driver's license as identification.

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

MONICA L MCCOMMON Notary Public - State of Florida My Commission Expires Feb 15, 2002 Commission # CC 716686 NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE AT LARGE

Print Name: Monica Line Common

My Commission Expires: Feb 15, 2002

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent of VIEW POINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF POLK COUNTY, INC., as set forth in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

DATED this 28 day of September, 2001.

EDWARD H. LABERER, JR.

Registered Agent