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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**4550 HIGHWAY 20 EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.**

THE UNDERSIGNED, by these Articles associate themselves for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and certify as follows:

**ARTICLE I. NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name of the corporation shall be "4550 Highway 20 East Condominium Association, Inc." (the "Association") and the street address of its initial principal office is 234 Racetrack Road NE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

This association is organized for the purpose of providing an entity under the Florida Condominium Act (the "Act") for the operation of a condominium association located in Okaloosa County, Florida, and known as 4550 Highway 20 East, a Commercial Condominium ("the condominium"), to be created under the declaration of condominium ("the declaration").

**ARTICLE III. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION**

The condominium shall be operated by the Association upon recordation of the declaration.

**ARTICLE IV. POWERS**

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

(A) The Association shall have all the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit not in conflict with the terms of these Articles or the declaration of condominium of any condominium operated by the Association.

(B) The Association shall have all the powers and duties set forth in these Articles, the declaration of condominium of any condominium operated by the Association, and the Condominium Act except where the Act allows limitations by these Articles or the declaration of condominium of any condominium operated by the Association and all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate condominiums pursuant to the declaration of condominium of any condominium operated by the Association and as it may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to the following:

(1) To hold title to and own fee simple or other lesser interest in real, personal or mixed property, wherever situated, including units in any condominium operated by the Association, and to lease, mortgage and convey same.

(2) To make and collect assessments against the members as unit owners to defray the costs, expenses and losses of any condominium operated by the Association or to defray the costs, expenses and losses of any other business, enterprise, venture or property interest of the Association.

(3) To use the proceeds of the assessments in the exercise of these powers and duties.

(4) To maintain, repair, replace and operate the property of any condominium operated by the Association or any other property of the Association.

(5) To purchase insurance upon the property of any condominium operated by the Association or the other property of the Association and insurance for the protection of the Association and its members.

(6) To reconstruct improvements after casualty and to further improve the property of any condominium operated by the Association or any other property of the Association.

(7) To make and amend reasonable regulations respecting the use of the property of any condominium operated by the Association or the other property of the Association.

(8) To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Condominium Act, the declaration of condominium of any condominium operated by the Association, these Articles, the By-Laws of the Association and regulations for the use of the property of any condominium operated by the Association or the other property of the Association.

(9) To contract for the management of the Association, any condominium operated by the Association or any portion thereof, and to delegate to such contractor all powers and duties of the Association except such as are specifically required by the declaration of condominium of any condominium operated by the Association to have approval of the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association.

(10) To contract with the Declarant (as such term is defined in the declaration), its successors and assigns, and any of the partners of the Declarant, their officers, directors, partners or shareholders.

(11) To acquire fee simple title to, to lease, acquire memberships or acquire other possessory or use interest in and to operate lands and facilities whether or not contiguous to the lands of any condominium operated by the Association, intended to provide for the enjoyment, recreation or other use or benefit of the members, or a substantial number of the members, of the Association.

(12) To determine which persons shall be entitled to use the condominium property including all fees, charges and other terms and conditions relating to such use and to enter

into such agreements as may be necessary or incidental thereto.

(13) To employ personnel to perform the services required for the proper operation, management, maintenance or control of the Association, any condominium operated by the Association or any other property of the Association.

(14) To hire attorneys or other professionals for the purpose of bringing legal action or enforcing rights in the name of and on behalf of the members of the Association where such actions or rights are common to all members, or a substantial number of the members; and to bring such action in the name of and on behalf of the members.

(C) All funds and the title of all properties acquired by the Association and their proceeds shall be held in trust for the members in accordance with the provisions of the declaration of condominium of any condominium operated by the Association and by the By-Laws of the Association.

#### ARTICLE V. MEMBERS

(A) The members of the Association shall consist of all record owners of units in such condominiums as may, from time to time, be submitted to the jurisdiction of the Association and after termination of any such condominium, shall consist of those who are members at the time of such termination and their successors and assigns.

(B) A change of membership in the Association shall be established by recording in the public records of Okaloosa County, Florida, a deed or other instrument establishing a record title to a unit in any of the condominiums operated by the Association and the delivery to the Association of a certified copy of such instrument. The owner designated by such instrument thus becomes a member of the Association and the membership of the prior owner is terminated.

(C) The share of a member in the funds or assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to his unit.

(D) The owner of each unit in a condominium operated by the Association shall be entitled to at least one (1) vote as a member of the Association, which vote shall be weighted in a percentage equal to the percentage share of the respective Unit's undivided interest in the Common Elements, as set forth in Exhibit F to the Declaration of Condominium.

#### ARTICLE VI. DIRECTORS

(A) The affairs of the Association will be managed by a Board consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) directors who shall be designated or elected as hereinafter set forth. Directors need not be members of the Association.

(B) The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who

have been designated as such by the Declarant and who shall hold office until their successors are designated or elected as herein provided and have qualified or until removed as herein provided are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Wayne Walker	234 Racetrack Road NE Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547
Earl Dees	106 Regatta Drive Niceville, Florida 32578
Thomas Ritz	15 Norwich Circle Niceville, Florida 32578

Until unit owners other than the Declarant are entitled to elect members of the Board of Directors, the members of the Board of Directors shall be designated by the Declarant and may be changed from time to time as the Declarant, in its sole discretion, may determine.

(C) Until unit owners other than the Declarant are entitled to elect at least a majority of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) members. The first election of Directors shall not be held until required by the Condominium Act, Chapter 718, Fla. Stat. (2001), including Section 718.301(1)(a)-(c) thereof, or until the Declarant elects to terminate its control of the Association. The provisions of Section 718.301 (1) (a)-(c) are set forth in Article (D) below.

(D) Section 718.301 (1)(a)-(e) of the Condominium Act provides as follows:

"718.301 Transfer of association control.-

- (1) When unit owners other than the developer own 15 percent or more of the units in a condominium that will be operated ultimately by an association, the unit owners other than the developer shall be entitled to elect no less than one-third of the members of the board of administration of the association. Unit owners other than the developer are entitled to elect not less than a majority of the members of the board of administration of an association:
  - (a) Three years after 50 percent of the units that will be operated ultimately by the association have been conveyed to purchasers;
  - (b) Three months after 90 percent of the units that will be operated ultimately by the association have been conveyed to purchasers;

- (c) When all the units that will be operated ultimately by the association have been completed, some of them have been conveyed to purchasers, and none of the others are being offered for sale by the developer in the ordinary course of business;
- (d) When some of the units have been conveyed to purchasers and none of the others are being constructed or offered for sale by the developer in the ordinary course of business; or
- (e) Seven years after recordation of the declaration of condominium; or, in the case of an association which may ultimately operate more than one condominium, 7 years after recordation of the declaration for the first condominium it operates; or, in the case of an association operating a phase condominium created pursuant to §718.403, 7 years after recordation of the declaration creating the initial phase, whichever occurs first. The developer is entitled to elect at least one member of the board of administration of an association as long as the developer holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least 5 percent, in condominiums with fewer than 500 units, and 2 percent, in condominiums with more than 500 units, of the units in a condominium operated by the association. Following the time the developer relinquishes control of the association, the developer may exercise the right to vote any developer-owned units in the same manner as any other unit owner except for purposes of reacquiring control of the association or selecting the majority members of the board of administration."

(E) Beginning with the election at which unit owners other than the Declarant are entitled to elect at least a majority of the Board of Directors, the affairs of the Association will be managed by a Board consisting of not less than three (3) no more than seven (7) directors. After unit owners other than the Declarant are entitled to elect a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members in the manner determined by the By-Laws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the officers designated in the By-Laws. 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 of Directors. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
President, Wayne Walker	234 Racetrack Road NE Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547
Vice President, Earl Does	106 Regatta Drive Niceville, Florida 32578
Secretary/Treasurer, Thomas Ritz	15 Norwich Circle Niceville, Florida 32578

**ARTICLE VIII. INDEMNIFICATION**

Every director and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding or any settlement of 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 when the director or officer is determined to have acted with willful misfeasance or gross negligence in the performance of his duties. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all of the rights to which such director or officer may be entitled. The directors shall be authorized to purchase directors and officers liability insurance providing coverage to the officers and directors of the Association at the expense of the Association.

**ARTICLE IX. BY-LAWS**

The first By-Laws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided by the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS**

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

(A) Notice of the subject matter of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which a proposed amendment is considered.

(B) A resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be proposed either by the Board of Directors or by the members of the Association. Directors and members not present in person or by proxy at the meeting considering the amendment may express their approval in writing provided such approval is delivered to the secretary or assistant secretary at or prior to the meeting. Except as elsewhere provided, such approvals must be by not less than a seventy-five percent (75%), as determined by Article V(D) hereof, of the vote of the entire membership of the Association;

(C) Provided, however, that no amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership nor the voting rights of members without approval in writing by all

members and the joinder of all record owners of mortgages upon any condominium operated by the Association;

(D) Provided, further, that no amendment shall abridge, limit or alter the rights reserved by or granted to the Declarant, its successors or assigns, or any successor developer, by these Articles or By-Laws without the prior written consent of the Declarant, its successors or assigns, or a successor developer.

(E) A copy of each amendment shall be certified by the Secretary of State and recorded in the public records of Okaloosa County, Florida.

**ARTICLE XI. TERM**

The term of the Association shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE XII. INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Lori Ellen Ward	607 Highway 98 East Destin, Florida 32541

**ARTICLE XIII. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

Lori Ellen Ward is hereby appointed to serve as Registered Agent of the Association. The street address of the Registered Office of the Registered Agent is 607 Highway 98 East, Destin, Florida 32541.

**ARTICLE XIV. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the Association, the assets, both real and personal of the Association, shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency or utility to be devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. In the event that such dedication is refused, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Association.

No disposition of 4550 Highway 20 East Condominium Association, Inc., properties shall be effective to divest or diminish any right or title of any member vested in him under the recorded declaration of condominium for any condominium operated by the Association, unless made in accordance with the provisions of any applicable declaration.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has affixed her signature this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

*Lori Ellen Ward*  
LORI ELLEN WARD

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF OKALOOSA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003, by Lori Ellen Ward, who is personally known to me or who has produced a Florida Driver's License as identification.

(SEAL)  Kristie R. Byrd  
Commission # 00 884271  
Expires Oct. 31, 2003  
Bonded Thru  
Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.

*Kristie R. Byrd*  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.**

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

First -- That 4550 HIGHWAY 20 EAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the By-Laws in the City of Niceville, County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, has named Lori Ellen Ward, located at 607 Highway 98 East, City of Destin, County of Okaloosa, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

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

*Lori Ellen Ward*  
Lori Ellen Ward