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#### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF** 

### SIMMONS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned, E. GEORGE SIMMONS, SANDRA SIMMONS, and CHRISTINE HOGAN, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of organizing a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and all acts amendatory thereto, and to that end, certify as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### NAME

The name of the Corporation is **SIMMONS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS**ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### ARTICLE II

#### **DURATION**

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual.

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ARTICLE III

#### <u>PURPOSES</u>

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

This is a Homeowners Association within the meaning of Fla. Statute Section 720.301, responsible for operation of a community of single family houses located on Simmons Road, Hillsborough County, Florida and has authority to take any other action

necessary for the purposes for which it is organized under this statute. As such the Corporation has the power of and authority to do the following:

- a. Own and convey property.
- b. Operate and maintain the surface water management system facilities, including all inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, flood plain compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffer areas, and wetland mitigation areas.
  - c. Establish rules and regulations.
  - d. Assess members and enforce assessments.
  - e. Sue and be sued.
- f. Contract for services to provide for operation and maintenance of the surface water management system facilities if the Association contemplates employing a maintenance company.
- g. Require all the lot owners, parcel owners, or unit owners to be members.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### <u>MEMBERS</u>

The Corporation shall have members. The qualifications for membership are ownership of a lot within the subdivision as described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of **SIMMONS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**, **INC.** (Association); an interest in running and a willingness to support the activities sponsored by the Association; and the payment of annual membership dues.

#### ARTICLE V

#### DIRECTORS

There shall be three (3) members fo the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The number of Directors may be increased by the affirmative vote of the members as provided by the By-Laws. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first election thereof are as follows:

Name	-Address
E. GEORGE SIMMONS	6718 Simmons Loop Road Riverview, Florida 33569
SANDRA SIMMONS	6718 Simmons Loop Road Riverview, Florida 33569
CHRISTINE HOGAN	6639 Simmons Loop Road Riverview, Florida 33569

#### ARTICLE VI

#### MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Directors are elected by the members as set forth in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **OFFICERS**

The affairs of the Corporation are to be managed by a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board of Directors may create other offices. All officers will be appointed by the Board of Directors annually at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers until the first appointment of officers under these Articles of Incorporation and their respective offices are:

Name Office

E. GEORGE SIMMONS President

SANDRA SIMMONS Vice President

SANDRA SIMMONS Secretary

E. GEORGE SIMMONS Treasurer

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Corporation are to be made, altered, or rescinded by the Directors of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES

The right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, is reserved to the Board of Directors and the Members as specified under the laws of Florida.

#### ARTICLE X

### PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND REGISTERED OFFICE

The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 6718 Simmons Loop Road, Riverview, Florida 33569, Hillsborough County, Florida.

The name and street address of the initial registered agent of the corporation in the State of Florida is: **E. GEORGE SIMMONS**, 6718 Simmons Loop Road, Riverview, Florida 33569. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, appoint a substitute registered agent and move the registered office or the principal office, or both, to any other address in the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### **DISSOLUTION**

The Corporation is to exist in perpetuity. If the Association is dissolved, the control or right of access to the property containing the surface water management system facilities shall be conveyed or dedicated to an appropriate governmental unit or public utility

and that if not accepted, then the surface water management system facilities shall be conveyed to a nonprofit corporation similar to the Association.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

#### **INCORPORATORS**

The names and residence addresses of the subscribers of the Articles of Incorporation are:

<u>Name</u>

<u>Address</u>

E. GEORGE SIMMONS

6718 Simmons Loop Road Riverview, Florida 33569

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have subscribed our names this 2 day of February, 2003.

E. GEORGE SIMMONS, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21 day of February, 2003, by E. GEORGE SIMMONS, who is personally known to me or who has produced a Drivers License as identification.

Printed Name:

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Serial Number:

## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- 1. The name of the corporation is: **SIMMONS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

#### E. GEORGE SIMMONS

6718 Simmons Loop Road Riverview, Florida 33569

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

E. GEORGE SIMMONS, Registered Agent

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