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April 24, 2003

Secretary of State Division of Corporations 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Lainie Van Winkle Laurie B. Sams

Jean Lexton

Re:

Articles of Incorporation

TCP Condominium Association, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find the Articles of Incorporation, along with one copy for conforming, in connection with the aforementioned corporation for filing. We have included a check in the amount of \$70.00 to cover the costs connected with the filing of this corporation.

Once the Articles have been filed, please return the conformed copy to our office in the selfaddressed, stamped envelope provided.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen Benfatta Legal Assistant

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR TCP CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The undersigned Subscribers by these Articles associate themselves for the purpose of forming a STATE corporation not for profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, and hereby adopt the following SEE FLORIDA Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the corporation shall be TCP CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.. For convenience, the corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the "Association", these Articles of Incorporation as the "Articles", and the Bylaws of the Association as the "Bylaws".

## ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Association is organized is to provide an entity pursuant to the Florida Condominium Act (the "Act") for the operation of that certain condominium located in Manatee County, Florida, and known as MEA OFFICE CENTER, A CONDOMINIUM (the "Condominium").

## ARTICLE 3 DEFINITIONS

The terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meaning as those set forth in the Declaration of the Condominium, unless herein provided to the contrary, or unless the context otherwise requires.

## ARTICLE 4 POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

- 4.1 <u>General</u>. The Association shall have all of the condominium law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit and all of the powers and duties set forth in said condominium act and the Declaration of Condominium from time to time.
- 4.2 <u>Lease Agreements</u>. The Association may enter into lease agreements and may acquire and enter into agreements acquiring leaseholds, memberships and other possessory or use interests for terms up to an including 99 years, whether or not contiguous to the lands of the condominium, intended to provide for the enjoyment, or other use or benefit of the members.
- 4.3 <u>Condominium property</u>. All funds and the titles of all properties acquired by the Association and their proceeds shall be held for the benefit and use of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, and the Bylaws.
- 4.4 <u>Distribution of income</u>. The Association shall make no distribution of income to its members, directors or officers.
- 4.5 <u>Limitation</u>. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration and the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE 5 MEMBERS

- 5.1 <u>Membership.</u> The members of the Association shall consist of all of the record owners of units in the Condominium, and after termination of the Condominium shall consist of those who are members at the time of the termination and their successors and assigns.
- 5.2 <u>Assignment</u>. 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 to the Unit for which that share is held.
- 5.3 <u>Voting.</u> On all matters upon which the membership shall be entitled to vote, there shall be only one vote for each unit, which vote shall be exercised or cast in the manner provided by the Declaration and Bylaws. Any person or entity owning more than one unit shall be entitled to one vote for each unit owned.
- 5.4 <u>Meeting</u>. The Bylaws shall provide for an annual meeting of members, and may make provision for regular and special meetings of members other than the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE 6 TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved according to law.

#### ARTICLE 7 SUBSCRIBERS

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

G. Kelly Rubino

5971 Cattleridge Blvd., Suite 100, Sarasota, FL 34232

Charles H. Wilson

1945 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234

#### ARTICLE 8 OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the officers designated in the Bylaws. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Association 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 Bylaws may provide for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies, and for the duties of the officers. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

President:

G. KELLY RUBINO

Vice-President and

Treasurer:

E. RUSSELL JAMES

Vice President and

Secretary:

CHARLES H. WILSON

## ARTICLE 9 DIRECTORS

- 9.1 <u>Number and Qualification.</u> The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board consisting of the number of directors determined by the Bylaws, but which, shall consist of not less than three (3) directors. Except for directors appointed by the Developer, all directors must be either members of the Association or owners of a unit in the condominium.
- 9.2 <u>Duties and Powers</u>. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the Act, the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board of Directors, its agents, contractors or employees, subject only to approval by Unit Owners when that is specifically required.
- 9.3 <u>Election/Removal.</u> Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members in the manner determined by the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- 9.4 <u>Term of Developer's Directors</u>. The Developer of the condominium shall appoint the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office for the periods described in the Bylaws.
- 9.5 <u>First Directors</u>. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESSES
G. KELLY RUBINO	5971 Cattleridge Blvd., Suite 100 Sarasota, FL 34232
CHARLES WILSON	1945 17th Street Sarasota, FL 34234
E. RUSSELL JAMES	8585 Midnight Pass Road Sarasota, FL 34242

#### ARTICLE 10 INDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or contemplated action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Association) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, employee, officer or agent of the Association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurrred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association.

#### ARTICLE 11 BY-LAWS

The Association's Bylaws initially will be adopted by the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be amended or rescinded by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of a quorum of the members present at any regular or special meeting duly called and convened, provided that, for so long as Developer owns and holds any Units for sale in the ordinary course of business, all amendments must be approved by Developer in writing.

#### ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENTS

- 12.1 <u>Adoption of Amendments</u>. Amendments to these Articles may be proposed and adopted from time to time in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Florida, except that each such amendment must have the approval of two thirds (2/3) of a quorum of the members, and the written approval of Developer so long as Developer owns and holds any Unit for sale in the ordinary course of business.
- 12.2 <u>Recording.</u> 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 Manatee County, Florida.

## ARTICLE VII. - MAILING and CORPORATE ADDRESS

The principal address for the corporation is: 1945 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234

The mailing address for the corporation is: 1945 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234

ARTICLE 14 TERM

The term of the Association shall be perpetual.

## ARTICLE 15 INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS AND NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be at 1945 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234 with the privilege of having its office at other places within or without the State of Florida. The initial Registered Agent at that address shall be Charles H. Wilson.

2003.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribers have affixed their signatures this 23 day of April,

GREELY RUBINO

CHARLES H. WILSON

State of Florida County of Sarasota

My Commission Expires: 7/18/05

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#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for TCP CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, CHARLES H. WILSON, agrees to act in this capacity, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091 relative to keeping open such office.

Date: April 23, 2003

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