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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
EMERALD LAKE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

PREAMBLE

Emerald Lake Development, LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("Declarant"), owns certain property in Palm Beach County, Florida (the "Declaration Property"), and intends to execute and record a Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Emerald Lake Townhomes (the "Declaration") which will affect the Declaration Property. This association is being formed as the association to administer the Declaration, to perform the duties and exercise the powers pursuant to the Declaration and to obtain certain Common Property in relation thereto, with the exception of the latter to begin as and when the Declaration is recorded in the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida with these Articles of Incorporation attached as an exhibit. All of the definitions contained in the Declaration shall apply to these Articles of Incorporation, and to the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is Emerald Lake Homeowner's Association, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purposes for which the Associations organized are as follows:

1. To operate as a corporation not-for-profit pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.
2. To enforce and exercise the duties of the Association as provided in the Declaration.
3. To promote the health, safety, welfare, comfort, and social and economic benefit of the members of the Association.

ARTICLE III - POWERS AND DUTIES

The Association shall have the following powers and duties:

1. All of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit the laws of the State of Florida.

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2. To administer, enforce, carry out and perform all of the acts, functions, rights and duties provided in or contemplated by the Declaration, including but not limited to, the following:

2.1 To own, purchase, sell, mortgage, encumber, lease, administer, manage, operate, maintain, improve, repair and/or replace real and personal property.

2.2 To make and collect Assessments against Owners to defray the costs, expenses and losses incurred or to be incurred by the Association, and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of the Association's powers and duties.

2.3 To enforce the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, and the Bylaws.

2.4 To make, establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of Common Property, Lots and other property under the jurisdiction of the Association.

2.5 To grant and modify easements and to dedicate property owned by the Association to any public or quasi-public agency, authority or utility company for public, utility, drainage and cable television.

2.6 To borrow money for the purposes of carrying out the powers and duties of the Association.

2.7 To exercise control over exterior alterations, additions, improvements, or changes in accordance with the terms of the Declaration.

2.8 To obtain insurance as provided by the Declaration.

2.9 To employ personnel necessary to perform the obligations, services and duties required or to be performed by the Association and for proper operation of the properties for which the Association is responsible, or to contract with others for the performance of such obligations, services and/or duties.

2.10 To sue and be sued.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS

1. The members of the Association shall consist of all of the record owners of Lots. Membership shall be established as to each Lot upon the recording of the Declaration. Upon the transfer of ownership of fee title to, or fee interest in, a Lot, whether by conveyance, devise, judicial decree, foreclosure, or otherwise, and upon the recordation amongst the public records in the country in which the Declaration Property is located of

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the deed or other instrument establishing the acquisition and designating the Lot affected thereby, the new Owner designated in such deed or other instrument shall thereupon become a member of the Association, and the membership of the prior Owner as to the Lot designated shall be terminated, provided, however, that the Association shall not have the responsibility or obligation of recognizing any such change in membership until it has been delivered a true copy of the applicable deed or other instrument, or is otherwise informed of the transfer of ownership of the Lot. Prior to the recording of the Declaration, the incorporator shall be the sole member of the Association.

2. The share of each member in the funds and assets of the Association, and any membership in this Association, cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the Lot for which that membership is established.

3. The voting rights and classes of members are set forth in the Declaration and Bylaws.

4. The Bylaws shall provide for an annual meeting of the members of the Association and shall make provision for special meetings.

ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI - INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator is:

Lawrence B. Hawkins
4495 Emerald Vista
Lake Worth, Fl 33461

ARTICLE VII - DIRECTORS

1. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board which shall consist of not less than three (3) directors, and which shall always be an odd number. The Bylaws may provide for a method of determining the number of directors from time to time. In the absence of a determination as to the number of directors, the Board shall consist of three (3) directors. Directors are not required to be members of the Association.

2. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board, its agents, contractors or employees, subject to approval by the members only when specifically required.

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3. Directors shall be elected at a meeting of the members in the manner by and subject to the qualifications set forth in the Bylaws.

4. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws, or by law.

5. The Declarant shall appoint the members of the first Board and their replacements who shall hold office for the periods and as described in the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the initial directors, who shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected, are as follows:

Lawrence B. Hawkins
4495 Emerald Vista
Lake Worth, Fl 33461

Tina M. Hawkins
4495 Emerald Vista
Lake Worth, Fl 33461

Stephen C. Thomas
8415 NW 46th Drive
Coral Springs, Fl 33067

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create. The officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, and the Bylaws may provide for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies, and for the duties of the officers. The names of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board are as follows.

President:	Lawrence B. Hawkins
Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer	Tina M. Hawkins
Vice President/Assistant Secretary:	Stephen C. Thomas

ARTICLE IX – INDEMNIFICATION

1. 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, owner or agent of the Association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid settlement actual and reasonable incurred by

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him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Association; and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; except, that no indemnification shall be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for gross negligence or willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties to the Association unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine, upon application, that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnify for such expenses which the court shall deem proper. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, in and of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Association; and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

2. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Paragraph 1 above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

3. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized herein.

4. The indemnification provided herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the laws of the State of Florida, any Bylaw, agreement, vote of members or otherwise, and as to action taken in an official capacity while holding office, shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

5. The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, as arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

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The first Bylaws shall be adopted by the Board and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Declarant, the Directors and/or members in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

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

1. A majority of the Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members, which may be the annual or a special meeting.

2. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each member entitled to vote thereon within the time and in the manner provided in the Bylaws for the giving of notice of a meeting of the members. If the meeting is an annual meeting, the proposed amendment or such summary may be included in the notice of such annual meeting.

3. At such meeting, a vote of the members entitled to vote thereon shall be taken on the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the entire membership of the Association.

4. Any number of amendments may be submitted to the members and voted upon by them at any one meeting.

5. If all of the directors and all of the members eligible to vote sign a written statement manifesting their intention that an amendment to these articles be adopted as though the above requirements had been satisfied.

6. No amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership not in the voting rights of members without approval by all of the members and the joinder of all Institutional Mortgagees holding mortgages upon the Lots. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Declaration. Prior to the closing of the sale of all Lots within the Declaration Property, no amendment shall make any changes which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers or options herein provided in favor of, or reserved to, the Declarant, unless the Declarant shall join in the execution of the amendment to the extent permitted by law.

7. No amendment to these Articles shall be made which discriminates against any Owner(s), or affects less than all of the Owners within the Declaration Property, without the written approval of all the Owners so discriminated against or affected.

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8. Upon approval of an amendment to these Articles, the articles of amendment shall be executed and delivered to the Department of State as provided by law, and a copy certified by the Department of State shall be recorded in the public records of the county in which the Declaration Property is located.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution or the final liquidation 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 acceptance, 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 to the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. No such disposition of Association property shall be effective to divest or diminish any right or title of any member vested in him under the recorded Declaration unless made in accordance with the provisions of such Declaration.

ARTICLE XIII

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND ADDRESS AND NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET AND MAILING ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The initial registered office and registered agent of the Association shall be:

LAWRENCE B. HAWKINS
Emerald Lake Homeowners' Association
4495 Emerald Vista
Lake Worth, Florida 33461

WHEREFORE, the incorporator, and the initial registered agent, has executed these Articles on the 25th day of January, 2005. By executing these Articles, the undersigned registered agent accepts the appointment as registered agent and states that the undersigned is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of that position.



Lawrence B. Hawkins

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Lawrence B. Hawkins [X] who is known to me [

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] who has produced _____ as identification to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, [] who took [] did not take an oath, and acknowledged before me that he executed same on behalf of said corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 26th day of January, 2005.



Martha Ann Gray
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA
Print Name: _____
My Commission Expires: _____

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