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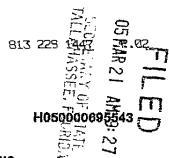
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR STAPLES BOYNTON BEACH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the corporation shall be **STAPLES BOYNTON BEACH 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 By-Laws of the Association as the "By-Laws".

ARTICLE 2 OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the Association shall be at 500 Staples Drive, Framingham, Ma 01702, Attention: Property Administrator, Reference: Boynton Beach, Florida, or at such other place as may be subsequently designated by the Board of Directors. All books and records of the Association shall be kept at its principal office.

ARTICLE 3 PURPOSE

The objects and purposes of the Association are those objects and purposes as are authorized by the Declaration of Staples Boynton Beach Condominium recorded (or to be recorded) in the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida, as hereafter amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the "Declaration"). The further objects and purposes of the Association are to preserve the values and amenities in the Condominium Property (as defined in the Declaration) and to maintain the Common Elements thereof for the benefit of the Members of the Association. The Association is organized not for profit and no part of the net earnings, if any, shall inure to the benefit of any Member or individual person, firm or corporation

ARTICLE 4 DEFINITIONS

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

ARTICLE 5 POWERS

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

5.1 <u>General</u>. The Association shall have all of the common-law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit under the Laws of Florida, except as expressly limited or restricted by the terms of these Articles, the Declaration or the By-Laws.

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- 5.2 <u>Enumeration</u>. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles and the Declaration above identified. The Association shall also have all of the powers necessary to implement the purposes of the Association as set forth in the Declaration and to provide for the general health and welfare of its membership, including, without limitation, the following:
 - (a) In accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, to make and collect Assessments and other charges against Unit Owners (whether or not such sums are due and payable to the Association), and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties.
 - (b) To buy, accept, own, operate, lease, sell, trade and mortgage both real and personal property in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration.
 - (c) To maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to and operate the Condominium Property and other property acquired or leased by the Association in accordance with the Declaration.
 - (d) To purchase insurance upon such portions of the Condominium Property as may be required by the Declaration, and insurance for the protection of the Association, its officers, directors and Unit Owners in accordance with the Declaration.
 - (e) To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance, conservation and use of the Condominium Property and for the health, comfort, safety and welfare of the Unit Owners in accordance with the Declaration.
 - (f) To enforce by legal means the provisions of any applicable laws, the Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws, and the rules and regulations for the use of the Condominium Property
- 5.3 <u>Association Property.</u> All funds and the title to all properties acquired by the Association and their proceeds shall be held for the benefit and use of the Unit Owners in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws.
- 5.4 <u>Distribution of Income: Dissolution.</u> The Association shall not pay a dividend to its Members and shall make no distribution of income to its Members, directors or officers, and upon dissolution, all assets of the Association shall be transferred only to another non-profit corporation or a public agency.

ARTICLE 6 MEMBERS

- 6.1 <u>Membership</u>. Each Unit Owner shall be a Member of the Association, provided that any such person or entity who holds an ownership interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member.
- 6.2 <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.

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- 6.3 <u>Voting.</u> Except as set forth in the Declaration, on all matters upon which Members shall be entitled to vote, each Unit Owner shall be entitled to cast votes equal in amount to their Percentage Share. All yotes shall be exercised or cast in the manner provided by the Declaration and By-Laws.
- 6.4 <u>Meetings</u>. The By-Laws 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 7 TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE 6 INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

NAME	ADDRESS
Andrew L. McIntosh	DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP 101 East Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 2000 Tampa, Florida 33602

ARTICLE 9 OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the officers holding the offices designated in the By-Laws. 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. Any person may hold one (1) or more offices, excepting that the same person shall not hold the office of President and Vice President and the same person shall not hold the office of President and Secretary. The By-Laws may provide for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies and for the duties and qualifications 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:

OFFICE	NAME	ADDRESS
President	Bernard I. Schachter	500 Staples Drive Framingham, MA 01702
Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer	Larry Belcaster	500 Staples Drive Framingham, MA 01702

ARTICLE 10 DIRECTORS

- 10.1 <u>Number and Qualification</u>. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board consisting of six (6) directors as provided by the By-Laws. Directors need not be Members of the Association.
- Duties and Powers. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board of Directors, its agents, contractors or employees, subject only to approval by Unit Owners when such approval is specifically required. In the event of a deadlock between the Directors, any Member may elect, in writing, to submit the dispute to be resolved pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Plan set forth in Section 14.2 of the Declaration and such resolution shall be binding upon the Members and the Directors, who shall immediately comply with the decision rendered.
- 10.3 Election: Removal. The Owner of the Retail Shop Unit shall be entitled to appoint One (1) members to the Board, the Owner of the Staples Units shall be entitled to appoint four (4) members to the Board, and similarly, the Owner of the Outparcel Unit shall be entitled to appoint one (1) member to the Board. Directors may be removed only by the Unit Owner that appointed the Director and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the appointment of another Director by the Unit Owner who originally appointed the Director being replaced.
- 10.4 First Directors The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have taken office, as provided in the By-Laws, are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Bernard I. Schachter	500 Staples Drive Framingham, MA 01702
Larry Belcaster	500 Staples Drive Framingham, MA 01702
Paul Van Camp	500 Staples Drive Framingham, MA 01702
Louise Corrigan	500 Steples Drive Framingham, MA 01702
Theodore Frumkin	500 Staples Drive Framingham, MA 01702
John Barton	500 Staples Drive Framingham, MA 01702

10.5 <u>Standards.</u> A Director shall discharge his duties as a director, including any duties as a member of a Committee: in good faith; with the care an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association. Unless a Director has knowledge concerning a matter in question that makes reliance unwarranted, a Director, in discharging his duties, may rely on information, Articles

opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other data, if prepared or presented by: one or more officers or employees of the Association whom the Director reasonably believes to be reasonable and competent in the manners presented; legal counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters the Director reasonably believes are within the persons' professional or expert competence; or a Committee of which the Director is not a member if the Director reasonably believes the Committee merits confidence. A Director is not liable for any action taken as a director, or any failure to take action, if he performed the duties of his office in compliance with the foregoing standards.

ARTICLE 11 INDEMNIFICATION

- 11.1 Indemnitees. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding (other than an action by, or in the right of, the Association) by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent (each, an "Indemnitee") of the Association, against liability incurred in connection with such proceeding, including any appeal thereof, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction or upon a plea of noto contendere or its equivalent shall not, 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 interests of the Association or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.
- Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify any person, who was or is a party to any proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association against expenses and amounts paid in settlement not exceeding, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such proceeding, including any appeal thereof. Such indemnification shall be authorized if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association, except that no indemnification shall be made under this subsection in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which such proceeding was brought, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.
- 11.3 <u>Indemnification for Expenses.</u> 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 proceeding referred to in subsection 11.2 or 11.2, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- 11.4 <u>Determination of Applicability.</u> Any indemnification under subsection 11.2 or subsection 11.2, unless pursuant to a determination by a court, shalf be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Director, officer, employee, or agent is proper under the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct

set forth in subsection 11.2 or subsection 11.2. Such determination shall be made by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, excluding any Directors who were parties to such proceeding or by a unanimous vote of the Members of the Association (excluding any Members who were parties to such proceeding).

- 11.5 <u>Determination Regarding Expenses.</u> Evaluation of the reasonableness of expenses and authorization of indemnification shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible.
- Advancing Expenses. Expenses incurred by an officer or Director in defending a civil or criminal proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Director or officer to repay such amount if he is ultimately found not to be entitled to indemnification by the Association pursuant to this section. Expenses incurred by other employees and agents may be paid in advance upon such terms or conditions that the Board of Directors deem appropriate.
- 11.7 Exclusivity: Exclusions. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided pursuant to this section are not exclusive, and the Association may make any other or further indemnification or advancement of expenses of any of its Directors, officers, employees, or agents, under any bylaw, agreement, vote of disinterested shareholders or disinterested Directors, or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. However, indemnification or advancement of expenses shall not be made to or on behalf of any Director, officer, employee, or agent if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his actions, or omissions to act, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated and constitute:
 - (a) A violation of the criminal law, unless the Director, officer, employee, or agent had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful;
 - (b) A transaction from which the Director, officer, employee, or agent derived an improper personal benefit; or
 - (c) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association.
- 11.8 <u>Continuing Effect.</u> Indemnification and advancement of expenses as provided in this section shall continue as, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, 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, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified.
- Application to Court. Notwithstanding the failure of the Association to provide indemnification, and despite any contrary determination of the Board or of the Members in the specific case, a Director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association who is or was a party to a proceeding may apply for indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, to the court conducting the proceeding, to the circuit court, or to another court of competent jurisdiction. On receipt of an application, the court, after giving any notice that it considers necessary, may order indemnification and advancement of expenses, including expenses incurred in seeking court-ordered indemnification or advancement of expenses, if it determines that:

- (a) The Director, officer, employee, or agent is entitled to mandatory indemnification under subsection 11.3, in which case the court shall also order the Association to pay the Director reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining court-ordered indemnification or advancement of expenses;
- (b) The Director, officer, employee, or agent is entitled to indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, by virtue of the exercise by the Association of its power pursuant to subsection 11.7; or
- (C) The Director, officer, employee, or agent is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, in view of all the relevant circumstances, regardless of whether such person met the standard of conduct set forth in subsection 11.1, subsection 11.2, or subsection 11.7 unless (a) a court of competent jurisdiction determines, after all available appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnitee, that he did not act in good faith or acted in a manner he should have reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Association. and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, and (b) such court further specifically determines that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of noto contenders or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith or did act in a manner which he should have reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.
- 11.10 <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Article 11, the term "expenses" shall be deemed to include attorneys' fees, including those for any appeals; the term "liability" shall be deemed to include obligations to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine, and expenses actually and reasonably incurred with respect to a proceeding; the term "proceeding" shall be deemed to include any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or other type of proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether formal or informal; and the term "agent" shall be deemed to include a volunteer; the term "serving at the request of the Association" shall be deemed to include any service as a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Association that imposes duties on such persons.
- 11.11 <u>Amendment.</u> Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, no amendment to the provisions of this Article 11 shall be applicable as to any Member eligible for indemnification hereunder who has not given his prior written consent to such amendment.

ARTICLE 12 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 in the By-Laws and the Declaration.

ARTICLE 13 AMENDMENTS

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

- 13.1 <u>Notice</u>. Notice of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered and shall be otherwise given in the time and manner provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. Such notice shall contain the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be affected thereby.
- 13.2 Adoption. Amendments shall be proposed and adopted in the manner provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.
- Limitation. No amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership, nor in the voting rights or property rights of Members, nor any changes in Sections 5.3 or 5.4, nor in any manner create an adverse affect on any Member (unless consented to by such Member and if applicable the Mortgagees of such Member) without the approval in writing of all Members and the joinder of all record owners of mortgages upon Units. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Declaration or the By-Laws. No amendment to this paragraph 13.3 or in violation of this paragraph 13.3 shall be effective.
- 13.4 <u>Recording.</u> A copy of each amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of applicable Florida law, and a copy certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded in the public records of Palm Beach County, Florida with an identification on the first page thereof of the book and page of said public records where the Declaration was recorded which contains, as an exhibit, the initial recording of these Articles.

ARTICLE 14 INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE: ADDRESS AND NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be at 101 East Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 2000, Tampa, Florida 33602, with the privilege of having its office and branch offices at other places within or without the State of Florida The initial registered agent at that address shall be Andrew L. McIntosh.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has affixed his or her signature this 18th day of March, 2005.

Andrew L. McIntosh, Incorporator

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

In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

That desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the foregoing articles of incorporation, in the County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, the Association named in the said articles has named Andrew L. McIntosh, located at 101 East Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 2000, Tampa, Florida 33602, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named the statutory agent of said Association at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with the obligations of that position, and hereby accept the same and agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

Andrew L. McIntosh, Registered Agent

DATED this 18th day of March, 2005.

