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## FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Bison Creek Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BISON CREEK ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned, being a resident of the State of Florida and of full age, hereby forms a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and certify as follows:

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this corporation is BISON CREEK ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "Association").

**ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The initial principal office of this Association shall be located at 3385 Old Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689, which office may be changed from time to time by action of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The name and street address of the initial registered agent and office of the Association shall be CHRISTIAN F. O'RYAN, 2701 NORTH ROCKY POINT DRIVE, SUITE 900, TAMPA, FLORIDA 33607.

**ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members. The specific purposes for which it is formed are to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents within that certain real property described in that certain DECLARATION FOR BISON CREEK ESTATES (the "Declaration"), to be recorded among the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, and any amendments or modifications thereof (the "Declaration") relating to the Properties (as defined in the Declaration) and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association. The purposes of this Association shall include, without limitation of the maintenance of the Common Area within the Properties, and carrying out, enforcing and otherwise fulfilling its rights and responsibilities under and pursuant to the Declaration. For the foregoing purposes, this Association is empowered to:

(1) exercise all of the powers and privileges, and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided;

(2) fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, and to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of this Association, including all license fees, taxes, or governmental charges levied or imposed against the real or personal property of this Association;

(3) acquire, either by gift, purchase or otherwise, and to own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease or transfer, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property, or interests therein, in connection with the affairs of this Association;

(4) borrow money, and upon the approval of (i) a majority of the Board of Directors; and (ii) sixty six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Voting Interests (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members in which there is a quorum present, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, including without limitation, the right to collateralize any such indebtedness with the Association's assessment collection rights;

(5) dedicate, sell, or transfer all or any part of this Association's property for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument has been signed by sixty six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Voting Interests, agreeing to such dedication, sale or transfer;

(6) grant easements as to the Common Area to public and private utility companies, and to public bodies or governmental agencies or other entities or persons, without cost or charge, where convenient, desirable or necessary in connection with the development of the Properties, and the providing of utility and other services thereto;

(7) participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for similar purposes or annex additional residential property and Common Area, provided that any such merger, consolidation or annexation shall have been approved by (i) a majority of the Board of Directors; and (ii) sixty six and two-thirds (66 2/3%) percent of the Voting Interests (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members in which there is a quorum present;

(8) adopt, alter, amend, and rescind reasonable rules and regulations from time to time, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by the Declaration and with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation;

(9) contract for the maintenance and management of the Common Area, including but not limited to, any Surface Water Management System ("SWMS"), and to authorize a management agent to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties under the Declaration;

(10) operate and maintain the SWMS, including all inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, floodplain compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffer areas, and wetland mitigation areas;

(11) sue or be sued;

(12) to adopt such annual budgets as are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Declaration; and

(13) have and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapter 617 or Chapter 720, Florida Statutes by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

#### **ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

A. This Association shall be a membership corporation, without certificates of shares of stock.

B. Qualification for, and admission to, membership in the Association shall be regulated by the Declaration and the Bylaws of the Association.

C. The share of an Owner or a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner, except as an appurtenance of such Owner's or member's Lot.

#### **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors which shall consist of three (3) directors. Directors shall be members of the Association; provided, however, that prior to Turnover (as defined in the Declaration), Directors need not be members of the Association. The names and addresses of the persons, who are to act in the capacity of directors until their successors are elected and qualified, unless they sooner shall die, resign or be removed, are:

Matthew Geiger	3385 Old Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689
John Geiger	3385 Old Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689
Mark Geiger	3385 Old Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

The initial Board of Directors herein designated shall serve until Turnover and until the Turnover meeting thereafter. Directors elected at the first Turnover meeting shall serve on the Board as set forth in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS**

The Association shall be administered by a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as may be designated in the Bylaws, and shall be elected at the time and in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws. Officers need not be members of the Association. The names and addresses of the initial officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

Matthew Geiger	President	3385 Old Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689
John Geiger	Vice President	3385 Old Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689
John Geiger	Secretary	3385 Old Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689
Mark Geiger	Treasurer	3385 Old Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

**ARTICLE VIII - SUBSCRIBER**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Christian F. O'Ryan	2701 North Rocky Point Drive Suite 900 Tampa, Florida 33607

**ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION**

The Association will exist in perpetuity. However, this Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by members entitled to cast not less than sixty six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Voting Interests. Upon dissolution of this Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of this Association, including but not limited to any SWMS, shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. 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 such similar purposes, but in no event shall such assets inure to the benefit of any member or other private individual.

### **ARTICLE X - BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of this Association shall be initially adopted by the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

A. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, from time to time, as follows:

(1) Prior to Turnover, the Board of Directors may amend these Articles by a majority vote of the Directors.

Thereafter, these Articles may be amended as follows:

(2) If the Board of Directors wish to amend the Articles, the Directors must adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at an annual meeting or special meeting of members entitled to vote on the proposed amendment.

(3) Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected by the amendment must be given to each member entitled to vote.

(4) The proposed amendment must be adopted by a majority of the Voting Interests present at a meeting either in person or by proxy, at which a quorum is present.

or

(5) members entitled to vote on proposed amendments to the Articles may amend the Articles without action by the Directors at a meeting for which notice of the changes to be made is given and the assent of sixty six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the entire Voting Interests.

B. Any number of amendments may be submitted and voted upon at any one meeting.

C. No amendment shall make any change in the rights of the Developer without the written approval of the Developer. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Declaration.

D. No amendment shall be effective until a copy of such amendment shall have been certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida and thereafter shall have been recorded in the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

**ARTICLE XII - INDEMNIFICATION**

Every director and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association to the fullest extent of the law against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed on him in connection with any proceeding or 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. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled.

**ARTICLE XIII - INTERPRETATION**

Express reference is hereby made to the terms, provisions, definitions, and rules of interpretation contained in the Declaration where necessary to interpret, construe, and clarify the provisions of these Articles. In subscribing and filing these Articles, it is the intent of the undersigned that the provisions hereof be consistent with the provisions of the Declaration and, to the extent not prohibited by law, that the provisions of these Articles and of the Declaration be interpreted, construed, and applied so as to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, constituting the subscriber of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 21 day of July, 2005.



CHRISTIAN F. O'RYAN  
Subscriber

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for BISON CREEK ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned hereby accepts to act in this capacity, and agrees to comply with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida relative to keeping such open office.

Dated this 21 day of July, 2005.

  
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CHRISTIAN F. O'RYAN  
Registered Agent**Registered Office:**

2701 North Rocky Point Drive  
Suite 900  
Tampa, Florida 33607

**Principal Corporation Office:**

3385 Old Keystone Road  
Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

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