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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR
THE ASHTON AT ASHTON COURT
COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopts the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE 1
NAME

The name of the corporation is **THE ASHTON AT ASHTON COURT COMMERCIAL 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
OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the Association shall be at 2033 Main Street, Suite 600, Sarasota, Florida 34237, 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 or at such other place as may be permitted by the Florida Condominium Act, as it exists on the date hereof (the "Act").

ARTICLE 3
PURPOSE

This Association is organized for the purpose of administering, managing, maintaining and operating that certain commercial land condominium located in Sarasota County, Florida, and known as **THE ASHTON AT ASHTON COURT COMMERCIAL CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM** (the "Condominium Property" or "Condominium").

ARTICLE 4
DEFINITIONS

The terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meaning as those set forth in the Declaration for the Condominium ("Declaration"), to be recorded in the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, or in the Act, 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:

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- 5.1 General. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit or for profit under the laws of Florida that are not in conflict with the provisions of these Articles, the Declaration, the Bylaws or the Act.
- 5.2 Enumeration. The Association shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in the Act, and except as limited by the Act, those powers and duties set forth in these Articles, the Bylaws and the Declaration and all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate the Condominium pursuant to the Declaration and as more particularly described in the Bylaws, as they may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) To make and collect Assessments and other charges against members as Unit Owners, 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.
 - (c) To maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to and operate the Condominium Property and Association Property, and other property acquired or leased by the Association.
 - (d) To purchase insurance upon the Condominium Property and Association Property and insurance for the protection of the Association, its officers, directors and Unit Owners.
 - (e) To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance, conservation and use of the Units and the Condominium Property and Association Property, and for the health, comfort, safety and welfare of the Unit Owners.
 - (f) To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Act, the Declaration, these Articles, the Bylaws, and the rules and regulations for the use of the Condominium Property and Association Property.
 - (g) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Condominium Property and Association Property and to authorize a management agent (which may be an affiliate of the Developer) to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing such functions as the submission of proposals, collection of Assessments, preparation of records, enforcement of rules and maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Elements and Association Property with such funds as shall be made available by the Association for such purposes. The Association and its officers shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties granted by the Condominium Act, including, but not limited to, the making of Assessments, promulgation of rules and execution of contracts on behalf of the Association.

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- (h) To employ personnel to perform the services required for the proper operation of the Condominium Property and Association Property.
 - (i) To borrow money and to execute promissory notes and other loan documents related to any such borrowing.
- 5.3 Association Property. 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 members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws.
- 5.4 Distribution of Income: Dissolution. The Association 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 or as otherwise authorized by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes).
- 5.5 Limitation. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions hereof and of the Declaration, the Bylaws, and the Act, provided that in the event of conflict, the provisions of the Act shall control over those of the Declaration and Bylaws.

ARTICLE 6 MEMBERS

- 6.1 Membership. The members of the Association shall consist of all of the record title owners of Units in the Condominium from time to time, and after termination of the Condominium, shall consist of those who were members at the time of such termination and their successors and assigns.
- 6.2 Assignment. 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.
- 6.3 Voting. Each Unit shall have the number of votes set forth in the Bylaws. The vote of a Unit shall not be divisible.
- 6.4 Meetings. The Bylaws shall provide for an annual meeting of members, and may make provisions for regular and special meetings of members other than the annual meeting.

ARTICLE 7 TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence.

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**ARTICLE 8
INCORPORATOR**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
John D. Olivier	Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg, P.A. 2033 Main Street, Suite 600 Sarasota, Florida 34237

**ARTICLE 9
OFFICERS**

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the officers holding the offices 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 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:

President and Treasurer:	Gene Wasson 601 West Lake Drive Sarasota, Florida 34232
Vice President and Secretary:	Peter Houk c/o 601 West Lake Drive Sarasota, Florida 34232

**ARTICLE 10
DIRECTORS**

10.1 Number and Qualification. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board consisting of the number of directors determined in the manner provided by the Bylaws, but which shall consist of not less than three (3) directors. During Developer control, Directors need not be members of the Association; however, upon turnover, Directors shall be members of the Association. When Unit Owners other than THE ASHTON, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, its successors or assigns (the "Developer") own fifteen percent (15%) or more of the Units that will be operated ultimately by the Association, such Unit Owners, other than the Developer, shall be entitled to elect no less than one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board of Directors.

Such Unit Owners, other than the Developer, are entitled to elect not less than a majority of the members of the Board, upon the first occurrence of any of the following events:

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- (a) Three (3) years after fifty percent (50%) of the Units that will be operated ultimately by the Association have been conveyed to purchasers;
- (b) Three (3) months after ninety percent (90%) of the Units that will be operated ultimately by the Association have been conveyed to purchasers;
- (c) When all of the Units that will be operated ultimately by the Association have been completed, some of them have been conveyed to purchasers, and none of the others are being offered for sale by the Developer in the ordinary course of business;
- (d) When some of the Units have been conveyed to purchasers and none of the others are being constructed or offered for sale by the Developer in the ordinary course of business; or
- (e) Seven (7) years after recordation of the Declaration creating the initial phase of the Condominium.

Developer shall have the right to elect a majority of the Board until the first occurrence of any of the above events. Developer is entitled to elect at least one (1) Director as long as the Developer hold for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five percent (5%) of the Units in the Condominium. Following the time the Developer relinquishes control of the Association, the Developer may exercise the right to vote any Developer owned Units in the same manner as any other Unit Owner except for purposes of reacquiring control of the Association or selecting the majority members of the Board. The right reserved herein to Developer to elect and maintain Directors may be assigned to and exercised by its successor(s) in interest.

- 10.2 Duties and Powers. 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 such approval is specifically required.
- 10.3 Election; Removal. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members in the manner determined by and subject to the qualifications set forth in the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- 10.4 Term of Developer's Directors. The Developer of the Condominium shall appoint the members of the first Board of Directors and their replacements who shall hold office for the periods described in the Bylaws.
- 10.5 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 Bylaws, are as follows:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Gene Wasson	601 West Lake Drive Sarasota, Florida 34232
Peter Houk	601 West Lake Drive Sarasota, Florida 34232
Cathy Houk	601 West Lake Drive Sarasota, Florida 34232

ARTICLE 11
INDEMNIFICATION

- 11.1 Indemnity. 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, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, employee, officer or agent of the Association, against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, 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 in a manner he 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 action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon plea of nolo contendere 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 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.
- 11.2 Expenses. 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 Section 11.1 above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- 11.3 Advances. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding shall be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the affected 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 in this Article 11.
- 11.4 Miscellaneous. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed

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exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of members or otherwise, and 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 and personal representatives of such person.

- 11.5 Insurance. 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 enterprises, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or 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.
- 11.6 Amendment. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the provisions of this Article 11 may not be amended without the prior written consent of all persons whose interest would be adversely affected by such amendment.

ARTICLE 12 **BY-LAWS**

The first Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided in the Bylaws and the Declaration.

ARTICLE 13 **AMENDMENTS**

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

- 13.1 Notice. 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 and in the Act (the latter to control over the former to the extent provided for in the Act).
- 13.3 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 to Article 5 hereof, 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 Act, the Declaration or the Bylaws, nor shall any amendment 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 Developer, or an affiliate of the Developer, unless the Developer shall join in the execution of the amendment. No amendment to this Section 13.3 shall be

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effective.

- 13.4 Developer Amendments. To the extent lawful, the Developer may amend these Articles consistent with the provisions of the Declaration allowing certain amendments to be effected by the Developer alone.
- 13.5 Recording. 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.

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

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be at 2033 Main Street, Suite 600, Sarasota, Florida 34237. The initial registered agent of this corporation is John D. Olivier, whose office is located at Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg, P.A., at the foregoing registered office address.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on August 17, 2005.

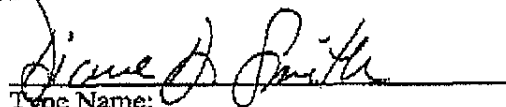
INCORPORATOR:



JOHN D. OLIVIER

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19th day of August, 2005, by JOHN D. OLIVIER, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.



Diane Drake Smith

Type Name:
Notary Public:
My Commission Expires:



Diane Drake Smith
My Commission DO143725
Expires September 29, 2006

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

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 City of Sarasota, County of Sarasota, State of Florida, the corporation named in the said Articles has named John D. Olivier, whose office is located at Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen & Ginsburg, P.A., located at 2033 Main Street, Suite 600, Sarasota, Florida 34237, as its statutory registered agent.

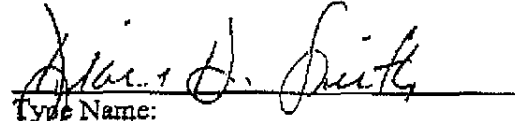
Having been named the statutory registered agent of said corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the same and agree to act in this capacity, and further agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2005.



JOHN D. OLIVIER
Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19th day of August, 2005, by JOHN D. OLIVIER, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.


Type Name:

Notary Public:
My Commission Expires:

 Diane Drake Smith
My Commission DD143728
Expires September 29, 2008