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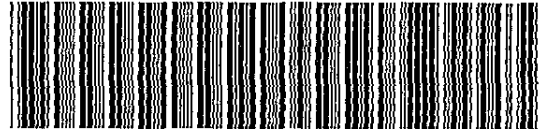
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Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

**RE: Lake Merial Home Owners Association, Inc.**

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find an original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for Lake Merial Home Owners Association, Inc., Certificate Designating Place of Business or Domicile for the Service of Process and my check made payable to your order in the amount of \$70.00 representing the filing fee. I would appreciate you filing the same and returning a copy to the undersigned.

If you should have any questions with regard to the enclosure, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack G. Williams" followed by a stylized monogram "JGW".

Jack G. Williams

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Enclosures: As stated

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
LAKE MERIAL HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be Lake Merial Home Owners Association, Inc. The principal address of the corporation at the time of incorporation is 13400 Highway 77, Lake Merial, Florida 32409.

**ARTICLE II - DURATION**

The duration of this corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence at the time of the filing of the Articles of Incorporation with the Department of State.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

- A. The specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is organized is to enforce restrictive covenants in a development to be submitted in phases known as Lake Merial and to maintain the common areas including but not limited to the operation and maintenance of a storm water management facility and to assess owners for the costs thereof.
- B. This corporation is formed and shall be operated exclusively for the benefit of the members of the corporation and for non profit purposes. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, or officer of the corporation except as provided by law.
- C. This corporation shall have and exercise all power conferred upon non profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida generally, and specifically as provided in Chapters 617 and 720 of the Florida Statutes.

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#### ARTICLE IV - QUALIFICATION and ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

The members of this corporation, their qualifications and manner of admission, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, the liability of members for dues and/or assessments and the method of collection thereof, and the termination and transfer of membership shall be by ownership of a lot within Lake Merial.

#### ARTICLE V - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office is 502 Harmon Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32401 and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is Jack G. Williams.

#### ARTICLE VI - FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following person shall serve the corporation as directors until the first annual meeting or their meeting called to elect directors:

James W. Maulden  
2704 Maulden Road  
Southport, Florida 32409

Charles E. Faircloth  
460 Harrison Avenue  
Panama City, Florida 32401

George W. Fleming  
13400 Highway 77  
Lake Merial, Florida 32409

Jack G. Williams  
502 Harmon Avenue  
Panama City, Florida 32401

#### ARTICLE VII - BASIS UNDER WHICH CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED

This corporation is organized under a non stock basis.

The corporation is a not-for-profit corporation as defined by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act in Section 617.01 of the Florida Statutes. As such, it is not organized for the pecuniary gain or profit of, and its net earnings nor any part thereof is distributable to, its member, directors, officers or other private persons

except as specifically permitted under the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

#### ARTICLE VIII - MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- A. Board of Directors: The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors of not less than three (3) directors. The number of directors provided for in these Articles of Incorporation may be changed by a By-Law adopted by the members entitled to vote.
- B. Election of Directors: The method of electing directors shall be as set forth in the By-Laws.
- C. Elective Officers: The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Other officers and officers may be established or appointed by the members of this corporation at any regular annual meeting or any special meeting of members called for such purpose. The qualifications, the time and manner of electing or appointing, the duties of, the terms of office and the manner of removing officers shall be set forth in the By-Laws.
- D. Standing Committees: This corporation shall have the authority to establish standing committees in the manner as provided for in the By-Laws. The powers and duties of the standing committees shall be specified in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the initial incorporator is as follows: Jack G. Williams, 502 Harmon Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32401.

#### ARTICLE X - BY-LAWS

By-Laws will be hereafter adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. Such By-Laws may be amended, repealed, in whole or in part, by the members in the manner provided in the By-Laws. Any amendments to the By-Laws shall be binding on all members of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

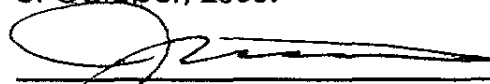
Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of the

voting members for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds of a quorum of the voting members of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE XII - DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of such Code as subsequently amended, or to the federal, state or local government to be used exclusively for public purposes.


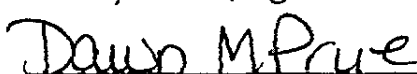
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jack G. Williams

**STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF BAY.**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared Jack G. Williams to me well known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged before me that he executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal in the state and county aforesaid, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005.

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

In pursuance of Chapter 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted  
in compliance with said act.

First, that Lake Merial Home Owners Association, Inc., desiring to organize  
under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the  
Articles of Incorporation, at 13400 Highway 77, Lake Merial, Florida 32409, has  
named Jack G. Williams located at 502 Harmon Avenue, Panama City, Florida  
32401 as its agent to accept services of process within this state.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated  
corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in  
this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to  
keeping open said office.

By: 

Jack G. Williams  
Registered Agent

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