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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

## THE GROVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, INC.

(A Corporation Not For Profit)

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

This corporation shall be known as THE GROVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "ASSOCIATION." The principal office of the ASSOCIATION shall be located at 913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Suite 5A, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561, but meetings of the members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Florida, County of Santa Rosa or Escambia, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE II - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The address of the initial registered office is 913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Sulte 5A, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561. The Board of Directors may from time to time change the principal office of the ASSOCIATION to any other address in the State of Florida. The name of the initial registered agent is John Jackson.

#### **ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND POWERS**

The purpose for which this ASSOCIATION is organized is to create an entity which can provide for maintenance and architectural control of the Subdivision and common properties and architectural control of the residential lots within that certain tract of property described as follows, to-wit:

For legal description, see Exhibit "A" attached and incorporated herein by reference which is or will be platted as the Grove, a Subdivision.

Together with any and all other property added to the control of the ASSOCIATION by amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions affecting the above-described property and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the Subdivision and to:

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- a). Exercise all of the powers and privileges and perform all of the duties and obligations of the ASSOCIATION as set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants. Conditions and Restrictions, hereinafter called the "Declaration," applicable to the property and recorded in the Public Records of Escambia County, Florida, as same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth at length;
- b). Fix, levy, collect, and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, to pay all expenses in connection therewith, and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the ASSOCIATION, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the ASSOCIATION;
- c). Acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the ASSOCIATION;
- d). Borrow money and, with the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- e). Dedicate, sell, or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility 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 two-thirds (2/3) of the members agreeing to such dedication, sale, or transfer;
- f). Participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes, or annex additional property and Common Area, provided that any such merger, consolidation, or annexation shall have the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members;
- g). Have and exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation not for profit organized under the Florida law may now or hereafter have or exercise by law.

# ARTICLE IV - QUALIFICATION AND MANNER OF ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a Lot, either individually or jointly with others which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the

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ASSOCIATION, including a contract seller, shall be a member of the ASSOCIATION. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment by the ASSOCIATION.

A member, unless acting in the capacity of a duly elected officer of the ASSOCIATION, does not have the authority to act for the ASSOCIATION solely by virtue of being a member.

## **ARTICLE V - VOTING RIGHTS/TRANSITION OF CONTROL**

The ASSOCIATION shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A members shall be all owners, with the exception of the Declarant, and shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each lot owned. When more than one (1) person or entity holds an interest in a lot, then the vote attributable to such lot shall be exercised as they determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any lot.

Class B. Class B members shall be the Declarant, as defined in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each lot owned, as set forth in the Declaration. Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership when the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership, provided, however, that if, after conversion of the Class B membership to Class A membership a Future Phase or Phases are annexed, the Class B membership shall thereupon be reinstituted with Declaration being a Class B member as to all lots owned by Declarant in the annexed phase until the then total votes outstanding in the Class B membership again equals or exceeds the then total votes outstanding in the Class B membership in that phase.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, members other than the Declarant (which excludes builders, contractors, or others who purchase a Lot for the purpose of constructing improvements thereon for resale) are entitled to elect at least a majority of the members of Board of Directors three months after ninety percent (90%) of the Lots in the Subdivision, including all future phases, have been conveyed to members.

Declarant shall be entitled to elect at least one member to the Board of Directors as long as Declarant holds at least five percent (5%) of the Lots for sale in the ordinary course of business.

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After Declarant relinquishes control of the ASSOCIATION, Declarant may continue to vote any Declarant owned lots in the same manner as any other member.

In all events, Class B membership shall cease to exist and be converted to Class A and shall not thereafter be reinstituted on January 1, 2010.

#### **ARTICLE VI - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is John Jackson, 913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Suite 5A, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The business affairs of this ASSOCIATION shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which shall initially consist of three (3) members. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time as provided in the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3).

The members of the Board of Directors need not be members of the ASSOCIATION and shall serve for a term as set forth in the Bylaws.

The President of the ASSOCIATION shall at all times be a member of the Board of Directors, and members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws.

The names and street addresses of the persons who are to serve as the first Board of Directors of the corporation are:

- John Jackson
   913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Suite 5A
   Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561
- Kenny Smith
   913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Suite 5A
   Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

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Jim Martin
 913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Suite 5A
 Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

#### **ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS**

The officers of this ASSOCIATION shall be a President, who shall at all times be a member of the Board of Directors, a Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time create.

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as officers of this ASSOCIATION until the first election are:

President:

John Jackson

913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Suite 5A

Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

Vice President:

Kenny Smith

913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Suite 5A

Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

Secretary/Treasurer:

Jim Martin

913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Suite 5A

Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

The officers shall be selected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors as provided in the Bylaws and each shall hold office until he shall sooner resign or shall be removed or otherwise disqualified to serve. Officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Directors.

#### **ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION**

The ASSOCIATION may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members. Upon dissolution of the ASSOCIATION, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the ASSOCIATION 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 acceptance of such dedication is refused, the assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

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## **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total members at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose.

Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total members upon notice given, as provided by the Bylaws, of intention to submit such amendments. However, no amendment shall be effective without the written consent of the Developer until after six (6) years from date of filing these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE XII - DEFINITIONS**

The terms used herein shall have the same definition as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XIII - FHA/VA APPROVAL

As long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration and/or the Veterans administration: Annexation of additional properties, (Subject to provisions of Article VIII, Section 6 of the Declaration), mergers and consolidations, mortgaging of common area, dedication of common area, and dissolution and amendment of these Articles.

<b>IN WITNESS WHEREOF,</b> I, the undiffereunto set my hand and seal this $22$	day of /	Vovember	2005, for
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing was acknowledged before me this 22 day of 10005, by John Jackson, who is personally known to me.

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Printed Name: Phillip 14.
Notary Public, State of Florida

Incorporator - John Jackson

Commission No.: <u>PP 473 620</u> Commission Expires: <u>Na 12,2001</u>

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#### RESIDENT AGENT'S CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

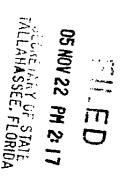
THE GROVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, INC., a Florida Corporation Not For Profit, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, in Gulf Breeze, Santa Rosa County, Florida, has named John Jackson, whose address is 913 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Suite 5A, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

## Acknowledgment and Acceptance

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation (or Association) at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept such designation and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

BX: JOHN JACKSON

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# EXHIBIT "A" TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE GROVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, INC.

LECAL DESCRIPTION (O. R. Book 3374 Page 758):
Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 3, Block 1, Ferry Poss Heights Subdivision as recorded in Prot Book 1 at Page 50 of the public records of Escambio County, Florida; thence go North 00 "17"05" Wast along the Eastery line of Lots 3, 4, and 5 of the aforesaid Plot a distance of 330.10 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 6 of the aforesaid Plot; thence go North 89"40"58" East along a projection of the Southerly line of Lot 6 of distance of 35.00 feet; thence go North 00"22"57" West a distance of 220.14 feet to a projection of the Northerly line of Lot 7, Block 1 of the aforesaid Plot; thence go North 89"40"28" East along the said projected North line of Lot 7 a distance of 451.48 feet; thence go South 00"09"31" West a distance of 240.90 feet; thence go south 89"50"29" east a distance of 220.00 feet; thence go South 70"50"04" East a distance of 89.97 feet to a point an the Northwesterly line of Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 30 West, Escambia County, Florida; thence go South 25"43"39" West along the aforesaid line a distance of 308.51 feet; thence go South 89"39"20" West a distance of 655.73 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above described parcel of land is situated in Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 30 West, Escambia County, Florida and contains 7,64 acres.