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March 15, 2006

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

IN RE: UNITY WOODS AT AMELIA ISLAND, LLC
UNITY WOODS AT AMELIA ISLAND HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC. (A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR
PROFIT)

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed our check in the amount of \$206.76 to cover fees for the following referenced above:

- 1. Unity Woods At Amelia Island, LLC filing fee of \$100.00;
- Unity Woods At Amelia Island, LLC Registered Agent fee of \$25.00;
- 3. Unity Woods At Amelia Island Homeowners Association, Inc., \$81.75 for filing, Registered Agent Designation & certified copy.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and if you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 772/873-5900. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Evett L. Simmons, Esquire

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SECRETARY OF STATE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA OF

UNITY WOODS AT AMELIA ISLAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (A Florida Corporation Not For Profit)

In order to form a corporation not for profit under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned hereby incorporates this corporation not for profit for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter set forth and, to that end, the undersigned, by these Articles of Incorporation, certifies as follows:

ARTICLE I NAME

- 1.1 Name. The name of this corporation shall be UNITY WOODS AT AMELIA ISLAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit, whose principal address and mailing address is Suite 200, 145 NW Central Park Plaza, Port St, Lucie, Florida 34986.
- 1.2 <u>Definitions.</u> The words used in these Articles shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Association, (said Declaration, as amended, renewed, or extended from time to time, is hereinafter referred to as the "Declaration").

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The purpose for which the Association is organized is to engage as a non-profit organization in protecting the value of the property of the Members of the Association, to exercise all the powers and privileges, and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration which is to be recorded in the public records of Nassau County, Florida, including, without limitation, the establishment and enforcement of the payment of assessments and other charges contained therein, and to engage in such other lawful activities as may be to the mutual benefit of the Members and their property.

ARTICLE III POWERS

The Association shall have all of the powers set forth in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, including, without limitation, the following powers:

A. 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, the Declaration, or the By-Laws of the Association.

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- B. The Association shall have all of the powers granted to the Association in the Unity Woods at Amelia Island Documents. All of the provisions of the Declaration and Bylaws which grant powers to the Association are incorporated into these Articles.
- C. The Association shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to, the following:
- 1. To make and collect assessments against Members to defray the costs and expenses of the Association property.
 - 2. To use the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- 3. To purchase, own, hold, lease, maintain, repair, replace, improve, operate and convey the property of the Association in accordance with the Declaration, and to maintain and operate the water management system as permitted by the St. Johns Water Management District, including all lakes, retention areas, culverts and related appurtenances, if any.
- 4. To purchase insurance upon the property of the Association and insurance for the protection of the Association and its Members, in the amounts required by the Declaration.
- 5. To dedicate or to transfer all or any part of the Association's property to any public agency, authority, community development district or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be approved pursuant to the Declaration.
- 6. To reconstruct the improvements to the Association's property after casualty, and to further improve the Association's properties, as provided in the Declaration.
- 7. To make and amend reasonable Rules and Regulations regarding the use of the property of the Association in accordance with the requirements set forth in the By-Laws.
- 8. To contract for the management of the Association property and to delegate to such contractors all powers and duties of the Association except such as are specifically required by the Declaration to have the approval of the Board or the Membership.
- 9. To employ personnel for reasonable compensation to perform the services required for proper operation and administration of the Association property.
- 10. To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws, and the Rules and Regulations for the use of the Association's property as same may be promulgated, modified, or amended from time to time by the Association.
- 11. To pay taxes and assessments, which are liens against any part of the Association's property.
- 12. To pay the cost of all power, water, sewer, waste collection, and other utility services rendered to the property of the Association, and not billed to Unit Owners.

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- 13. To enter any Unit at a reasonable time and upon reasonable notice to make emergency repairs, to avoid waste, or to do such other work reasonably necessary for the proper protection, preservation, or maintenance of Association Property.
- 14. To grant such permits, licenses, and easements over the Common Areas for utilities, roads, and other purposes reasonably necessary or useful to the Association.
- 15. To designate portions of the Common Areas for commercial uses to the extent permitted by the Declaration.
- 16. To do such other things as may be necessary in order to perform the duties and to exercise the powers provided for the Association in the Declaration.
- D. <u>Funds and Title to Properties</u>. All funds and the titles of all properties acquired by the Association and their proceeds shall be held in trust for the Members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, and the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERS AND VOTING

- 4.1. <u>Members</u>. The Members of the Association shall consist of all of the record owners of Units in Unity Woods at Amelia Island.
- 4.2. <u>Change of Membership</u>. Change of Membership in the Association shall be established by recording in the public records of the County, a deed or other instrument establishing record title to a Unit at Unity Woods at Amelia Island, and the delivery to the Association of a copy of such instrument. The owner designated by such instrument thus becomes a Member of the Association, and the Membership of the prior owner is terminated as of the date of recording of such instrument.
- 4,3. <u>Transfer of Membership</u>. The share of a Member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated, or transferred in any manner except upon the transfer of title of his Unit.
- 4.4. <u>Voting</u>. The owner of each Unit shall be entitled to one vote as a Member of the Association, except as provided herein. The exact number of votes to be cast by Members and the manner of exercising voting rights, shall be determined by the By-Laws; subject, however, to the terms and conditions of the Declaration
 - 4.5. Membership Class. The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:
- A. "Class A Members" shall be all Members, with the exception of Dechrant while Declarant is a Class B Member, each of whom shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Unit owned.

- B. "Class B Members" shall be Declarant, who shall be entitled to three times the total number of votes of the Class A Members plus one. Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership upon the earlier to occur of the following events ("Turnover Date"):
- (i) Three (3) months after the conveyance of ninety percent (90%) of the "Total Developed Units" (as defined in Article IX.C hereof) by Declarant, as evidenced by the recording of instruments of conveyance of such Units amongst the Public Records of the County; or
- (ii) As such time as Declarant shall designate in writing to the Association.

On the Turnover Date, Class A Members, including Declarant, shall assume control of the Association and elect not less than a majority of the Board.

- C. The designation of different classes of membership are for purposes of establishing the number of votes applicable to certain Units, and nothing herein shall be deemed to require voting solely by an individual class on any matter which requires the vote of Members, unless otherwise specifically set forth in the Unity Woods at Amelia Island Documents.
- D. There shall be only one (1) vote for each Unit, except for the Class B Members as set forth herein. If there is more than one Member with respect to a Unit as a result of the fee interest in such Unit being held by more than one person, such Members collectively shall be entitled to only one (1) vote. The vote of the Owners of a Unit owned by more than one natural person or by a corporation or other legal entity shall be cast by the person named in a certificate signed by all of the Owners of the Unit, or, if appropriate, by properly designated officers, partners or principals of the respective legal entity ("Voting Member"), and filed with the Secretary of the Association, and such certificate shall be valid until revoked by a subsequent certificate. If such a certificate is not filed with the Secretary of the Association, the vote of such Unit shall not be considered for a quorum or for any other purpose.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, whenever any Unit is owned by a husband and wife they may, but shall not be required to, designate a Voting Member. In the event a certificate designating a Voting Member is not filed by the husband and wife, the following provisions shall govern their right to vote:

- 1. When both are present at a meeting, each shall be regarded as the agent and proxy of the other for purposes of casting the vote for each Unit owned by them. In the event they are unable to concur in their decision upon any topic requiring a vote, they shall lose their right to vote on that topic at that meeting, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.
- 2. When only one (1) spouse is present at a meeting, the person present may cast the Unit vote without establishing the concurrence of the other spouse, absent any prior written notice to the contrary by the other spouse. In the event of prior written notice to the contrary to the

Association by the other spouse, the vote of said Unit shall not be considered, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.

- 3. When neither spouse is present, the person designated in a "Proxy" (as defined in the Bylaws) signed by either spouse may cast the Unit vote, when voting by Proxy is allowed, absent any prior written notice to the contrary to the Association by the other spouse or the designation of a different Proxy by the other spouse. In the event of prior written notice to the contrary to the Association or the designation of a different Proxy by the other spouse, the vote of said Unit shall not be considered, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.
- I. A quorum shall consist of persons entitled to cast at least thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes of the Members.

ARTICLE V TERM

The term for which this Association is to exist shall be perpetual. In the event of dissolution of the Association (unless same is reinstated), other than incident to a merger or consolidation, all of the assets of the Association shall be conveyed to a similar homeowners association or a public agency having a similar purpose, or any Member may petition the appropriate circuit court of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties in the place and stead of the dissolved Association and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties.

ARTICLE VI INCORPORATOR

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

Unity Woods at Amelia Island, LLC 145 NW Central Park Plaza, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the President of the Association, assisted by the Vice President(s), Secretary and Treasurer, and, if any, by the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer(s), subject to the directions of the Board. Except for officers elected prior to the Turnover Date, officers must be Members, or the parents, children or spouses of Members.

The Board shall elect the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall, from time to time, determine. The President shall be elected from amongst the membership of the Board, but no other officer need be a PSL:18521:4

Director. The same person may hold two offices, the duties of which are not incompatible; provided, however, the office of President and a Vice President shall not be held by the same person, nor shall the office of President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary be held by the same person.

ARTICLE VIII FIRST OFFICERS

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of officers by the Board are as follows:

President Vice President Secretary -

Treasurer -

Evett L. SimmonsRose A. WilliamsPadrick A. Pinkney

Deirdre W. Smith

ARTICLE IX BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The number of Directors on the first Board of Directors of the Association ("First Board") and the "Initial Elected Board" (as hereinafter defined) shall be four (4). The number of Directors elected by the Members subsequent to the "Declarant's Resignation Event" (as hereinafter defined) shall be not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7), as the Board shall from time to time determine prior to each meeting at which Directors are to be elected. Except for Declarant-appointed Directors, Directors must be Members or the parents, children or spouses of Members. There shall be only one (1) vote for each Director.

B. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors on the First Board are as follows:

NAMES ADDRESSES

Evett L. Simmons

7843 Sabal Lake Drive

Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

Padrick A. Pinkney

211 SE Village Drive

Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

Deirdre W. Smith

17565 71st Lane, North Loxahatchee, Florida 33470

Rose A. Williams

796 Grove Park Circle

Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

Declarant reserves the right to replace and/or designate and elect successor Directors to serve on the First Board for so long as the First Board is to serve, as hereinafter provided.

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- C. For purposes of this paragraph, "Total Developed Units" shall mean the ten (10) Developed Units which Declarant intends to develop in Unity Woods at Amelia Island. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant has reserved the right in the Declaration to modify its plan of development for Unity Woods at Amelia Island and to add land to and withdraw land from Unity Woods at Amelia Island and, therefore, the total number of Lots and Homes within Unity Woods at Amelia Island, and thus the term "Total Developed Lots," may refer to a number greater or lesser than ten (10). The number of Units added to or withdrawn from Unity Woods at Amelia Island and the revised number of "Total Developed Units" will be set forth in a Supplemental Declaration recorded in the County if additional land is added to or withdrawn from Unity Woods at Amelia Island.
- D. Upon the Turnover Date, the Members other than Declarant ("Purchaser Members") shall be entitled to elect not less than a majority of the Board. The election of not less than a majority of the Board by the Purchaser Members shall occur at a special meeting of the membership to be called by the Board for such purpose ("Initial Election Meeting"). The First Board shall serve until the Initial Election Meeting.
- E. At the Initial Election Meeting, Purchaser Members, who shall include all Members other than Declarant, the number of which may change from time to time, shall elect two (2) of the Directors, and Declarant, until the Declarant's Resignation Event, shall be entitled to designate one (1) Director (same constituting the "Initial Elected Board"). Declarant reserves and shall have the right, until the Declarant's Resignation Event, to name the successor, if any, to any Director it has so designated.
- F. The Board shall continue to be so designated and elected, as described in Paragraph E above, at each subsequent "Annual Members' Meeting" (as defined in the Bylaws), until the Annual Members' Meeting following the Declarant's Resignation Event or until a Purchaser Member-elected Director is removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

A Director (other than a Declarant-appointed Director) may be removed from office upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting interests of Purchaser Members for any reason deemed to be in the best interests of the Purchaser Members. A meeting of the Purchaser Members to so remove a Director (other than a Declarant-appointed Director) shall be held upon the written request of ten percent (10%) of the Purchaser Members.

- G. The Initial Election Meeting shall be called by the Association, through the Board, within sixty (60) days after the Purchaser Members are entitled to elect a majority of Directors as provided in Paragraph D hereof. A notice of meeting shall be forwarded to all Members in accordance with the Bylaws; provided, however, that the Members shall be given at least fourteen (14) days' notice of such meeting. The notice shall also specify the number of Directors which shall be elected by the Purchaser Members and the remaining number of Directors designated by Declarant.
- H. Upon the earlier to occur of the following events ("Declarant's Resignation Event"), Declarant shall cause all of its designated Directors to resign:
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- 1. When Declarant no longer holds at least five percent (5%) of the Total Developed Units for sale in the ordinary course of business and all Units sold by Declarant have been conveyed as evidenced by the recording of instruments of conveyance of such Units in the Public Records of the County; or
- 2. When Declarant causes the voluntary resignation of all of the Directors designated by Declarant and does not designate replacement Directors.

Upon Declarant's Resignation Event, the Directors elected by Purchaser Members shall elect a successor Director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation or removal of Declarant's designated Director. This successor Director shall serve until the next Annual Members' Meeting and until his successor is elected and qualified. In the event Declarant's Resignation Event occurs prior to the Initial Election Meeting, the Initial Election Meeting shall be called in the manner set forth in Paragraph G of this Article X, and all of the Directors shall be elected by the Purchaser Members at such meeting.

I. The resignation of a Director who has been designated by Declarant or the resignation of an officer of the Association who has been elected by the First Board shall be deemed to remise, release, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge such officer or Director of and from any and all manner of action(s), cause(s) of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which the Association or Purchaser Members had, now have or will have or which any personal representative, successor, heir or assign of the Association or Purchaser Members hereafter can, shall or may have against said officer or Director for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the day of such resignation, except for such Director's or officer's willful misconduct or gross negligence.

ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

Each and every Director and officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all costs, expenses and liabilities, including attorney and paralegal fees at all trial and appellate levels and post-judgment proceedings, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any negotiation, proceeding, arbitration, litigation or settlement in which he becomes involved by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, and the foregoing provision for indemnification shall apply whether or not such person is a Director or officer at the time such cost, expense or liability is incurred. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of any such settlement, the indemnification provisions provided in this Article XI shall not be automatic and shall apply only when the Board approves such settlement and reimbursement for the costs and expenses of such settlement as being in the best interest of the Association, and in the event a Director or officer admits that he is or is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties, the indemnification provisions of this Article XI shall not apply. The foregoing right of indemnification provided in this Article XI shall be in addition to

and not exclusive of any and all rights of indemnification to which a Director or officer of the Association may be entitled under statute or common law.

ARTICLE XI BYLAWS

The By-Laws of the Association may be adopted, amended, altered, or rescinded as provided therein; provided, however, that at no time shall the By-Laws conflict with these Articles or the Declaration, and provided further, that no amendment, alteration, or rescission may be made which adversely affects the rights and privileges of any Institutional Mortgagee, without the prior written consent of the Institutional Mortgagee so affected, and provided further that until the Transfer Date no amendments, alterations or rescissions of the By-Laws shall be effective unless the Developer shall have joined in and consented thereto in writing. Any attempt to amend, alter, or rescind contrary to these prohibitions shall be of no force or effect.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

- A. Prior to the First Conveyance, these Articles may be amended by an instrument in writing signed by the incorporator of these Articles and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.
- B. After the First Conveyance, and prior to the Turnover Date, these Articles may be amended solely by a majority vote of the Board, without the prior written consent of the Members, at a duly called meeting of the Board.
 - C. After the Turnover Date, these Articles may be amended in the following manner:
- 1. (a) The Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members, which may be at either the Annual Members' Meeting or a special meeting. Any number of proposed amendments may be submitted to the Members and voted upon by them at one meeting.
- (b) Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Member within the time and in the manner provided in the Bylaws for the giving of notice of meetings.
- (c) At such meeting, a vote of the Members shall be taken on the proposed amendment(s). The proposed amendment(s) shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting interests.
- 2. An amendment may be adopted by a written statement (in lieu of a meeting) signed by all Members and all members of the Board setting forth their intention that an amendment to the Articles be adopted.

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- D. These Articles may not be amended without the written consent of a majority of the members of the Board.
- Notwithstanding any provisions of this Article XII to the contrary, these Articles shall E. not be amended in any manner which shall prejudice the rights of: (i) Declarant, without the prior written consent thereto by Declarant, for so long as Declarant holds either a leasehold interest in or title to at least one (1) Unit; and (ii) any "Institutional Mortgagee" (as such term is defined in the Declaration) without the prior written consent of such Institutional Mortgagee.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article XII, no amendment to these F. Articles shall be adopted which shall abridge, amend or alter the rights of Declarant hereunder, including, but not limited to, Declarant's right to designate and select members of the First Board or otherwise designate and select Directors as provided in Article IX hereof, nor shall any amendment be adopted or become effective without the prior written consent of Declarant.
- Any instrument amending these Articles shall identify the particular article or articles being amended and shall provide a reasonable method to identify the amendment being made. A certified copy of each such amendment shall be attached to any certified copy of these Articles, and a copy of each amendment certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County.

ARTICLE XIII REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Association is 145 NW Central Park Plaza, Suite 200, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986 and the initial registered agent of the Association at that address shall be Evett L. Simmon's, Esquire.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has hereunto affixed his signature, this 15 day of March 2006.

Evett L. Simmons, Member Manager,

Unity Woods at Amelia Island, LLC.

The undersigned hereby accepts the designation of Registered Agent as set forth in Article XIV of these Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledges that she is familiar with and accepts the obligations imposed upon registered agents under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act.

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EVETT L. SIMMONS Printed Name
Dated: 3-15-06
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knowledged before me this 5 day of March 2006, by F

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5 day of March 2006, by Evett L. Simmons, Managing Member of Unity Woods at Amelia Island, LLC, the party described as the Incorporator of these Articles who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, who is personally known to me or who has produced ______ as identification.

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Printed, Typed or Stamped Notary Name

My Commission Expires:

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE