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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MANCHESTER OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY. HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (A Corporation Not For Profit)

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#### ARTICLE I - NAME

This corporation shall be known as MANCHESTER OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, HOMEOWNERS A 3SOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "ASSOCIATION." The principal office of the ASSOCIATION shall be located at 5508-B North "W" Street, Pensacola, Florida 32505, but meetings of the members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Florida, County of Escambia, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICL: II - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The address of the initial registered office is 5508-B North "W" Street, Pensacola, Florida 32505. 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 Bail Morris.

#### 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 follow 3, to-wit:

See Exhibit "A".

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:

- a. Exerc se all of the powers and privileges and perform all of the duties and obligations of the / SSOCIATION 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, le vy, collect, and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments purs ant 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 AS SOCIATION, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed a jainst 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. Borro v money and, with the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trut t, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowe I or debts incurred;
- e. Dedic ate, sell, or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, in utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the niembers; no such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument has be an signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members agreeing to such dedication, sale, or transfer;
- f. Partic pate 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 except that for a period of two years after recording the plat, the Declar int may annex additional property as provided in the DECLARATION:
- 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 - C UALIFICATION 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 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, do as not have the authority to act for the ASSOCIATION solely by virtue of being a member

#### ARTI: LE V - VOTING RIGHTS/TRANSITION OF CONTROL

The ASSOC ATION shall have two classes of voting membership:

<u>Class A.</u> 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 ho ds an interest in a lot, then the vote attributable to such lot shall be exercised as they cetermine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any lot.

Class B members shall be the Declarant, as defined in the DECLARATION, who 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 he total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership.

Notwithstant ing the foregoing, members other than the Declarant (which excludes builders, contracto s, or others who purchase a Lot for the purpose of constructing improvements then on for resale) are entitled to elect at least a majority of the members of Board of Directors incree months after ninety percent (90%) of the Lots in the Subdivision have been conveyed to members.

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

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 there after be reinstituted on December 31, 2010.

#### ARTICLE VI - TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### **ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is Gail Morris, 5508-B North "W" Street, Pensacola, Florida 32505.

#### 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 Preside 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:

- Gail Morris
   5508-B North "W" Street
   Pensacola, Florida 32505
- 2. David Barnes 5508-B North "W" Street Pensacola, Florida 32505
- 3. William A. Moore 8900 Hwy. 98 West Pensacola, Florida 32506

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

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

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

President:

Gail Morris

Vice President:

David Barnes

Secretary/T easurer:

William A. Moore

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

#### ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

The ASSOC IATION 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 ai propriate 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 of other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

#### 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.

Amendment 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 Declarant until after five (5) years from date of filling these Articles of Incorpor ition 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 at d 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 add Ional properties (except as provided in the DECLARATION), mergers and consolidation, mortgaging of common area, dedication of common area, and dissolution and an endment of these Articles.

IN WITNELS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned subscribing incorporator, have hereunto set my h and and seal this day of MARCH. 2008, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Gail Morris Incorporator

STATE OF FLOR DA

COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing was acknowledged before me this 24 day of MARCH 2006, by Gail Moi is, who personally appeared before me and is personally known to me.

NOTARY PUBLIC

OFFICIAL SEAL
CHERYL A. ODOM
Notary Public, State of Florida
Comm No. DD 276199
Ty comm. expires Dec. 21, 2007

#### RESIDENT AGENT'S CERTIFICATE

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

MANC HESTER OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, 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 Pensacola, Escambia County, I lorida, has named Gall Morris, 5508-B North "W" Street, Pensacola, Florida 32505, as it agent to accept service of process within this State.

#### Acknowledgment and Acceptance

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

Gall Morris

This instrument Prepare I By; Phillip A. Pugh Emmanuel Sheppard & Condon 30 South Spring Street Penascola, FL 32502

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