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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

#### ST. RAPHAEL PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned, who is a resident of the State of Florida and who is of full age, has this day voluntarily associated himself for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit and does hereby certify:

## ARTICLE I NAME OF CORPORATION

**Section 1.01.** The name of the corporation is:

ST. RAPHAEL PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 2.01. The principal office of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. is:

695 SW Riverbend Circle Stuart, FL 34997

#### ARTICLE III REGISTERED AGENT

Section 3.01. Thomas H. Plummer, whose address is 4405 SW 72nd Avenue, Palm City, Florida 34990, is hereby appointed the initial Registered Agent of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc.

## ARTICLE IV PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 4.01. <u>Purposes</u>. The St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members. The specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for (a) ownership, operation, maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas, the improvements thereon and the Common Properties; (b) perform the duties delegated to it in the Declaration; (c) administer the interests of the Association and the Member Owners; and (d)

to promote the health, safety and welfare of the Owner Members within that certain tract of property described in the Plat of St. Raphael Subdivision to be recorded in the public records of Martin County, Florida, and any replat of St. Raphael Subdivision or any portion thereof, as may be brought within the jurisdiction of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. for this purpose.

- **Section 4.02.** Powers. St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. shall have the following powers which shall be governed by the following provisions:
- A. St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a non-profit corporation, which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles, the Declaration or the Bylaws.
- **B.** St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in the Declaration, except as limited by these Articles, and all powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate and administer St. Raphael pursuant to the Declaration, including but not limited to the following:
- 1. Exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc., as set forth in the Declaration, and as the Declaration may be further amended from time to time as therein provided;
- 2. 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 St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc.;
- 3. Collect bulk cable television payments for the benefit of cable television providers.
- 4. 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 St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc.;
- 5. Borrow money, and with the assent of five-eighths (5/8) of the 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;
- 6. Dedicate, grant easements, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas of St. Raphael 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 five-eighths (5/8) of the Members, agreeing to such dedication, sale or transfer;

- 7. Participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional residential property and Common Area, provided that any such merger, consolidation or annexation shall have the assent of five-eighths (5/8) of the members;
- 8. To use the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties;
- 9. To maintain, repair, replace, manage and operate the Common Areas and Common Properties of St. Raphael;
- 10. To purchase insurance upon the property of St. Raphael and insurance for the protection of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc.;
- 11. To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations respecting the use of the properties at St. Raphael; provided however, that after the Turnover Date, all such rules and regulations and amendments thereto shall be approved by not less than sixty-two and one-half (62.5%) percent of the votes of the entire membership of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc., before the same shall become effective;
- 12. To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and the rules and regulations, if any, for use of the properties at St. Raphael;
- 13. To contract for the management of the properties at St. Raphael and to delegate to such contractor all powers and duties of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. except such as are specifically required by the Declaration to have the approval of Directors or the membership;
- 14. To employ personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of the St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc.;
- 15. To acquire or enter into (prior or subsequent to the recording of the Declaration) agreements whereby it acquires leaseholds, memberships or other possessory or use interest in real and personal property;
- 16. To purchase Lots and Units in St. Raphael and to acquire and hold, mortgage and convey the same, subject however, to the provisions of the Declaration and Bylaws relative thereto;

- 17. Have and exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.
- Section 4.03. <u>Assets Held in Trust</u>. All funds and properties acquired by St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. and the proceeds thereof shall be held in trust for the Members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc.
- Section 4.04. <u>Limitation on Exercise of Powers</u>. The powers of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration and the Bylaws of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc.

#### ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Section 5.01. Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot or Unit in St. Raphael, shall be a member of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. 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 or Unit at St. Raphael.

#### ARTICLE VI VOTING RIGHTS

Section 6.01. St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. shall have one (1) class of voting membership who shall be all persons or entities holding fee simple title to any Lot or Unit in St. Raphael and who shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot or Unit owned by the Member, as to matters on which the membership is entitled to vote, which vote may be exercised or cast by the Member in such manner as may be provided in the Bylaws of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. When more than one (1) person holds the ownership interest required for membership, all such persons shall be Members and each vote shall be exercised as they, among themselves, determine; provided however, that in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to each Lot or Unit. With respect to each Lot or Unit owned by other than a natural person or persons, the Member shall file with the Secretary of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc., a notice, designating the name of an individual who shall be authorized to cast the vote of the Member. In the absence of such designation, the Owner shall not be entitled to vote on any matters coming before the membership. The DECLARANT and DEVELOPER are exempt from this notice requirement. The manner of exercising voting rights shall be determined by the Bylaws of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc.

#### ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 7.01. <u>Board of Directors</u>. The affairs of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc., shall be managed by a Board of three (3) Directors, who need not be members of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc.

Section 7.02. <u>Election of Directors</u>. The Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Members in the manner determined by the Bylaws of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc.

Section 7.03. First Election of Directors. The first annual election of Directors by the membership shall not be held until DECLARANT, or DECLARANT'S ASSIGNEE, has closed the sale of all Lots or Units within St. Raphael, or until DECLARANT or DECLARANT's assignee (or DEVELOPER in an authority subordinate to DECLARANT'S authority) elects to terminate its control of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc., or until that point in time for the transition of the Association control set forth in Florida Statutes §720.307, whichever occurs first. The Directors named in these Articles shall serve until such election and any vacancies in their number occurring before the first election shall be filled by the remaining Directors. The transfer of control of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc., by the DECLARANT or the DEVELOPER to the members shall be as provided in the Declaration. At the first annual meeting, the members shall elect three (3) Directors for a term of one (1) year each, subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes §720.307.

Section 7.04. <u>Initial Board of Directors</u>. The names and residence addresses of the members of the Initial Board of Directors who shall hold office at the pleasure of the DECLARANT are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
THOMAS H. PLUMMER	695 SW Riverbend Circle Stuart, FL 34997
JEROME PLUMMER	6352 Duckweed Road Lake Worth, FL 33467
ROBERT NOFSINGER	695 SW Riverbend Circle Stuart, FL 34997

Section 7.05. <u>Term of Succeeding Directors</u>. Succeeding Directors serving on the Board of Directors shall hold office until qualified successors have taken office or been appointed by DECLARANT.

#### ARTICLE VIII **OFFICERS**

Section 8.01. The affairs of the St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. shall be determined by the officers designated in the Bylaws. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first Board of Directors' meeting held after December 1st of each year and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The names and addressed of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

President

THOMAS H. PLUMMER

Vice President

JEROME PLUMMER

Secretary/Treasurer ROBERT NOFSINGER

Section 8.02. Election and Appointment of Officers. The officers of the Association, in accordance with any applicable provision of the Bylaws, shall be elected by the Board of Directors for terms of one (1) year and thereafter until qualified successors are duly elected and have taken office. The Bylaws may provide for the method of voting in the Board of Directors' election, for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies and for the duties of the officers. The President and Vice President shall be Directors; other officers may or may not be Directors of the Association. If the office of President shall become vacant for any reason, or if the President shall be unable or unavailable to act, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office or perform its duties and exercise its powers. If any office shall become vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors may elect or appoint an individual to fill such vacancy.

#### ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

Section 9.01. St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. 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 St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purpose. The provisions of this Article IX shall be subject to any court supervised dissolution pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

## ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

Section 10.01. <u>Indemnification</u>. Every Director and every officer of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon the Director or officer in connection with any proceeding or any settlement of any proceeding to which he or she may be a party, or in which he or she may become involved by reason of being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, whether or not he or she is a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except when the Director or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance in the performance of his or her duties; provided that in the event of a settlement the indemnification shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being for the best interests of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Director or officer may be entitled.

#### ARTICLE XI BYLAWS

Section 11.01. <u>Bylaws</u>. The Bylaws of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. shall be adopted by the Initial Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XII DURATION

Section 12.01. The corporation shall exist perpetually.

## ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

Section 13.01. <u>Amendment by Members</u>. Amendment of these Articles shall require the assent of three-fourths (3/4) of the membership. Amendments shall be proposed by resolution approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 13.02. <u>Amendment by DECLARANT</u>. The DECLARANT may amend these Articles at any time that it shall be in control of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. without the consent of the Members. The DECLARANT may amend the Articles even after it is no longer in control of St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc. without the consent or approval of the Members, to correct any scrivener's error. In that regard, the DECLARANT shall be the sole judge of what constitutes a scrivener's error.

#### ARTICLE IV LIMITATIONS

Section 14.01. <u>Declaration is Paramount</u>. No amendment may be made to these Articles which shall in any manner reduce, amend, affect or modify the terms, conditions, provisions, rights and obligations set forth in the Declaration.

Section 14.2. <u>Rights of Declarant</u>. There shall be no amendment to these Articles which shall abridge, reduce, amend, effect or modify the rights of Declarant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, constituting the incorporator of "St. Raphael Property Owners Association, Inc." has executed these Articles of Incorporation, this day of May, 2006.

INCORPORATOR:

THOMAS H. PLUMMER

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by THOMAS H. PLUMMER, as Incorporator of ST. RAPHAEL PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, who is personally known to me, this day of May, 2006.

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#### CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as Registered Agent for the Corporation with offices as designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned accepts such designation.

REGISTERED GENT:

THOMAS H. PLUMMER

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