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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE HAWTHORNE HIGHLANDS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. a Florida corporation not-for-profit

In order to form a corporation under the Laws of Florida for the formation of corporations not-for-profit, we, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves into a corporation for the purposes and with the powers herein specified, and to that end we do, by these Articles of Incorporation, set forth:

ARTICLE I

<u>NAME</u>

The name of the corporation shall be The Hawthorne Highlands Condominium Association, Inc. ("Association").

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is the administration, operation and management of a condominium known as The Hawthorne Highlands, a Condominium (the "Condominium") as the same may now or hereafter be constituted, which Condominium is established pursuant to the Declaration of Condominium for The Hawthorne Highlands, a Condominium (the "Declaration") in accordance with the Florida Condominium Act, Chapter 718, Florida Statutes (the "Act"). The Association shall undertake the performance of and shall carry out the acts and duties incident to the administration, operation, and management of the Condominium in accordance with the terms, provisions and authorizations contained herein, in the Bylaws established pursuant to the requirements of these Articles, and in the Declaration of Condominium that will be recorded in the public records of Clay County, Florida, and further, may exercise all powers granted to a condominium association under the Act. In addition, the Association may acquire, own, operate, lease, sell, trade, or otherwise deal with any property, real or personal, as may become part of the Condominium ("Condominium Property") and as may be necessary or convenient for the administration of the Condominium. All defined terms contained these Articles shall have the same meanings as such terms are defined by the Declaration.

ARTICLE III

POWERS AND DUTIES

The Association shall have the following powers:

- All of the powers and privileges granted to corporations not-for-profit under the law pursuant to which this Corporation is chartered.
- В. All of the powers reasonably necessary to implement and effectuate the purposes of the Association including, without limitation, the power, authority and right to:
- Make and establish reasonable rules and regulations governing use of the Units, Common Elements, and Limited Common Elements in and of the Condominium, as such terms will be defined in the Declaration.
- 2. Levy and collect assessments against members of the Association to defray the Common Expenses of the Condominium, as provided in the Declaration and the Bylaws including, without limitation, the right to levy and collect assessments for the purposes of (i) acquiring, owning, holding, operating, leasing, encumbering, selling, conveying, exchanging, managing, and otherwise dealing with the Condominium Property, including Units, which may be necessary or convenient in the operation and management of the Condominium, (ii) operating, maintaining, and repairing the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, and (iii) accomplishing the purposes set forth in the Declaration generally.
- Maintain, repair, replace, operate, and manage the Condominium Property, including the right to reconstruct improvements after casualty and to further improve and add to the Condominium Property.
- Contract for the management of the Condominium and, in connection therewith, to delegate any and/or all of the powers and duties of the Association to the extent and in the manner permitted by the Declaration, the Bylaws, and the Act.
- Enforce the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, the Bylaws, and all rules and regulations governing use of the Condominium that may hereafter be established.
- Exercise, undertake, and accomplish all of the rights, duties, and obligations that may be granted to, or imposed upon, the Association in the Declaration and the Act.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications of members, manner of their admission to and termination of membership and voting by members shall be as follows:

- A. The owners of all Units in the Condominium shall be members of the Association and no other persons or entitles shall be entitled to membership.
- B. Membership shall be established by the acquisition of a fee title to a Unit in the Condominium, or by acquisition of a fee ownership interest therein, by voluntary conveyance or operation of law, and the membership of any person or entity shall be automatically terminated when such person or entity is divested of all title or his entire fee ownership in such Unit; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as terminating the membership of any person or entity owning fee title to or a fee ownership interest in two (2) or more Units at any time while such person or entity shall retain fee title to or a fee ownership interest in any one Unit.
- C. The interest of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated, or transferred in any manner, except as an appurtenance to the Unit(s) owned by such member. The funds and assets of the Association shall be expended, held, or used only for the benefit of the membership and for the purposes authorized herein, in the Declaration and in the Bylaws.
- D. On all matters upon which the membership is entitled to vote as hereinafter provided, there shall be one, and only one, vote for each Unit in the Condominium, which vote may be exercised or cast by the owner(s) of each Unit as provided for in the Bylaws. Should any member own more than one Unit, such member shall be entitled to exercise or cast one vote for each such Unit, in the manner provided for in the Bylaws.
- E. Until such time as the parcel of real property within the Condominium Property and the improvements now and/or to be constructed thereon are submitted to the Condominium form of ownership by recordation of a Declaration of Condominium therefor in the public records of Clay County, Florida, the membership of the Association shall be comprised of the members of the first Board of Directors as set forth in these Articles, each of whom shall be entitled to cast a vote on all matters upon which the membership would be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE V

EXISTENCE

Existence of the Association shall commence with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Florida. The Association shall have perpetual existence unless the Condominium is terminated pursuant to the provisions of its Declaration, in which event the Association shall be dissolved in accordance with law.

ARTICLE VI

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Association shall be located at 2020 Wells Road, Orange Park, Florida 32073, but the Association may maintain offices and transact business in such places, within or without the State of Florida, as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

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, the Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, who shall perform the duties of such offices customarily performed by like officers of corporations in the State of Florida subject to the directions of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, and Assistant Treasurers as the Board of Directors shall deem advisable from time to time. The President shall be elected from the membership of the Board of Directors, but no other officer need be a Director. The same person may hold two offices, the duties of which are not incompatible; provided, however, that the office of the President and 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. Officers shall be elected annually.

The officers of the Association, who shall hold office until their successors are elected pursuant to these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, and have qualified, shall be the following:

President Fred LeBed
Vice President Mark Kehoskie
Treasurer Arjun Rangarajan
Secretary Arjun Rangarajan

Officers of the Association may be compensated in the manner to be provided in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors, or the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, may employ a managing agent, agency, and/or other managerial and supervisory personnel or entity to administer or assist in the administration of the operation and management of the Condominium and the affairs of the Association, and any and all such persons and/or entity or entities may be so employed without regard to whether any such person or entity is a member of the Association or a Director or officer of the Association, as the case may be.

ARTICLE VIII

DIRECTORS

The number of members of the Board of Directors shall be not less than three (3). The initial members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Developer. When Unit Owners other than the Developer own 15 percent or more of the Units in the Condominium that will be operated ultimately by the Association, the Unit Owners, other than the Developer, shall be entitled to elect no less than one-third of the members of the Board of Directors of the Association. Unit Owners other than the Developer are entitled to elect not less than a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Association upon the first to occur of: (i) three years after 50 percent of the Units that will be operated ultimately by the Association have been conveyed to purchasers; (ii) three months after 90 percent of the Units that will be operated ultimately by the Association have been conveyed to purchasers; (iii) when all the Units that will be operated ultimately by the Association have been completed, some of them have been conveyed to purchasers, and none of the others are being offered for sale by the Developer in the ordinary course of business; (iv) when some of the Units have been conveyed to purchasers and none of the others are being constructed or offered for sale by the Developer in the ordinary course of business; or (v) seven years after recordation of the Declaration of Condominium. The Developer is entitled to elect at least one member of the Board of Directors of the Association as long as the Developer holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least 5 percent of the Units in the Condominium operated by the Association. After Unit Owners other than the Developer elect a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, the Developer shall, within a reasonable time and in a manner to be provided in the Bylaws and the Act. relinquish control of the Association and shall deliver to the Association all property of the Unit Owners and the Association held or controlled by the Developer. Following the time the Developer relinquishes control of the Association, the Developer may exercise the right to vote any Developerowned Units in the same manner as any other Unit Owner except for purposes of reacquiring control of the Association or selecting the majority members of the Board of Directors. Meetings for the election of members of the Board of Directors shall be held annually, in a manner to be provided in the Bylaws.

The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who, subject to the provisions of the laws of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, shall hold office for the first year of the Association's corporate existence, and thereafter until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

Fred LeBed 101 Burr Ridge Parkway Suite 306 Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Mark Kehoskie 101 Burr Ridge Parkway Suite 306 Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Arjun Rangarajan 101 Burr Ridge Parkway Suite 306 Burr Ridge, IL 60527

ARTICLE IX

INCORPORATOR

The Incorporator under these Articles of Incorporation and his respective address, is set forth below:

Arjun Rangarajan 101 Burr Ridge Parkway Suite 306 Burr Ridge, IL 60527

ARTICLE X

BYLAWS

The original Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Association at a meeting at which a majority of the Board of Directors is present, and, thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered or rescinded only by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast by members of the Association.

ARTICLE XI

INDEMNIFICATION

Every Director and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, whether or not he is a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the Director or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided, that in the event any claim for reimbursement or indemnification hereunder is based upon a settlement by the Director or officer seeking such reimbursement or indemnification, the indemnification herein shall only apply if the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in 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 XII

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES

An amendment or amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by the Board of Directors of the Association acting upon a vote of the majority of the Directors, or by the members of the Association owning a majority of the Units in the Condominium, whether meeting as members or by instrument in writing signed by them. Upon any amendment or amendments to these Articles of Incorporation being proposed by the Board of Directors or members, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be adopted by a Resolution of the Board of Directors setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at an annual or special meeting of the members. Such resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the Association or the acting chief-executive officer in the absence of the President, who shall thereupon call a special meeting of the members of the Association for a date not sooner than twenty (20) days nor later than sixty (60) days from the receipt by him of the Resolution containing the proposed amendment or amendments, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give each member written notice of such meeting stating the time and place of the meeting and reciting the proposed amendment or amendments in reasonably

detailed form, which notice shall be mailed or presented personally to each member not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date set for such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be properly given when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his Post Office address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid. Any member may, by written waiver of notice signed by such member, waive such notice, and such waiver when filed in the records of the Association, whether before, during or after the holding of the meeting, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice to such member. At such meeting the amendment or amendments proposed must be approved by an affirmative vote of the members owning not less than a majority of the Units in the Condominium in order for such amendment or amendments to become effective. Thereupon, such amendment or amendments of these Articles of Incorporation shall be transcribed and certified in such form as may be necessary to file the same in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. A certified copy of each such amendment of these Articles of Incorporation shall be recorded in the public records of Clay County, Florida, within thirty (30) days from the date on which the same is filed in the office of the Secretary of State. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article XII, no amendment to these Articles of Incorporation which shall abridge, amend or alter the right of Developer to designate and select members of the Board of Directors of the Association, as provided in Article VIII hereof, may be adopted or become effective without the prior written consent of Developer.

ARTICLE XIII

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association may be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration and in accordance with law. In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which would comply with Section 40C-42.027, Florida Administrative Code, and be approved by the District prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator hereof has hereunto set his hand and seal this 2nd day of May, 2006.

Arjun Rangarajan Incorporator

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 48.091, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

THE HAWTHORNE HIGHLANDS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., DESIRING TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT 2020 WELLS ROAD, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073, HAS NAMED LINDAT, JOHNSON, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 30 CLIPPER COURT, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA 32080, AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.

THE HAWTHORNE HIGHLANDS ISLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation

President: Fred LeBed

DATED: May 2, 2006

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

Print Name: ____ Resident Agent

DATED: May 2, 2006

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