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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

MERIDIAN V AT THE OAKS PRESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pursuant to Section 617.02011, Florida Statutes, these Articles of Incorporation are created by Tamela Eady Wiseman, Esquire, of Tamela Wiseman, P.A., 300 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 221, Naples, Florida 34102, as sole incorporator, for the purposes set forth below.

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of the corporation, herein called the "Association", is Meridian V at The Oaks Preserve Condominium Association, Inc. The address of the corporation is 8430 Enterprise Circle, Suite 100, Bradenton, Florida 34202.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND POWERS: The purpose for which the Association is organized is to provide an entity pursuant to the Florida Condominium Act for the operation of Meridian V at The Oaks Preserve, a Condominium, located in Sarasota County, Florida. The Association is organized and shall exist upon a non-stock basis as a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, and no portion of any earnings of the Association shall be distributed or inure to the private benefit of any member, Director or Officer of the Association. For the accomplishment of its purposes, the Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers and duties of a corporation not for profit except as limited or modified by these Articles, the Declaration of Condominium of Meridian V at The Oaks Preserve, a Condominium or Chapter 718 Florida Statutes, as it may hereafter be amended, including but not limited to the following:

- (A) To make and collect assessments against members of the Association to defray the costs, expenses and losses of the Condominium, and to use the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- (B) To protect, maintain, repair, replace and operate the Condominium property.
- (C) To purchase insurance upon the Condominium property and Association property for the protection of the Association and its members.
- (D) To reconstruct improvements after casualty and to make further improvements of the property.

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- (E) To make, amend and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the common elements and Association property and the operation of the Association.
- (F) To approve or disapprove the transfer of ownership, leasing and occupancy of units, as provided by the Declaration of Condominium.
- (G) To enforce the provisions of the Condominium Act, the Declaration of Condominium, these Articles, and the Bylaws and any Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- (H) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Condominium and the Condominium property; to delegate any powers and duties of the Association in connection therewith except such as are specifically required by the law or by the Condominium documents to be exercised by the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association.
- (I) To employ accountants, attorneys, architects, and other professional personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of the Condominium.
- (J) To enter into agreements, or acquire leaseholds, memberships, and other possessory or use interests in lands or facilities such as country clubs, golf courses, marinas, and other recreational facilities. It has the power whether or not the lands or facilities are contiguous to the lands of the Condominium, if they are intended to provide enjoyment, recreation, or other use or benefit to the unit owners.
- (K) To borrow money without limit as to amount if necessary to perform its other functions hereunder.
- (L) To assist, cooperatively with the Florida corporation not for profit established for the purpose of operating the community known as "The Oaks Preserve", in the administration and enforcement of the The Oaks Preserve Covenants, as amended from time to time.
- (M) To participate in mergers or consolidations with other condominiums, or their associations, located in The Oaks Preserve.

All funds and the title to all property acquired by the Association shall be held in trust for the benefit of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

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ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP:

- (A) The members of the Association shall consist of all record owners of legal title to one or more units in the Condominium, as further provided in the Bylaws.
- (B) The share of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to his unit.
- (C) The owners of each unit, collectively, shall be entitled to one (1) vote in Association matters, as further set forth in the Declaration of Condominium and the Bylaws. The manner of exercising voting rights shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

TERM: The term of the Association shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V

BYLAWS: The Bylaws of the Association may be altered, amended, or rescinded in the manner provided therein.

ARTICLE VI

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

- (A) The affairs of the Association will be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the number of Directors determined by the Bylaws, but not less than three (3) Directors. In the absence of a Bylaw provision to the contrary, the Board shall consist of three (3) Directors.
- (B) Directors of the Association shall be elected by the members in the manner determined by the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- (C) The business of the Association shall be conducted by the Officers designated in the Bylaws. The Officers shall be elected each year by the Board of Directors at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the members of the Association, and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

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ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS: Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

- (A) Prior to the recording of the Declaration of Condominium of Meridian V at The Oaks Preserve, a Condominium among the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, these Articles may be amended by an instrument in writing signed by the President (or Vice President) and the Secretary (or an Assistant Secretary) and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. The instrument amending these Articles shall identify the particular Article or Articles being amended, give the exact language of such amendment and give the date of adoption of the amendment by the Board of Directors. A certified copy of each such amendment shall always be attached to any certified copy of these Articles or a certified copy of the Articles as restated to include such amendments and shall be an exhibit to the Declaration of Condominium upon the recording of such Declaration. This Article VII is intended to comply with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.
- (B) After the recording of the Declaration of Condominium of Meridian V at The Oaks Preserve among the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, these Articles may be amended in the following manner:
 - (1) Proposal. Amendments to these Articles may be proposed by a majority of the Board or by petition of the owners of one-fourth (1/4th) of the condominium units by instrument, in writing, signed by them.
 - (2) Procedure. Upon any amendment or amendments to these Articles being proposed by said Board or unit owners, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the members not later than the next annual meeting for which proper notice can be given.
 - (3) Vote Required. Except as otherwise required by Florida law, these Articles of Incorporation may be amended by vote of a majority of the voting interests at any annual or special meeting, or by approval in writing of a majority of the voting interests without a meeting, provided that notice of any proposed amendment has been given to the members of the Association, and that the notice contains the full text of the proposed amendment.

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- (4) Effective Date. An amendment shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and recording a certified copy in the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

ARTICLE VIII

INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS: The initial Directors and Officers of the Association shall be:

John Harper President/Director
877 Executive Center Drive W.
Suite 205
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702-2472

Robert E. Glantz Vice President/Director
877 Executive Center Drive W.
Suite 205
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702-2472

Tim Knight Vice President/Director
877 Executive Center Drive W.
Suite 205
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702-2472

Ann S. Cohen Vice President/Treasurer/Secretary
877 Executive Center Drive W.
Suite 205
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702-2472

Marc I. Spencer Assistant Secretary
877 Executive Center Drive, West, Suite 205
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702-2472

ARTICLE IX

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT:

The initial registered office of the Association shall be at:

877 Executive Center Drive, W., Suite 205
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702-2472

The initial registered agent at said address shall be:

Marc I. Spencer

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ARTICLE X

INDEMNIFICATION: To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, the Association shall indemnify and hold harmless every Director and every Officer of the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including attorneys fees, actually and reasonably incurred by or imposed on him in connection with any legal proceeding (or settlement or appeal of such proceeding) to which he may be a party because of his being or having been a Director or Officer of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be available if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his actions or omissions to act were material to the cause adjudicated and involved:

- (A) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association, in a proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor.
- (B) A violation of criminal law, unless the Director or Officer had no reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful or had reasonable cause to believe his action was lawful.
- (C) A transaction from which the Director or Officer derived an improper personal benefit.

In the event of a settlement, the right to indemnification shall not apply unless the Board of Directors approves such settlement as being in the best interest of the Association. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which a Director or Officer may be entitled. The indemnification hereby afforded to Directors and Officers shall also extend to any other entity other than the Association found responsible or liable for the actions of such individuals in their capacity as Directors or Officers, including, but not limited to Developer.

WHEREFORE the incorporator has caused these presents to be executed this 27th day of September, 2006.

By: Tamela Eady Wiseman
Tamela Eady Wiseman, Esquire

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLLIER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 27th day of September, 2006 by Tameela Eady Wiseman.

Notary Public-State of Florida:

Signature Sueann M. Zornes

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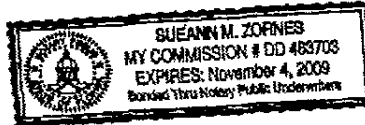
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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-named corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept the appointment to act in this capacity and acknowledge that I am familiar with and agree to accept the obligations imposed upon registered agents under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.



Marc I. Spencer

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