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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE BANNING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.
A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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Preamble

Banning, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, owns certain property in Lee County, Florida, which property is subject to a Declaration of Condominium of which these Articles form a part. This Association is being formed to administer the Declaration and to perform, among other things, the duties and exercise the powers pursuant to the Declaration. All of the definitions contained in the Declaration and the Bylaws shall apply to these Articles.

ARTICLE I
Name and Principal Office

The name of the corporation is The Banning Condominium Association, Inc., a Florida Non-Profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the Association); and the street address of the initial principal office of the Association is 12711 Meadow Pine Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

ARTICLE II
Purpose

The purposes for which the Association is organized are as follows:

1. To operate as a corporation not-for-profit pursuant to Chapters 617 and 718 of the Florida Statutes.
2. To administer, enforce and carry out the terms and provisions of the Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time.
3. To promote the health, welfare, and comfort of the Association members and residents of the Condominium, as authorized by the Declaration, by these Articles, and by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III
Powers

The Association shall have the following powers:

1. All of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of Florida which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles, including, but not limited to, all of the powers of a corporation under Chapters 617 and 718, Florida Statute.

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2. To enter into, make, establish and enforce, rules, regulations, bylaws, covenants, restrictions and agreements to carry out the purposes of the Association.

3. To make and collect Assessments against members of the Association to defray the costs, expenses, reserves and losses incurred or to be incurred by the Association; and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of the Association's powers and duties; and to enforce such levy of assessments through a lien and the foreclosure thereof or by other action pursuant to the Declaration.

4. To own, purchase, sell, mortgage, lease, administer, manage, operate, maintain, improve, repair and/or replace real and personal property, including units within the Condominium, for such purposes as the Association may determine.

5. To hold funds for the exclusive benefit of the members of the Association as set forth in these Articles and as provided in the Declaration and the Bylaws.

6. To purchase insurance for the protection of the Association, its property, officers, directors and members, and such other parties as the Association may determine to be in the best interests of the Association.

7. To operate, maintain, repair, and improve all common elements, and such other portions of the Condominium as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

8. To exercise architectural control over all buildings, structures and improvements to be placed or constructed upon any portion of the Condominium pursuant to the Declaration.

9. To provide for privacy services within the Condominium as the Board in its discretion determines as necessary or appropriate.

10. To provide, purchase, acquire, replace, improve, maintain and/or repair such buildings, structures, street lights and other structures, landscaping, paving and equipment, both real and personal, related to the health and social welfare of the members of the Association and the owners and residents of the Condominium as the Board in its discretion determines necessary or appropriate.

11. To employ personnel necessary to perform the obligations, services and duties required of or to be performed by the Association, including without limitation the operation and maintenance of the Surface Water Management System, and/or to contract with others for the performance of such obligations, services and/or duties.

12. To acquire or enter into agreements acquiring leaseholds, memberships or other possessory or use interests in lands or facilities and to pay the rental, membership fees, operational, replacement and other expenses as common expenses.

13. To sue and be sued.

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14. To operate and maintain the surface water management system, if any, as permitted by the South Florida Water Management District, including, but not limited to, all inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, ponds, lakes, retention and detention areas, floodplain compensation areas and wetland mitigation areas.

15. All other powers necessary to effectuate the purposes for which the Association is organized.

ARTICLE IV Members

1. Members. The owner of any unit in the Condominium shall be a member of the Association. Such membership shall be initially established upon the recording of these Articles and the Declaration among the Public Records of the county in which the subject property is located.

2. Transfer of Membership. Transfer of membership in the Association shall be established by the recording in the Public Records of the county in which the Condominium is located, of a deed or other instrument establishing a transfer of record title to any unit for which membership has already been established as hereinabove provided, and a Consent to Transfer form as set forth in the Declaration, the owner(s) designated by such instrument of conveyance and Consent to Transfer thereby becoming a member, and the prior owner's membership thereby being terminated. In the event of death of a member, his membership shall be automatically transferred to his heirs or successors in interest, subject to the reasonable approval of the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association shall not be obligated to recognize such a transfer of membership until such time as the Association receives a true copy of the deed or other instrument establishing the transfer of ownership of the unit and executes a Consent to Transfer, and it shall be the responsibility and obligation of the former and new member to provide such true copy of said instrument to the Association.

3. Assignment. The share of a member in the funds and assets of the Association may not be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the unit associated with the membership of the member, nor may a membership be separately assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to such unit.

4. Members Voting Rights. The total number of members' votes shall be equal to the total number of units within the Condominium from time to time. On all matters upon which the membership shall be entitled to vote, there shall be one (1) vote for each unit. Each member shall have the number of votes equal to the number of units within the Condominium owned by the member at the time of such vote.

5. Members Meetings. The Bylaws shall provide for an annual meeting of the members of the Association and may make provision for special meetings of the members.

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ARTICLE V
Directors

1. Number of Directors. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board consisting of not less than three (3) directors.

2. Election of Directors. The directors of the Association shall be elected by the members in accordance with the Bylaws, except that so long as the Developer owns any units in the Condominium, the Developer shall be entitled to designate member and/or non-member directors to the maximum extent permitted by the Florida Condominium Act.

3. Powers and Duties. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the Florida Statutes, the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board, its agents, contractors or employees, subject to approval by the members only when specifically required.

4. Removal and Vacancies. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws; however, any director appointed by the Developer may only be removed by the Developer, and any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by the Developer if, at the time such vacancy is to be filled, the number of remaining directors appointed by the Developer is less than the maximum number of directors which may, at that time, be appointed by the Developer as set forth above.

5. Initial Directors. The names of the members of the first Board of Directors are as follows:

Randy C. Eddy
12711 Meadow Pine Lane
Fort Myers, Florida 33919

Victor J. Drobic
1646 Colonial Blvd., #1
Fort Myers, Florida 33907

Kathleen J. Eddy
12711 Meadow Pine Lane
Fort Myers, Florida 33919

ARTICLE VI
Officers

The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as the Board may from time to time create. The officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, and the Bylaws may provide for the removal from office of officers, for the filling vacancies, and for the duties of the officers.

ARTICLE VII
Indemnification

1. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or contemplated action, suit or proceeding whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, employee, officer or agent of the Association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in

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settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Association; and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if such person had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been liable for gross negligence or willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duty to the Association, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine, upon application, that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, in and of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he did not reasonably believe to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Association; and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that such person had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

2. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

3. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that such person is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article.

4. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the laws of the State of Florida, any Bylaw, agreement, vote of members or otherwise; and as to action taken in an official capacity while holding office, shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.

5. The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, as arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

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ARTICLE VIII
Bylaws

The first Bylaws shall be adopted by the Developer or initial Board, and may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

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

1. A majority of the Board shall adopt, on its own accord or on the request of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total voting interests, 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 the annual or a special meeting.

2. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be affected thereby shall be given to each member entitled to vote thereon within the time and in the manner provided in the Bylaws for the giving of notice of meetings of members. If the meeting is an annual meeting, the proposed amendment or such summary may be included in the notice of such annual meeting.

3. At such meeting, a vote of the members entitled to vote thereon shall be taken on the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the voting interest of the Association present at such meeting or by proxy.

4. Any number of amendments may be submitted to the members and voted upon by them at any one meeting.

5. If all of the Directors and a majority of all of the members eligible to vote sign a written statement manifesting their intention that an amendment to these Articles be adopted, then the amendment shall thereby be adopted as though the above requirements have been satisfied.

6. In addition to the above, and subject to the limitations and procedures (including an appropriate meeting) set forth in the Act, so long as Developer controls the Association, Developer shall be entitled to amend these Articles and the Bylaws, and no amendment to the Articles or the Bylaws shall be effective without the written consent of Developer. Furthermore, subject to the limitations set forth in the Act, no amendment shall make any changes which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers or options herein provided in favor of, or reserved to, Developer, unless Developer joins in the execution of the amendment.

7. Upon the approval of an amendment to these Articles, Articles of Amendment shall be executed and delivered to the Department of State as provided by law, and a copy of said amendment shall be recorded in the Public Records of the county in which the Condominium is located.

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ARTICLE X
Term

The Association shall have perpetual existence, unless sooner terminated as set forth in the Declaration. In the event the Association is terminated as provided in the Declaration, the surface water management system facilities and related dedicated property and corresponding infrastructure will be conveyed or dedicated to an appropriate governmental unit or public utility and if not accepted, then the surface water management system facilities shall be conveyed to a similar nonprofit organization or entity to assure continued maintenance and operation.

ARTICLE XI
Incorporator

The name and street address of the Incorporator is:

Steven I. Winer, Esquire
2320 First Street, Suite 1000
Fort Myers, Florida 33901-2904

ARTICLE XII
Initial Registered Office Address and Name of Initial Registered Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of the Association is 2320 First Street, Suite 1000, Fort Myers, Florida 33901-2904. The initial registered agent of the Association at that address is R&A Agents, Inc.

ARTICLE XIII
Dissolution

The Association may be dissolved upon termination of the Condominium as provided in the Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles this
7 day of Nov., 2006.



Steven I. Winer

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7th day of Nov, 2006, by Steven I. Winer, who ☒ is personally known to me or who ☐ has produced driver's license as identification.



Lisa Fowler
Notary Public, State of Florida
LISA FOWLER
Printed Name

Commission No. Expiration Date

I am familiar with and understand the duties of a registered agent under the laws of Florida, and hereby acknowledge and accept the assignment of registered agent for this corporation.

R&A AGENTS, INC., an Ohio corporation

By: Steven I. Winer
Steven I. Winer, Asst. Secretary