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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314 Southern Meadows Phase 3 Homeowners' Association, Inc. SUBJECT: (Proposed corporate name - must include suffix) Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for: □\$70.00 **⊠**\$78.75 □ \$122.50 □ \$131.25 Filing Fee & Filing Fee Filing Fee & Filing Fee, Certified Copy Certificate Certified Copy & Certificate Please return the photocopy to me with the filing date stamped on it. FROM: <u> Audrey S. Bullard</u> Name (printed or typed) P.O. Box 1733 Address

Lake City, FL 32056-1733

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386-755-4050

## (a non-profit corporation)

The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopts the following articles of incorporation:

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation is Southern Meadows Phase 3 Homewoners' Association, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The period of the duration of the corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

#### **ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

The association is organized for the purposes of acquisition and management, maintenance, operation and care of real and personal property, including but without limitation, all roads, parks, common areas, lakes, ditches, canals, retention or detention areas, drainage, other surface water and storm water management systems and preservation or conservation areas, wetlands and wetland mitigation areas which are owned or controlled by the association or the owners in common:

- To fix and make assessments and collect the assessment by any lawful means, including foreclosure of any lien filed for such assessment.
  - B. To borrow money.
- To use and expend the proceeds of assessments and borrowings in a manner consistent with the purposes for which this association is formed and to pay debts and obligations of the association.
- D. To review plans and specifications of proposed improvements to determine whether they comply with the Declaration of Restrictions and Protective Covenants of Southern Meadows Phase 3 Homeowners' Association, Inc..
- E. To maintain, repair, replace, operate and care for real and personal property, including but without limitation, all roads, parks, common areas, lakes, ditches, canals, retention or detention areas, drainage, other surface water and storm water management systems and preservation or conservation areas,

wetlands and wetland mitigation areas, which are owned or controlled by the association or the owners in common in a manner consistent with the permit issued by the Suwannee River Water Management District and the operation and maintenance plan attached thereto.

- F. To purchase and maintain insurance.
- G. To make, amend, impose and enforce by any lawful means, reasonable rules and regulations of use of the common areas and association property.
  - H. To contract for services with others.
- I. To do and perform anything required by these articles, the bylaws, or the declaration to be done by the Owner, but if not done by the Owner in a timely manner, at the expense of Owner.
- J. To do and perform any obligations imposed upon the association by the declaration or by any permit or authorization from any unit of local, regional, state, or the federal government and to enforce by any legal means the provisions of these articles, the bylaws and the declaration.
- K. The Association shall operate, maintain and manage the Surface Water or Storm Water Management System(s) in a manner consistent with Suwannee River Water Management District ("District") permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ and applicable District rules, and shall assist in the enforcement of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions which related to the Surface Water or Storm Water Management System(s).
- L. The Association shall levy and collect adequate assessments against the members of the Association for the costs of maintenance and operation of the Surface Water or Storm Water Management System(s).

The foregoing specific duties and responsibilities are not construed in any way as limiting the powers of the association. Rather, the association will have and exercise all the powers conferred upon corporation s formed under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

Every person or entity who is, from time to time, the record owner of a parcel of land in <u>Southern Meadows Phase 3</u>, development shall be a member of the association. Membership will be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from the ownership.

## ARTICLE V - PRINCIPAL OFFICE, REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial principal office and registered office of the corporation is <u>2753 E US Hwy 90</u>, <u>Lake City</u>, <u>FL 32055</u>. The name of its initial Registered Agent at such address is Audrey S. <u>Bullard</u>.

#### **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The corporation shall have a Board of Directors which shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) persons, who shall be elected as provided in the Corporation Bylaws. The number of persons constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of three (3) and the names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as initial members are:

**NAMES** 

#### ADDRESSES

Audrey S. Bullard
Chris A. Bullard
Elizabeth B. McArdle

1826 SW SR 47, Lake City, FL 32025 212 No. Marion St., Lake City, FL 32025 20671 CR 137, Lake City, FL 32024

#### **ARTICLE VII - NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

NAME Audrey S. Bullard ADDRESS
P.O. Box 1733, Lake City, FL 32056

#### **ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS**

The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the members may determine. One person may hold two or more offices.

#### **ARTICLE IX - INITIAL CONTROL BY DEVELOPER**

Not withstanding the other provisions contained in these articles to the contrary, <u>Bullard Denune Investment Co.</u>, as Owners of <u>Southern Meadows Phase 3</u> under a Warranty Deed dated <u>October 21,2004</u> a Florida Partnership, or their successors in interest ("Developer"), shall have control of the activities of the Association until the Developer relinquishes that right. Developer will not relinquish that right until the Association has been in operation for a period of time adequate to establish and fulfill those requirements of the Suwannee River Water Management District, including completion of construction and transfer of Operation and Maintenance of the surface water management system, regardless of whether the Developer still owns any lot(s) in the Subdivision. The Developer, prior to relinquishing control of the association or otherwise allowing

control to transfer to the directors of the association, shall provide at least 30 days written notice to the Suwannee River Water Management District that all terms and conditions placed upon the Developer by permits or authorizations from the Suwannee River Water Management District have been satisfied in full and that transfer is proposed to occur on a specific date.

#### **ARTICLE X - ASSESSMENTS**

Assessments to each Member for such Member's proportionate share of the Common Expenses shall be computed, assessed and due as provided in the Declaration. Annual assessments, installments thereon or special assessments not paid by the due date, as established by the Declaration, shall bear interest from the due date until paid at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or such rate as the Board of Directors shall determine, shall be subject to a late charge as may be set and uniformly applied by the Board of Directors and shall entitle the Association to reimbursement of attorneys' fees incurred by the Association incident to the collection of any such delinquent assessment. The Association shall have a lien on each Lot and Unit for any unpaid assessment, including special assessments, together with interest thereon, and for reasonable attorney's fees. Multiple owners of any one lot shall be jointly and severally liable for all assessments against said lot.

#### **ARTICLE XII - BYLAWS AND ARTICLES**

The bylaws will be adopted and may be amended by the Directors or members, consistent with these articles and the declaration by majority vote or written assent of members entitled to exercise voting power. Amendments to articles or bylaws which directly or indirectly impact operation and maintenance of the surface water and storm water management system, including but without limitation, all lakes, ditches, canals, retention or detention areas, drainage, other surface water and storm water management systems, and preservation or conservation areas, wetlands and wetland mitigation areas which are owned by the association or the owners in common, may be made after approval by the Suwannee River Water Management District. Such approval shall be in the form of a modification to any and all permits issued by the Suwannee River Water Management District under the lawfully adopted rules of the Suwannee River Water Management District in effect at the time of application for such modification. Amendments to the articles or the bylaws which do not impact operation or maintenance of the system may be made without authorization of the Suwannee River Water Management District; however, copies of any such amendments shall be forwarded to the district within 30 days of approval.

Should a conflict exist or arise between any of the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and the provisions of the Bylaws, the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation shall control.

#### **ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION**

No part of the income of the corporation shall be distributable to its members, directors or officers either during the existence of the corporation or upon its dissolution.

Prior to dissolution of this association, all property, interest in property, whether real, personal, or mixed, which is directly or indirectly related to the surface water and storm water management system, including but without limitation, all lakes, ditches, canals, retention or detention areas, drainage, other surface water and storm water management systems, and preservation or conservation areas, wetlands, and wetland mitigation areas which are owned by the association or the owners in common, will be dedicated to and accepted for maintenance by an approved entity. Dedication or approval must be authorized by the Suwannee River Water Management District through modification of any and all permits or authorizations issued by the Suwannee River Water Management District. Such modification shall be made under the lawfully adopted rules of the Suwannee River Water Management District in effect at the time of application for such modification.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned incorporator has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed, in duplicate, by its duly authorized undersigned officer, this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>November</u>, 2006.

Incorporator

Holly C. Hanover Commission # DD553935 Expires May 18, 2010

Bonded Troy Fain - Insurance, Inc. 800-385-701:

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me by <u>Audrey S. Bullard</u>, the incorporator named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>November</u> 2006, personally known to me.

Printed Name: Holly C. Hanover Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 18,2010

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### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the mentioned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation is: <u>Southern Meadows Phase 3</u>
  <u>Homeowners' Association, Inc.</u>
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

  Audrey S. Bullard, 2753 E US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055, HAVING BEEN

  NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS

  FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN

  THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS

  REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER

  AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING

  TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I

  AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS

  REGISTERED AGENT.

Registered Agent

Dated November 3, 2006

Procedured November 3, 2006

Registered Agent

Dated November 3, 2006