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OF  
ASHTON OAKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(A CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT)**

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The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit as allowed by Chapter 720 and Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and pursuant to the provisions and laws of the State of Florida, certifies as follows:

- 1. Name of Corporation. The name of the corporation is ASHTON OAKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit (the "Association").
- 2. Principal Office. The principal office of the Association is 2907 Bay to Bay Boulevard, Suite 301, Tampa, Florida 33629.
- 3. Registered Office - Registered Agent. The street address of the Registered Office of Association is 2701 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 900, Tampa, Florida 33607. The name of the Registered Agent of Association is:

JULIUS J. ZSCHAU

4. Definitions. The Community Declaration for Ashton Oaks (the "Declaration") will be recorded in the Public Records of Pasco County, Florida, and shall govern all of the operations of a community to be known as ASHTON OAKS. All initially capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration.

5. Purpose of Association. Association is formed to: (a) provide for ownership, operation, maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas, and improvements thereon; (b) perform the duties delegated to it in the Declaration; (c) administer the interests of Association and the Owners; and (d) promote the health, safety and welfare of the Owners.

6. Not for Profit. Association is a Florida corporation not for profit and does not contemplate pecuniary gain to, or profit for, its members.

7. Powers of Association. Association shall, subject to the limitations and reservations set forth in the Declaration, have all the powers, privileges and duties reasonably necessary to discharge its obligations, including, but not limited to, the following:

7.1. To perform all the duties and obligations of Association set forth in the Declaration and Bylaws, as herein provided.

7.2. To enforce, by legal action or otherwise, the provisions of the Declaration and Bylaws and of all rules, regulations, covenants, restrictions and agreements governing or binding Association and ASHTON OAKS.

7.3. To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment, by any lawful means, of all Assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws.

7.4. To pay all Operating Costs, including, but not limited to, all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of Association.

7.5. To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), annex, own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, grant rights and easements, sell, dedicate, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property (including the Common Areas) in connection with the functions of Association except as limited by the Declaration.

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7.6 To borrow money, and upon the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the votes present, in person or by proxy, at a duly noticed meeting of the members in which there is a quorum, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, including without limitation, the right to collateralize any such indebtedness with the Association's assessment collection rights.

7.7 To dedicate, grant, license, lease, concession, create easements upon, sell or transfer all or any part of ASHTON OAKS to any public agency, entity, authority, utility or other person or entity for such purposes and subject to such conditions as it determines and as provided in the Declaration.

7.8 To participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes.

7.9 To adopt, publish, promulgate or enforce rules, regulations, covenants, restrictions or agreements governing Association, ASHTON OAKS, the Common Areas, Lots, Parcels and Homes as provided in the Declaration and to effectuate all of the purposes for which Association is organized.

7.10 To have and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapter 617 or Chapter 720, Florida Statutes by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

7.11 To employ personnel and retain independent contractors to contract for management of Association, ASHTON OAKS, and the Common Areas as provided in the Declaration and to delegate in such contract all or any part of the powers and duties of Association.

7.12 To contract for services to be provided to, or for the benefit of, Association, Owners, the Common Areas, and ASHTON OAKS as provided in the Declaration, such as, but not limited to, Telecommunications Services, maintenance, garbage pick-up, and utility services.

7.13 To establish committees and delegate certain of its functions to those committees.

8. Voting Rights. Owners and Developer shall have the voting rights set forth in the Bylaws.

9. Board of Directors. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of odd number with not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members. The initial number of directors shall be three (3) prior to Turnover and thereafter no more than five (5). Board members shall be appointed and/or elected as stated in the Bylaws. The election of directors shall be held at the annual meeting. Directors shall be elected for a term expiring on the date of the next annual meeting. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board who shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected, or until removed, are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Richard Joudrey	2907 Bay to Bay Boulevard Suite 301 Tampa, Florida 33629
Ron Czarnik	2907 Bay to Bay Boulevard Suite 301 Tampa, Florida 33629

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Janet Thinger

2907 Bay to Bay Boulevard  
Suite 301  
Tampa, Florida 33629

10. Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of Association other than incident to a merger or consolidation, any member may petition the Circuit Court having jurisdiction of the Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage its affairs of the dissolved Association and to manage the Common Areas, in the place and stead of Association, and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties. In addition, if Association is dissolved and the Association owns the Surface Water Management System, the Surface Water Management System shall be conveyed to an appropriate agency of local government. If a governmental agency will not accept the Surface Water Management System, then it must be dedicated to a similar non-profit corporation.

11. Duration. The Association shall have perpetual existence.

12. Amendments.

12.1 General Restrictions on Amendments. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to these Articles shall affect the rights of Developer unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of Developer, as applicable, which may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to these Articles, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.

12.2 Amendments Prior to the Turnover Date. Prior to the Turnover Date, Developer shall have the right to amend these Articles as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever. Developer's right to amend under this Section is to be construed as broadly as possible. In the event that Association shall desire to amend these Articles prior to the Turnover Date, Association must first obtain Developer's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. Thereafter, an amendment identical to that approved by Developer may be adopted by Association pursuant to the requirements for amendments from and after the Turnover Date. Thereafter, Developer shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records.

12.3 Amendments From and After the Turnover Date. After the Turnover Date, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, these Articles may be amended with the approval of (i) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes present, in person or by proxy, at a duly called meeting of the members in which there is a quorum.

12.4 Compliance with HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA. Notwithstanding any provision of these Articles to the contrary, the Developer shall have the right to amend these Articles, from time to time, so long as Developer owns a Lot within ASHTON OAKS, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Association, other Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to such amendment.

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13. Limitations.

13.1. Declaration is Paramount. 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.

13.2. Rights of Developer. There shall be no amendment to these Articles which shall abridge, reduce, amend, effect or modify the rights of Developer.

13.3. Bylaws. These Articles shall not be amended in a manner that conflicts with the Bylaws.

14. Incorporator. The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation (the "Incorporator") is:

Julius J. Zschau.  
Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, PA  
2701 North Rocky Point Drive, Suite 900  
Tampa, Florida 33607

15. Officers. The Board shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall from time to time determine. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until their successors are elected by the Board are as follows:

President	Richard Joudrey 2907 Bay to Bay Boulevard Suite 301 Tampa, Florida 33629
Vice President	Ron Czarnik 2907 Bay to Bay Boulevard Suite 301 Tampa, Florida 33629
Secretary/ Treasurer	Janet Thinger 2907 Bay to Bay Boulevard Suite 301 Tampa, Florida 33629


16. Indemnification of Officers and Directors. Association shall and does hereby indemnify and hold harmless every director and every officer, their heirs, executors and administrators, against all loss, cost and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to which such director or officer may be made a party by reason of being or having been a director or officer of Association, including reasonable counsel fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels of proceeding. This indemnification shall not apply to matters wherein the director or officer shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for or guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such director or officers may be entitled.

17. Transactions in Which Directors or Officers are Interested. No contract or transaction between Association and one (1) or more of its directors or officers or Developer, or between Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one (1) or more of its officers or directors are officers, directors or employees or otherwise interested shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the officer or director is present at, or participates in, meetings of the Board thereof which authorized the

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contract or transaction, or solely because said officers' or directors' votes are counted for such purpose. No director or officer of Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that such director or officer may be interested in any such contract or transaction. Interested directors shall disclose the general nature of their interest and may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board which authorized the contract or transaction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, being the Incorporator of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.

  
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JULIUS J. ZSCHAU  
Incorporator




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**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

The undersigned, having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, hereby agrees to act in this capacity, and is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of this position and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of its duties.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.

By:   
Julius J. Zschau  
Registered Agent

**Registered Office:**

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Tampa, Florida 33607

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