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#### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

OF

#### Bella Terra Homeowners' Association, Inc.

THE UNDERSIGNED, acting as incorporator of a non-profit corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statues, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### ARTICLE I Name

The name of the corporation (hereinafter called the Association) is Bella Terra Homeowners' Association, Inc. The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 5632 US HWY 19, New Port Richey, Florida, 34652.

## ARTICLE II Purposes and Powers

The specific primary purposes for which the Association is formed are to provide for maintenance, preservation and control of the common area and easements as such term is defined in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Bella Terra, which will be recorded among the Public Records of Pasco County, Florida, in the development located in Pasco County, Florida, known as Bella Terra(hereinafter sometimes referred to as "the Property") as well as any additional real property subsequently developed and located in said development. The Association is also formed to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the above described development and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association for such purpose.

In furtherance of such purposes, the Association shall have the power to:

- (a) Perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in a certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (the Declaration) applicable to the subdivision of Bella Terra to be recorded in the public records of Pasco County, Florida;
- (b) Affix, levy, and collect, and enforce payment by any lawful means of, all charges and assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; and pay all expenses in connection therewith, and all office and other expenses incidental to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all taxes, licenses, or

governmental charges levied on or imposed against the property of the Association;

- (c) Maintain, repair, improve, and insure the Common Area as defined in the Declaration and other real or personal property which the Association owns or which it has assumed the obligation to maintain, including without limitation the surface water management system which includes the lakes, retention areas, culverts, and related appurtenances;
  - (d) Pay all Association expenses;
- (e) Make, amend, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the use of the property it owns or maintains;
- (f) Enforce the terms of the Declaration, these Articles, and the By-Laws of the Association.
  - (g) Sue and be sued;
  - (h) Contract for operation and maintenance services.;
- (i) Require all of the homeowners, lot owners, parcel owners and/or unit owners to be members of the Association.
- (j) Acquire by gift, purchase, or otherwise, own, hold, and improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate to public use, or otherwise dispose of real and personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association:
- (k) Borrow money and, subject to the consent by vote or written instrument of two-thirds of each class of members, mortgage, pledge, convey by deed of trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- (I) Dedicate, sell, or transfer all or any part of the Common areas or easements to any municipality, public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument has been signed by two-thirds of each class of members, agreeing to such dedication, sale or transfer;
- (m) Participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes;
- (n) Exist in perpetuity, but in the event that the Association is dissolved, the Common Area, including the surface water management system, shall be conveyed to an appropriate agency of local government, or if not accepted, to a nonprofit corporation with similar purposes;

(o) Have and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges that a non-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statues by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

The Association is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the purposes set forth above. The activities of the Association will be financed by assessments against members as provided in the Declaration, and no part of any net earnings of the Association will inure to the benefit of any member.

## ARTICLE III Eligibility for Membership

Every person or entity who is record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessments by the Association shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a lot which is subject to assessment by the Association.

#### ARTICLE IV Classes of Membership

The Association shall have two classes of voting members as follows:

Class A1 and A2. Class A1 and A2 members shall be all owners with the exception of Declarant, as such term is defined in the Declaration, and shall be entitled to one vote for each lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such lot shall be exercised as such members may determine among themselves, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any lot owned by Class A1 and A2 members.

<u>Class B.</u> The Class B members shall be the Declarant, as such term is defined in the Declaration, who shall be entitled to ten (10) votes for each lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership as provided in the Declaration.

#### ARTICLE V Term

The period of duration of the Association shall be perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing of these Articles.

ARTICLE VI Subscribers The name and address of each subscriber is: Amber woods Development, LLC. 5632 US HWY 19
New Port Richey, Fl. 34652

## ARTICLE VII Management

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) directors. Directors shall be elected or removed in accordance with the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE VIII First Board of Directors

The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as directors until the first election are:

Craig Gallagher

P.O. Box 670

Port Richey, FI 34673

Dan Bicz

P.O. Box 670

Port Richey, FI 34673

Craig Fiebe

P.O. Box 670

Port Richey, FI 34673

## ARTICLE IX Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Association may be made, altered, or rescinded at any annual meeting of the Association, or at any special meeting duly called for such purpose, on the affirmative vote of two-thirds of each class of members existing at the time of, and present at, such meeting, except that the initial Bylaws of the Association shall be made and adopted by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE X Amendments

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any member of the Association. These Articles may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association, or at any special meeting duly called and held for such purpose, on the affirmative vote of a majority of each class of members existing at the time of, and present at, such meeting. However, as long as the Developer owns a lot, no such amendment may be made without the consent of Developer. No such amendment shall materially affect or interfere with the rights of lot owners or lienors.

## ARTICLE XI Dedication of Assets

In the event the Association shall dissolve or otherwise terminate its corporate existence subject to Chapters 607 and 617, Florida Statues, the assets of the Association shall be distributed to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which the Association was created. In the event such distribution is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed, and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust, or other organization organized and operated for such similar purposes.

## ARTICLE XII Initial Registered Office and Registered Agent

<u>Initial Registered Office</u>: The address of the initial registered office of the Association in the State of Florida is:

5632 US HWY 19 New Port Richey, Fl. 34652

<u>Initial Registered Agent</u>: The registered agent of the Association at the registered office of the Association is:

Craig Gallagher

### ARTICLE XIII Additions

Additions to the Properties may be made only in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration or any other recorded Covenants and Restrictions applicable to the Property. Such additions, when properly made under the Declaration or other applicable Covenants, shall extend the jurisdiction, functions, duties and membership of this Association to such Properties.

EXECUTED at New Port Richey, Pasco County, Florida, on this 20 day of Man., 2007.

CRAIG GALLAGHER

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PASCO

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared CRAIG GALLAGHER, who is to me known to be the person described in and who subscribed the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation and he freely and

voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

My Commissions Expires:

LUISA FIEBE Notary Public - State of Florida My Commission Expires Jan 16, 2009 Commission # DD 376192 Bonded By National Notary Assn.

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

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statues, the following is submitted:

FIRST: That Bella Terra Homeowners' Association, Inc., desiring to organize or qualify under the Laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business at:

5632 US HWY 19

New Port Richey, Fl. 34652

has named: located at:

Craig Gallagher 5632 US HWY 19

Port Richey, Fl. 34652

as its agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

Craig Gallagher

Date: 3/20/07

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 Statues relative to the property and complete performance of my duties.

Craig Gallagher Registered Agent

Date: 3/20/07

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