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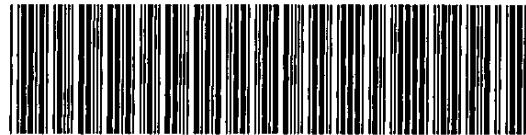
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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: East County Homeowners Organization, Inc.
(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
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Filing Fee &
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Richard Gumm
Name (Printed or typed)

1300 Bern Creek Loop
Address

Sarasota, FL 34240
City, State & Zip

941-377-5962
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
EAST COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ORGANIZATION, INC.**

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

I, the undersigned, do hereby subscribe my name to these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of creating a Corporation, not for profit in nature and purpose, in accordance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as now in force or hereafter amended.

ARTICLE I
NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of this Corporation shall be East County Homeowners Organization, Inc. ("Corporation"). The address of the Corporation's principal office, and its mailing address, is 1300 Bern Creek Loop, Sarasota, Florida 34240.

ARTICLE II
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The registered agent shall be Richard Gumm, 1300 Bern Creek Loop, Sarasota, Florida 34240.

ARTICLE III
OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized to promote the rural character and aesthetics of eastern Sarasota County; to preserve the natural beauty of eastern Sarasota County; to protect the personal health, safety, quality of life, and property values of and for residents of eastern Sarasota County; and to encourage comprehensive planning and orderly development of eastern Sarasota County.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Corporation shall be open to property owners and residents in Eastern Sarasota County, specifically those persons residing east of I-75 may become members of the Corporation by applying for membership and paying the annual membership fee, as set by the Board. Membership shall be nontransferable. Members shall have no voting rights except those specified in the bylaws.

ARTICLE V
TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall begin existence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, State of Florida. This Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless terminated according to law and the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI
NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is Richard Gumm, 1300 Bern Creek Loop, Sarasota, Florida 34240.

ARTICLE VII
DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Officers and Board of Directors. The Officers of this Corporation shall be as follows: President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. An individual may hold more than one office.

The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) Directors. Directors shall be selected, appointed, or elected annually by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting. Directors to be elected by the Board may be elected from a slate of candidates nominated by the President and delivered to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting or may be nominated and elected from the floor at the annual director's meeting.

ARTICLE VIII
NAMES OF INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The following individuals shall serve as officers and directors of the Corporation until the first annual election of officers in 2008:

A. Directors:

Richard Gumm, 1300 Bern Creek Loop, Sarasota, Florida 34240

Robert Sinclair, 11501 Celestine Pass, Sarasota, Florida 34240

Eileen Fitzgerald, 1550 Bern Creek Loop, Sarasota, Florida 34240

Ann Forrest, 1600 Bern Creek Loop, Sarasota, Florida 34240

B. Officers:


President: Richard Gumm, 1300 Bern Creek Loop, Sarasota, Florida 34240

Vice President: Robert Sinclair, 11501 Celestine Pass, Sarasota, Florida 34240

Secretary-Treasurer: Ann Forrest, 1600 Bern Creek Loop, Sarasota, Florida 34240

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation may be altered, amended or repealed in whole or in part by the majority vote of all members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation at any duly-called and noticed regular or special meeting. Any amendments of the Articles of Incorporation shall become and be taken as part of these Articles of Incorporation upon filing with the Florida Department of State.



Richard Gumm, Incorporator

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.



Richard Gumm, Registered Agent