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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE NORTH LAKE BUSINESS PARK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (A Florida Corporation Not For Profit)

The undersigned hereby executes these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under Chapter 6I7 of the Florida Statutes (the "Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act") and certifies as follows:

#### ARTICLE I NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of the corporation shall be THE NORTH LAKE BUSINESS PARK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "Association" and its duration shall be perpetual. The mailing address of the Corporation shall be 3001 SW 3rd Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

## ARTICLE II

The Association is organized for the following purposes:

- 1. To own, maintain, supervise, and administer common areas and facilities, in particular the surface water management system, for the benefit of the owners of the North Lake Business Park located in Okeechobee County, Florida and more particularly described as follows: Lots 1 through 20, inclusive, of the Plat of North Lake Business Park, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 70, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Okeechobee County, Florida.
- 2. To provide an entity for the enforcement of the various restrictions that have been heretofore or may hereafter be established for property within the above subdivision lots.
- 3. To exercise all the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as defined and set forth in that certain Declaration of Restrictions for the North Lake Business Park Subdivision (the "Declaration") recorded in OR Book 270, Page 536 of the public records of Okeechobee County, Florida, including the establishment and enforcement of payment of charges and Assessments contained therein, and to engage in such other lawful activities as may be to the mutual benefit of the Members and their property. All terms used herein which are defined in the Declaration shall have the same meaning herein as therein.

# ARTICLE III POWERS

The powers of the Association shall include and be governed by the following provisions:

Section 1. <u>Common Law and Statutory Powers</u>. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit set forth in Section 617.0302, Fla. Stat. (2006) which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles and the

#### Declaration.

Section 2. <u>Necessary Powers</u>. The Association shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement its purpose, including, but not limited to, the following:

- A. To operate and manage the Common Areas in accordance with the purpose and intent contained in the Declaration;
- B. To make and collect and provide for rules for the collection of, assessments against Members consisting of the lot owners to defray the Common Expenses;
- C. To use the proceeds of Assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties:
- D. To maintain, repair, replace and operate the Common Areas and to maintain such other property which the Association is required to maintain pursuant to the Declaration, specifically the surface water management system as permitted by the South Florida Water Management District;
- E. To reconstruct improvements upon the Property after casualty and to further improve the Property;
- F. To make and amend Bylaws for the Association and regulations respecting the use of the Property;
- G. To pay all taxes and other assessments which are liens against the Common Areas;
- H. To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations for the use of the Property;
- To insure and keep insured the buildings and Improvements of the Association and other improvements within the Property, as provided in the Declaration and Bylaws.
- J. To provide for management and maintenance and to authorize a management agent or other entity to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing such functions as the collection of Assessments, preparation of records, enforcement of rules and maintenance of such other property as the Association is required to maintain pursuant to the Declaration. The Association shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties granted it by common law, Florida Statutes and local ordinances including, but not limited to, the making of Assessments, the promulgation of rules, and the execution of contracts on behalf of the Association.
- K. To possess, enjoy and exercise all powers necessary to implement, enforce, and carry into effect the powers above described, including the power to acquire, hold, convey, and deal in real and personal property.

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Section 3. <u>Funds and Title to Properties</u>. All funds and title to all properties acquired by the Association and the proceeds thereof shall be held only for the benefit of the Members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration. No part of the income, if any, of the Association shall be distributed to the Members, directors, or officers of the Association.

Section 4. <u>Limitations</u>. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration.

#### ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Every owner, as defined by the Declaration, shall be a member of the Association.

#### ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members as provided in the Bylaws. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) directors. The following persons shall constitute the initial Board of Directors:

NAME	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Becky Croslyn	3001 SW 3rd Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34974
Joel Bass	8661 Center Street East, Okeechobee, FL 34974
Teresa Stephens	375 SW 32nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974
Fran Lawter	3050 SW 3rd Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34974
Diane Dodd	P.O. Box 1763, Okeechobee, FL 34973

### ARTICLE VI

Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the annual meetings of the Directors, as provided in the Bylaws. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary. The names and titles of the Officers who shall serve until removed or until the first election are as follows:

President:

Becky Croslyn

Vice President:

Joel Bass

Secretary/Treasurer:

Teresa Stephens

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### ARTICLE VII INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Every Director and Officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association as provided in the Declaration.

#### ARTICLE VIII SUBSCRIBERS

The name and address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation are:

<u>NAME</u>	ADDRESS
Becky Croslyn	3001 SW 3rd Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34974
Joel Bass	8661 Center Street East, Okeechobee, FL 34974
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#### ARTICLE IX BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Association may be adopted, amended, altered or rescinded as provided therein; provided, however, that at no time shall the Bylaws conflict with these Articles of Incorporation or the Declaration.

# ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS/DISSOLUTION

These Articles of Incorporation of the Association may be amended, altered or rescinded as provided in the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

The Association shall exist in perpetuity. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created, or such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to a non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes. In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the surface water management system, the property containing the surface water management system, water management portions of common areas, and the right of access to the property containing the surface water management system shall be conveyed to an appropriate agency of local government. If it is not accepted by a local government, then the surface water management system must be transferred to a similar non-profit corporation.

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ARTICLE XI
REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

The name of the initial registered agent shall be Becky Croslyn and the street of the address of the registered office of the Association shall be 3001 SW 3rd Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34974. The Association shall have the right to designate subsequent registered agents without amending these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribers have executed these Articles of Incorporation at Okeechobee County, Florida, this <u>11</u> day of May, 2007.

Becky Croslyn President & Direct

Zoel-Bass, - - - - V/ce President & Director

Teresa Stephens, Treasurer & Director Juga William

Diane

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for THE NORTH LAKE BUSINESS PARK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., at the place designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in that capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Dated this 11 day of 10, 2007.

Becky Croslyn Registered Agent