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<u>For</u>

MERIDIAN CENTER OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned who are of full age, do hereby certify:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is MERIDIAN CENTER OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

The office of the association is located at 3301 Bonita Beach Road, SW Suite 307, Bonita Springs, Florida 34134.

The name and address of the Registered Agent is Kathleen C. Passidomo, Esq. 2390 North Tamiami Trail, Suite 204, Naples, Florida 34103.

The terms used in these Articles shall have the definitions as provided in Article I of Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Meridian Center (the "Declaration").

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for maintenance and preservation of the Lots and Common Areas within that certain tract of property located in Lee County, Florida, known as "Meridian Center" pursuant to the provisions of the Declaration, and to promote the betterment of the above described property and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association and in furtherance of those purposes to:

- A. Exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration, applicable to the property, to be recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein by reference as if set forth as length;
- B. Fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses in connection therewith and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association;
- C. Acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association;

- D. Borrow money, and with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members entitled to vote, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- E. Dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members;
- F. Have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the not-for-profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida by law may now or hereafter have or exercise, including, but not limited to the right to sue and be sued:

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a Lot in Meridian Center is a Member. In the event a Lot is subjected to a Declaration of Condominium or other homeowners association declaration the condominium/homeowners association having jurisdiction over the Lot so submitted shall be the Member. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation or as a lessee or as a contract vendee. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a Lot.

ARTICLE IV VOTING RIGHTS

Members, including the Declarant, shall be entitled to voting rights as provided in the Declaration or By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE Y BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of at least three (3) members who shall initially be appointed by the Developer. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of Directors until the selection of their successors are:

Carlos Bueno

3301 Bonita Beach Road, SW

Suite 307

Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

Lawrence L. Pearce

3301 Bonita Beach Road, SW

Suite 307

Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

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Rob Tulloch

3301 Bonita Beach Road, SW

Suite 307

Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

Directors of the Association shall be elected by the members in the manner determined by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI INDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify every Director and every officer of the Association against all expenses and liabilities including attorney's fees, actually and reasonably incurred by or imposed on him in connection with any legal proceeding (or settlement or appeal of such proceeding) to which he may be a party because of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association. In the event of a settlement, indemnification shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and indemnification as being in the best interests of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not apply to:

- A. Gross negligence or willful misconduct in office by any Director or officer.
- B. Any criminal action, unless the Director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed was in, not opposed to, the best interest of the Association, and had no reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Director or officer may be entitled.

ARTICLE VII DURATION

The corporation shall exist perpetually. If this corporation shall ever be dissolved, the property owned by the corporation included, but not limited to any property dedicated on the Plat of Meridian Center, all infrastructure owned by the Association and the surface water management system shall be conveyed to a similar non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Subject to the rights of the Developer as provided in the By-Laws of the Corporation, amendments of these Articles shall require the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members entitled to vote, but no amendment shall be effective which is in contravention of the duties, responsibilities or obligations of the Association or the members as provided in the Declaration. Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at a regular or special meeting of the members or by a vote of a majority of a quorum of the voting representatives present in person.

ARTICLE IX NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617, the corporation shall issue no stock, and no dividends shall be paid and no part of the income of the corporation shall be distributed to the members, directors or officers.

ARTICLE X OFFICERS

There shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation. The initial officers of the corporation are as follows:

PRESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT SECRETARY/TREASURER Lawrence Pearce Carlos Bueno Rob Tuiloch

ARTICLE XI INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporator is:

Kathleen C. Passidomo, Esq. 2390 North Tamiami Trail, Suite 204 Naples, Florida 34103

Naples, Florida 34103	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of	forming this corporation under the laws of the
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My Commission Espires:_

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

That MERIDIAN CENTER OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at Bonita Springs, Florida, has named KATHLEEN C. PASSIDOMO, ESQUIRE, 2390 North Tamiami Trail, Suite 204, Naples, Florida 34103, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACCEPTANCE

Having been named to accept service of process for the above corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

KATHLEEN C. PASSIDOMO, ESQUIRE

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