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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

<u>OF</u>

SWAYING OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

(A Corporation Not-for-Profit Under the Laws of the State of Florida)

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Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation adopts the following:

The name of the corporation is SWAYING OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

In order to form a corporation not-for-profit under and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned does hereby associate themselves into a corporation not-for-profit, and to that end by these Articles of Incorporation state:

1.0 **DEFINITIONS**.

1.1 Words and phrases, when used in these Articles, shall have the same meaning as defined in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Swaying Oaks.

2.0 NAME.

2.1 The name of this corporation shall be:

SWAYING OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Association")

3.0 PURPOSE.

- 3.1 The purposes and object of the Association shall be as follows:
- 3.1.1 To own and hold title to certain real and personal property for the use and benefit of its Members.
- 3.1.2 To maintain, repair, reconstruct and operate all of the real property and improvements located thereon, recreation facilities, roadways, streets and rights of way, and other property, both real and personal, owned or controlled by the Association.
- 3.1.3 To preserve and maintain the value, character and conditions of all of the property of the Association both real and personal and all improvements thereto.
 - 3.1.4 To enforce the provisions of the Land Use Documents.
- 3.1.5 To provide such services to the Members of the Association as the Board of Directors of the Association shall deem appropriate.

- 3.1.6 To preserve and maintain any Conservation Preserve in accordance with the South Florida Water Management District, Surface Water Management, or Wetland Resource Permit.
- 3.1.7 To undertake the performance of all acts and duties incident to the fulfillment of all of the purposes and objects of the Association, as well as those which may be directed by the terms, provisions, conditions and authorization of the documents affecting the Association, its members or its property, both real and personal.

4.0 POWERS.

- 4.1 The Association shall have the following powers:
- 4.1.1 The Association shall own, administer, manage and operate the Association property and maintain, repair and replace the Association property and the improvements and personal property located thereon pursuant to the provisions of the Land Use Documents.
- 4.1.2 To exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Land Use Documents.
- 4.1.3 Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Land Use Documents, to acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicated for public use, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association.
- 4.1.4 Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Land Use documents to borrow money, and with the assent of Members holding seventy-five percent (75%) of the total Membership votes, mortgage, pledge, or hypothecated any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred.
- 4.1.5 Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Land Use documents to dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the lands owned by the Association to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members.
- 4.1.6 To participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional lands.
- 4.1.7 To make and establish reasonable rules and regulations and amendments thereto governing the use of Association property, both real and personal.
- 4.1.8 To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges that a corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Laws of the State of Florida, by law, may now or hereafter have or exercise, including those set forth in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

- 4.1.9 To fix, levy against and collect assessments from the Owners and Members of the Association to defray the common expenses of the Association as may be provided in the Land Use Documents, and for the maintenance, repair, replacement, management and operation of the property of the Association, including the right to fix, levy and collect assessments for the purpose of acquiring, operating, leasing, managing and otherwise trading and dealing with such property, whether real or personal.
- 4.1.10 To levy and collect assessments from Owners and Members of the Association for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining insurance on the Association property, insurance for the protection of the Association, its officers, and directors and members, comprehensive general public liability and property damage insurance.
- 4.1.11 To maintain, repair, replace, operate and manage the property of the Association, including the right to reconstruct improvements after casualty and to make further improvement to the Association's property and to grant easements, and rights of way to third parties.
- 4.1.12 To contract for the maintenance, repair, replacement, operation and management of the Association's property and to delegate to such contractor all of the powers and duties of the Association except those which may be required by the Association documents to have approval of the Board of Directors or membership of the Association.
- 4.1.13 To enforce the provisions of the Land Use Documents as well as any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, as the same may be hereafter established or amended.
- 4.1.14 To now or hereafter acquire and enter into leases and agreements of every nature, whereby the Association acquires leaseholds, memberships and other possessory or use interest in lands or facilities, including recreational and communal facilities, whether or not contiguous to lands comprising Swaying Oaks to provide enjoyment, recreation, or other use or benefit to the members of the Association, all as may be deemed by the Board of Directors to be in the best interest of the Association.
- 4.1.15 To grant access to the Lots or Tracts, over the Association's property, to such persons, firms, corporations or government bodies as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate.
- 4.1.16 To employ personnel, retain independent contractors and professional personnel and enter into any supply, service, management or other agreements or contracts consistent with the purposes of the Association.
- 4.1.17 The Association shall have the irrevocable right of access to each Lot or Tract during reasonable hours, when necessary, for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of Association Property, or maintenance of the Lot or Tract, or for making emergency repairs necessary to prevent damage to the Association Property, or to any Lot or Tract.

- 4.1.18 To pay taxes and other charges, on or against property owned or accepted by the Association.
- 4.1.19 To charge recipients for services rendered by the Association and for use of Association Property where such is deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors of the Association and is permitted by law.
- 4.1.20 To interpret all terms and conditions of the Association Documents and Land Use Documents and all matters which are discretionary to the Association.

5.0 <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>.

- 5.1 The Declarant and every Owner shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a parcel, Lot or Tract in Swaying Oaks. Members' rights, powers, duties and privileges shall be as set forth in the Land Use Documents. The Association shall have two (2) classes of membership, as follows:
 - 5.1.1 Class "A" members shall be all Owners of Lots, Tracts or other property within Swaying Oaks, other than Class "B" members.
 - 5.1.2 The Class "B" member shall be the Declarant. Unless the Declarant earlier terminates this membership, the Class "B" membership shall terminate upon turnover of control of the Association to members other than the Declarant, at which time the Class "B" membership shall be converted to Class "A" membership.

6.0 <u>VOTING RIGHTS</u>.

- 6.1 On all matters on which the membership shall be entitled to vote, voting shall be as follows:
 - 6.1.1 Except for the rights of Owners of Tracts set forth below, Class "A" members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot which they own. There shall only be one (1) vote for each Lot owned by an Owner.
 - 6.1.2 Class "B" members shall be the Declarant. Prior to turnover of control of the Association to Members other than the Declarant, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint all members of the Board of Directors. The Class "B" member shall have two (2) times the number of total votes held collectively by all Class "A" members, plus one (1) vote.
- 6.2 Prior to the subdivision of a Residential Tract into separate Lots by plat, the Declarant may, in its sole discretion, assign the number of votes, if any, to each Residential Tract. Any dispute as to the number of votes assigned to a Residential Tract shall be decided by the Declarant, whose decision shall be final. The number of votes that Declarant shall attribute to a Residential Tract shall be the number of residential dwelling units that may be built on such Residential Tract. Declarant shall incur no liability and shall be held harmless by the Association and Owners in the event that the number of votes attributed to a Residential Tract differs from the number of residential dwelling units actually built on such Residential Tract. At such time as

a Residential Tract, or a portion thereof, is subdivided into Lots by the recording of a subdivision plat, the number of votes attributed to the Residential Tract shall be adjusted to reflect the actual number of Lots contained in the Residential Tract.

6.3 No Member shall have the power to vote at Association meetings other than as described herein. The Class "A" Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote per each Lot owned by them. The total Class "A" votes shall not exceed the total number of Lots. The vote of a Lot shall not be divisible. The right to vote may not be denied because of delinquent assessments. If a Lot is owned by one (1) natural person, his right to vote shall be established by the record title to the Lot. If a Lot is owned jointly by two (2) or more natural persons, that Lot's vote may be cast by any owner present at the meeting at which the vote is taken. If two (2) or more owners of a Lot are present and cannot agree among themselves as to how their vote shall be cast, that vote shall not be counted for any purpose. If the Owner of a Lot is not a natural person, the vote of that Lot shall be cast by the Lot's primary occupant, as designated by the Lot Owner.

7.0 EXISTENCE AND DURATION.

7.1 Existence of the Association shall commence with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, for the State of Florida. The Association shall have perpetual existence.

8.0 INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE.

8.1 The initial principal office of the Association shall be located at 10791 Orange River Blvd. Ft. Myers, Florida 33905. The Association may maintain offices and transact business in such other places, within or without the State of Florida, as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

9.0 <u>DIRECTORS</u>.

- 9.1 The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the Officers of the Association under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, at the time of the annual meeting and after their election by the members, shall convene and thereupon elect such Officers as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate. The Board of Directors, or the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, may employ a managing agent or such other managerial and supervisory personnel or entities to administer or assist in the maintenance, management and operation of the Association property and the affairs of the Association, and any such person or entity may be so employed without regard to whether such person or entity is a member of the Association or a Director or Officer of the Association, as the case may be.
- 9.2 The number of members of the Board of Directors of the Association shall be three (3). The number of members of a succeeding Board shall be as provided from time to time by the By-Laws of the Association. The members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Members of the Association as provided by the By-Laws of the Association. The members of the Board of Directors need not be Members of the Association.

9.3 The names and post office addresses of the Board of Directors who, subject to the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, and the laws of the State of Florida, shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

Name	Address
Kevin Campbell	10791 Orange River Blvd. Ft. Myers, Florida 33905
Annmarie Campbell	10791 Orange River Blvd. Ft. Myers, FL 33905
Henry Gerrero	2123 S.E. 25 th Lane Cape Coral, FL 33904

9.4 The Officers of the Association, who shall serve until their successors are elected and have qualified, shall be the following:

PRESIDENT Kevin Campbell

VICE PRESIDENT Henry Gerrero

SECRETARY/TREASURER Annmarie Campbell

10.0 TAX ELECTION.

10.1 The Association through its Board of Directors and Officers shall file the necessary annual election to become a "Homeowners Association" as defined in the Internal Revenue Code or similar provisions of corresponding law subsequently enacted. The Association shall be operated at all times in such a manner as to maintain its eligibility for tax-exempt status.

11.0 <u>BY-LAWS</u>.

11.1 The original By-Laws of the Association shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Association present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present and, thereafter, such By-Laws may be altered, amended, or rescinded only as provided in the By-Laws.

12.0 INDEMNIFICATION.

- <u>Indemnity</u>. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or contemplated action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Association) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fee), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed by him or her to be in, or at least not opposed to, the best interest of the Association, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, such person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; except, no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable because of gross negligence or willful misfeasance in the performance of his or her duties to the Association, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine, upon application, that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such court shall deem proper. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in, or at least not opposed to, the best interest of the Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, such person had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.
- 12.2 <u>Expenses</u>. To the extent that a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to above, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or herein connection therewith.
- 12.3 Approval. Any indemnification under this Article (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee, or agent is proper in the circumstances because such person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in this section. Such determination shall be made, (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who are not parties to such action, suit, or proceeding, or (b) if such quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (c) by a majority of the votes of the Association.
- 12.4 Advances. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee, or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that such person is entitled to indemnification by the Association as authorized in this Article.

- 12.5 <u>Miscellaneous</u>. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such person seeking indemnification may be entitled under any Bylaw, agreement, vote of the members of the Association, or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity while holding such office, as well as continuing to such a person after he or she has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent. Such indemnification shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives, and administrators of such person.
- 12.6 <u>Insurance</u>. The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against any liability asserted against or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

13.0 AMENDMENTS.

13.1 Except as otherwise provided by Florida law, these Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a vote of a majority of the voting interests at any annual or special meeting, or by approval in writing of a majority of the voting interests without a meeting, provided that notice of any proposed amendment has been given to the Members of the Association, and that the notice contains a copy of the proposed amendment. The amendment shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and recording of a copy of the amendment in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Also, until the Declarant turns over control of the Association to Members other than the Declarant, the Declarant may unilaterally change, modify or amend any provision of these Articles of Incorporation, in whole or in part, by executing a written instrument making such change and having the same duly filed with the Secretary of State and recorded in the public records of Lee County, Florida.

14.0 <u>ASSOCIATION ASSETS</u>.

- 14.1 In the event of a permanent dissolution of the Association, the Members may establish a successor nonprofit organization for the purpose of holding title to the Association assets and carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Association hereunder. In the event no such organization is formed, then the assets shall be dedicated to Lee County, Florida, or other appropriate governmental entity or non-profit corporation with similar purposes. However, in no event shall Lee County, Florida (or any other governmental entity as may be applicable) be obligated to accept any dedication offered to it by the Association or the Members pursuant to this Section.
- 14.2 In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the property consisting of the surface water management system and the right of access to the property containing the surface water management system, as well as the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the surface water or storm water management system, including the Conservation Preserves, must be transferred and conveyed to and accepted by an appropriate agency of local government and be approved by the South Florida Water Management District prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation. If a local government entity declines to accept the conveyance of the Surface Water and Storm Water Management System, property

containing the Surface Water Management System and water management portions of the Common Areas, the Association shall dedicate such systems to a similar not-for-profit corporation.

15.0 TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED.

- 15.1 No contract or transaction between the Association and one or more of its directors or officers, or between the Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be invalid, void, or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the board or committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because his or her or their votes are counted for such purpose. No director or officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact he or she is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.
- 15.2 The Association shall be free to contract with any Member, its directors and officer, and any other corporation in which any of them are interested.
- 15.3 Interested directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorized such a contract or transaction.

16.0 INCORPORATOR AND INITIAL NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT.

- 16.1 The street address of the initial registered office of the Association is 10791 Orange River Blvd. Ft. Myers, Florida 33905 and the initial registered agent of the Association at that address is Kevin Campbell. The registered agent shall maintain copies of all further South Florida Water Management District permitting actions for the Association.
- 16.2 The name and address of the Incorporator is Kevin Campbell, at 10791 Orange River Blvd. Ft. Myers, Florida 33905.

17.0 <u>DUTIES AND POWERS RELATED TO SURFACE WATER AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR THE PROPERTY</u>.

- 17.1 The Association shall operate, maintain and manage the surface water or storm water management system(s), including any Conservation Preserve, in a manner consistent with the South Florida Water Management District permit requirements and applicable District rules, and shall assist in the enforcement of the restrictions and covenants contained herein. Individual Lot Owners will be required to maintain any portions of the systems located on individual Lots.
- 17.2 The Association shall levy and collect adequate assessments against Members of the Association for the costs of maintenance and operation of the surface water or storm water management system, including any Conservation Preserve, in accordance with the permit requirements and applicable District rules.

	or has affixed his signature this 8^{++} day of
December, 2008.	
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	KEVIN CAMPBELL, Incorporator
	KEVIN CAMPBELE, incorporator
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF <u>Charlotte</u>	
The foregoing instrument has been as December, 2008, by Kevin Ca Homeowners Association, Inc., who acknowledge Incorporation for the purposes expressed in such A	mpbell, as Incorporator of Swaying Oaks es that he executed the foregoing Articles of rticles, and who is personally known to me.
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ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

FOR

SWAYING OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

I, Kevin Campbell, having been named in the within as Registered Agent of Swaying Oaks Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Corporation") at the registered address of 10791 Orange River Blvd, Fort Myers, Florida 33905, do hereby agree as Registered Agent to accept service of process, to keep an office of the Corporation open during the prescribed hours, and to post my name, and that of any officer of the Corporation authorized to accept service of process at the above Florida designated address, in some conspicuous place in the office of the Corporation as required by law.

REGISTERED AGENT