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## VISTA PARK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Florida, and for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit, the undersigned does hereby acknowledge:

- 1. Name of Corporation. The name of the corporation is Vista Park Property, Owners Association, Inc. ("Association").
- 2. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of Association is 6915 State Road 54, New Port Richey, Florida 34653.
- 3. Registered Office Registered Agent. The street address of the Registered Office of Association is 6915 State Road 54, New Port Richey, Florida 34653. The name of the Registered Agent of Association is Gary L. Blackwell.
- 4. <u>Definitions</u>. A declaration entitled Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Easements and Assessments for Vista Park (the "Declaration") will be recorded in the Public Records of Hernando County, Florida, and shall govern all of the operations of a community to be known as Vista Park. All initially capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration.
- 5. <u>Purpose of Association</u>. Association is formed to: (a) provide for ownership, operation, maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas, and improvements thereon; (b) perform the duties delegated to it in the Declaration; (c) administer the interests of Association and the Owners; (d) promote the health, safety and welfare of the Owners.
- 6. Not for Profit. Association is a not for profit Florida corporation and does not contemplate pecuniary gain to, or profit for, its members.
- 7. <u>Powers of Association</u>. Association shall, subject to the limitations and reservations set forth in the Declaration, have all the powers, privileges and duties reasonably necessary to discharge its obligations, including, but not limited to, the following:
- 7.1 To perform all the duties and obligations of Association set forth in the Declaration and By-Laws, as herein provided.

- 7.2 To enforce, by legal action or otherwise, the provisions of the Declaration and By-Laws and of all rules, regulations, covenants, restrictions and agreements governing or binding Association and Vista Park.
- 7.3 To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment, by any lawful means, of all Assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, these Articles and By-Laws.
- 7.4 To pay all Operating Costs, including, but not limited to, all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of Association.
- 7.5 To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), annex, own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, grant rights and easements, sell, dedicate, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of real or personal property (including the Common Areas) in connection with the functions of Association except as limited by the Declaration.
- 7.6 To borrow money, and to mortgage, pledge or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money or debts incurred.
- 7.7 To dedicate, grant, license, lease, concession, create easements upon, sell or transfer all or any portion of the Common Area, but not to include the Walkway Easement granted for the benefit of Lot 8, to any public agency, entity, authority, utility or other person or entity for such purposes and subject to such conditions as it determines and as provided in the Declaration.
- 7.8 To participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes.
- 7.9 To enforce rules, covenants, restrictions or agreements governing Association and the Common Areas, as provided in the Declaration, and to effectuate all of the purposes for which Association is organized.
- 7.10 To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida may now, or hereafter, have or exercise, including without limitation those set forth in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, and any successor statutes.
- 7.11 To employ personnel and retain independent contractors to contract for management of Association, Vista Park, and the Common Areas as provided in the Declaration and to delegate in such contract all or any part of the powers and duties of Association.

- 7.12 To contract for services to be provided to, or for the benefit of, Association, Owners, the Common Areas, and Vista Park as provided in the Declaration.
- 7.13 To establish committees and delegate certain of its functions to those committees.
- 7.14 The obligation to operate and maintain the Surface Water Management System within Vista Park (including, without limitation, all lakes, canals, retention areas, culverts and related appurtenances, if any) in a manner consistent with the applicable Southwest Florida Water Management District ("SWFWMD") Permit requirements and applicable SWFWMD rules, and to assist in the enforcement of the Declaration which relate to the Surface Water Management System. The Association shall be responsible for assessing and collecting assessments for the operation, maintenance, and if necessary, repairs of the Surface Water Management System within Vista Park.
- 8. Voting Rights. Owners and Developer shall have the voting rights set forth in the By-Laws.
- 9. <u>Board of Directors</u>. The affairs of Association shall be managed by a Board of odd number with not less than three (3) or more than five (5) members. The initial number of directors shall be three (3). Board members shall be appointed and/or elected as stated in the By-Laws. The election of directors shall be held at the annual meeting. Directors shall be elected for a term expiring on the date of the next annual meeting. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board who shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected, or until removed, are as follows:

Name	ADDRESS
Gary L. Blackwell	6915 State Road 54
	New Port Richey, Florida 34653
Gary L. Blackwell II	6915 State Road 54
	New Port Richey, Florida 34653
Jacqueline Olson	6915 State Road 54
_	New Port Richey, Florida 34653

10. <u>Dissolution</u>. In the event of the dissolution of Association other than incident to a merger or consolidation, any member may petition the circuit court having jurisdiction of the judicial circuit of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage its affairs of the dissolved Association and to manage the Common Areas, in the place and stead of Association, and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties. In addition, if Association is dissolved,

the Surface Water Management System shall be conveyed to an appropriate agency of local government determined to be acceptable by SFWMD. If a governmental agency will not accept the Surface Water Management System, then it must be dedicated to a similar non-profit corporation.

#### 11. Amendments.

- 11.1 General Restrictions on Amendments. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to these Articles shall affect the rights of Developer unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of Developer, as applicable, which may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to these Articles, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.
- Amendments. Subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above and subject to the provisions of Section 3.2 of the Declaration, these Articles may be amended with the approval of (i) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of Association at which there is a quorum.

#### 12. Limitations.

- 12.1 <u>Declaration</u> is <u>Paramount</u>. No amendment may be made to these Articles which shall in any manner reduce, amend, affect or modify the terms, conditions, provisions, rights and obligations set forth in the Declaration.
- 12.2 <u>Rights of Developer</u>. There shall be no amendment to these Articles which shall abridge, reduce, amend, effect or modify the rights of Developer.
- 12.3 <u>By-Laws</u>. These Articles shall not be amended in a manner that conflicts with the By-Laws.
  - 13. <u>Incorporator</u>. The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

Gary L. Blackwell 6915 State Road 54 New Port Richey, Florida 34653 14. Officers. The Board shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall from time to time determine. The names and addresses of the initial officers who shall serve until their successors are elected by the Board are as follows:

President

Gary L. Blackwell

6915 State Road 54

New Port Richey, Florida 34653

Sccretary

Gary L. Blackwell

6915 State Road 54

New Port Richey, Florida 34653

Treasurer

Gary L. Blackwell

6915 State Road 54

New Port Richey, Florida 34653

- 15. <u>Indemnification of Officers and Directors</u>. Association shall and does hereby indemnify and hold harmless every director and every officer, their heirs, executors and administrators, against all loss, cost and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to which such director or officer may be made a party by reason of being or having been a director or officer of Association, including reasonable counsel fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels of proceeding. This indemnification shall not apply to matters wherein the director or officer shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for or guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such director or officers may be entitled.
- 16. Transactions in which Directors or Officers are Interested. No contract or transaction between Association and one (1) or more of its directors or officers or Developer, or between Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one (1) or more of its officers or directors are officers, directors or employees or otherwise interested shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the officer or director is present at, or participates in, meetings of the Board thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because said officers' or directors' votes are counted for such purpose. No director or officer of Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that such director or officer may be interested in any such contract or transaction. Interested directors shall disclose the general nature of their interest and may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board which authorized the contract or transaction.

IN WITHESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of
the State of Florida, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this Association, has executed
these Articles of Incorporation as of this day of () ( ) 2014.
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Gary L. Blackwell, Incorporator
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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ORANGE
(2) : '
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by Gary L. Blackwell, who is personally known to me.
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STEPHEN CL BOOTH
EXPIRES: May 8, 2018

## ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, hereby agrees to act in this capacity, and is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of this position and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of its duties.

Dated this / day of Oct 2014.

Articles of Incorporation of Vista Park Property Owners Association, Inc.