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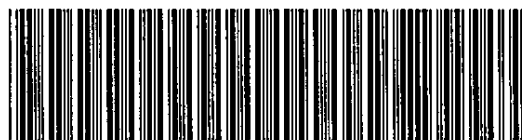
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** Lydia Court at Riverside Owner's Association, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

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& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Duane Romanello  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

1919 Blanding Blvd  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Jacksonville, FL 32210  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

904-384-1441  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

dromanello@romanellogoode.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

This instrument was prepared by

Duane Romanello, P.A.  
1919-8 Blanding Boulevard  
Jacksonville, FL 32210

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
FOR  
LYDIA COURT AT RIVERSIDE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Florida, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE 1  
NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of the corporation shall be LYDIA COURT AT RIVERSIDE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. The principal address of the corporation is 1919 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32210. For convenience, the corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the "Association," the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for LYDIA COURT AT RIVERSIDE to be recorded in the public records of Duval County, Florida as the "Declaration," these Articles of Incorporation as the "Articles," and the Bylaws of the Association as the "Bylaws."

ARTICLE 2  
PURPOSE

The general nature, objects and purposes of the Association are:

- A. To promote matters of common interest and concern of the owners of property within a subdivision that will be referred to as LYDIA COURT AT RIVERSIDE once the plat thereof is recorded (the "Lot Owners") and the owners of Condominium Units LYDIA COURT AT RIVERSIDE, A CONDOMINIUM (the "Unit Owners"). The subdivision property and the condominium property including all individual units and all of its common areas shall be collectively referred to herein as the "Property".
- B. To own, maintain, repair and replace a Private Road providing access to the Property and an underground storm water treatment system (the "Water System") servicing the Property for which the obligation to maintain and repair has been delegated to and accepted by the Association.
- C. To cooperate with other associations responsible for administration of adjacent or contiguous properties in matters of common interest to the Association and such other associations and to contribute to such common maintenance interests whether within or without the Property, if any.
- D. To provide, purchase, acquire, replace, improve, maintain, operate and repair such buildings, structures, landscaping, paving and equipment, and to provide such other services for the benefit of the members of the Association, as the Board of Directors in its discretion determines necessary, appropriate, and or convenient.
- E. To operate without profit for the sole and exclusive benefit of its Members.
- F. To perform all of the functions contemplated for the Association and undertaken by the Board of Directors pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Declaration.

### ARTICLE 3 DEFINITIONS

The terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meanings as those set forth in the Declaration unless herein provided to the contrary or unless the context otherwise requires.

### ARTICLE 4 POWERS

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

- 4.1 General. The Association shall have all of the common-law and statutory powers of a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of Florida that are not in conflict with the provisions of these Articles, the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the Homeowner's Association Act (the "Act").
- 4.2 Enumeration. The Association shall have the powers and duties set forth in the Act except as limited by these Articles, the Bylaws, and the Declaration (to the extent that they are not in conflict with the Act) and all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate the Association under the Declaration and as more particularly described in the Bylaws, as they may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - (a) To make and collect assessments and other charges against members as Lot or Unit Owners, and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties.
  - (b) To maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, alter, add to, and operate the Property, and other property acquired or leased by the Association or for which the Association has an obligation to maintain.
  - (d) To purchase insurance upon the Property and insurance for the protection of the Association, its Officers, Directors, and Unit Owners.
  - (e) To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance, conservation, and use of the Property and for the health, comfort, safety, and welfare of the Lot Owners and Unit Owners.
  - (f) To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Act, the Declaration, these Articles, the Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations for the use of the Property.
  - (h) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Property and to authorize a management agent to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing such functions as the submission of proposals, collection of assessments, preparation of records, enforcement of rules, and maintenance, repair and replacement of the Private Road and Water System using funds made available by the Association. The Association and its Officers shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties granted by the Act, including, but not limited to, the levy of assessments, promulgation of rules, and execution of contracts on behalf of the Association.

- (i) To employ personnel to perform the services required for the proper operation, maintenance, conservation, and use of the Property.
  - (j) In general, to have all powers conferred upon a corporation by the laws of the State of Florida, except as prohibited herein and by the terms and conditions set forth in the Declaration.
- 4.3 Common Property. All funds and the title to all properties acquired by the Association and their proceeds shall be held for the benefit and use of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, and the Bylaws.
- 4.4 Distribution of Income. The Association shall make no distributions of income to its members, Directors or Officers.
- 4.5 Limitation. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions hereof and of the Declaration, the Bylaws and the Act, provided that in the event of conflict, the provisions of the Act shall control over those of the Declaration and Bylaws.

## ARTICLE 5 MEMBERS

- 5.1 Membership. The Members ("Members") shall consist of the Developer, and all other owners of individual single family Lots located within the Property and owners of condominium units within the LYDIA COURT AT RIVERSIDE, A CONDOMINIUM. Membership in the Association is appurtenant to, and inseparable from, ownership of a Lot or a Unit. New members shall deliver a true copy of the recorded deed or other instrument of acquisition of title to the Association.
- 5.2 Assignment. The share of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated, or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the Lot or Unit for which that share is held.
- 5.3 Voting and Assessments.
  - A. The Association shall have one class of voting membership as follows:

All Owners including the Developer shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot or Unit owned.
  - B. When one or more persons or entities holds an interest or interests in any Lot or other portion of the Property, any such persons shall be Members, and the vote(s) for such portions of the Property shall be exercised as they among themselves shall determine. The votes for any Lot or Unit, or other portion of the Property cannot be divided for any issue and must be voted as a whole, except where otherwise required under the provisions of these Articles, the Declaration, or by law. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes allocated to the Members cast at any meeting of the Members duly called at which a quorum is present, or cast by written ballot by a quorum of the membership, shall be binding upon the Members and the Association.

C. The Association will obtain funds with which to operate by assessment of its Members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, as supplemented by the provisions of the Articles and Bylaws of the Association relating thereto.

- 5.4 Meetings. The Bylaws shall provide for an annual meeting of members, and may provide for regular and special meetings of members other than the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE 6 TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE 7 INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is Duane C. Romanello, P.A., whose address is 1919-8 Blanding Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

#### ARTICLE 8 OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the Officers holding the offices designated in the Bylaws. The Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Association at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the members of the Association and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The Bylaws may provide for the removal from office of Officers, for filling vacancies, and for the duties and qualifications of the Officers. The names and addresses of the Officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

President:

Patrick Wallace

1919 Blanding Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32210

Vice President:

Steve Ralys

3721 Dupont Station Court South

Jacksonville, FL 32217

Secretary-Treasurer:

Duane Romanello

1919 Blanding Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32210

ARTICLE 9  
DIRECTORS

- 9.1 Number and Qualification. The property, business, and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board consisting of the number of Directors determined in the manner provided by the Bylaws, but which shall consist of not less than three Directors and which shall always be an odd number.
- 9.2 Duties and Powers. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the Act, the Declaration, these Articles, and the Bylaws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board of Directors, its agents, contractors, or employees, subject only to approval by Lot Owners when such approval is specifically required.
- 9.3 Election; Removal. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members in the manner determined by and subject to the qualifications set forth in the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- 9.4 First Directors. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have taken office, as provided in the Bylaws, are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Patrick Wallace	1919 Blanding Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32210
Steve Ralys	3721 Dupont Station Court South Jacksonville, FL 32217
Duane Romanello	1919 Blanding Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32210

ARTICLE 10  
INDEMNIFICATION

- 10.1 Indemnity. To the extent allowed by law, the Association hereby indemnifies any Director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding:

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, lawsuit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, employee, Officer, or agent of the Association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by that person in connection with such action, lawsuit, or proceeding unless (a) a court of competent jurisdiction determines, after all available appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by

the proposed indemnitee, that he or she did not act in good faith or in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he or she had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, and (b) such court further specifically determines that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any action, lawsuit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith or did act in a manner that he or she reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he or she had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

- 10.2 Expenses. 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, lawsuit, or proceeding referred to in Section 10.1 above, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with that defense. The Board of Directors shall determine whether amounts for which a Director or officer seek indemnification were properly incurred and whether such Director or officer acted in good faith in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.
- 10.3 Advances. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, lawsuit, or proceeding shall be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, lawsuit, or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the affected Director, Officer, employee, or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article 10.
- 10.4 Miscellaneous. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of members, or otherwise, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, Officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of that person.
- 10.5 Insurance. 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 him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability under the provisions of this Article.
- 10.6 Amendment. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the provisions of this Article 10 may not be amended without the prior written consent of all persons whose interest would be adversely affected by such amendment.



## ARTICLE 11 BYLAWS

The first Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended, or rescinded in the manner provided in the Bylaws and the Declaration.

## ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

- 12.1 Notice. Notice of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered and shall be otherwise given in the time and manner provided in F.S. Chapter 617. Such notice shall contain the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be affected thereby.
- 12.2 Adoption. Amendments shall be proposed and adopted in the manner provided in F.S. Chapter 617 and in the Act (the latter to control over the former to the extent provided for in the Act).
- 12.3 Limitation. No amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership, nor in the voting rights or property rights of members, nor any changes in Sections 4.3, 4.4, or 4.5 of Article 4, titled "Powers," without the approval in writing of all members and the joinder of all record Owners of mortgages upon Units. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Act, the Declaration, or the Bylaws, nor shall any amendment make any changes that would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers, or options herein provided in favor of or reserved to the Developer, or an affiliate, successor, or assign of the Developer unless the Developer shall join in the execution of the amendment. No amendment to this paragraph 12.3 shall be effective.
- 12.4 Developer Amendments. To the extent lawful, the Developer may amend these Articles consistent with the provisions of the Declaration, allowing certain amendments to be effected by the Developer alone.
- 12.5 Recording. A copy of each amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State under the provisions of applicable Florida law, and a copy certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded in the public records of Duval County, Florida.

## ARTICLE 14 TRANSACTION IN WHICH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED

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 in which they 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 authorizes the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose. All such contracts or transactions shall, however, be fair and reasonable and upon terms reasonably comparable to those which could be obtained in arms-length transactions with

unrelated entities. No Director or Officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.

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 the contract or transaction.

#### ARTICLE 15 DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Upon dissolution of the Association, all of its assets remaining after provisions for creditors and payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed in the following manner:

A. Dedication to any applicable municipal or other governmental authority of any property determined by the Board of Directors of the Association to be appropriate for such dedication and which the authority is willing to accept.

B. If no municipal or governmental authority will accept such dedication, the assets shall be distributed among the Members, subject to the limitation set forth below, each Member's share of the assets to be determined by multiplying such remaining assets by a fraction the numerator of which is all amounts assessed by the Association since its organization against the portion of Property which is owned by the Member at that time, and the denominator of which is the total amount (excluding penalties and interest) assessed by the Association against all properties which at the time of dissolution are part of the Property. The year of dissolution shall count as a whole year for purposes of the preceding fractions.


C. The Association may be dissolved upon a resolution to that effect being approved by a majority of the Board of Directors and by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members. In the event of incorporation by annexation or otherwise, of all or part of the Property by a political subdivision of the State of Florida, the Association may be dissolved in the manner set forth above.

In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the surface water or stormwater management system must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which would comply with Section 40C-42.027, Florida Administrative Code, and be approved by the St. Johns River Water Management District prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

#### ARTICLE 16 INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE, ADDRESS AND NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of this Corporation shall be at 1919 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32210, with the privilege of having its office and branch offices at other places within or without the State of Florida. The initial registered agent of the Corporation shall be Duane C Romanello, P.A., who shall also be a resident agent, whose address is 1919 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has affixed his signature the day and year set forth below.

  
Print Name: Duane Romanello

STATE OF FLORIDA

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SS.

)

COUNTY OF DUVAL

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 2 day of June, 2017 by Duane Romanello, of 1919 Blanding Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32210, who is personally known to me or who has produced Florida Drivers License as identification and who did not take an oath.

  
Notary Public, State of Florida



DAWN L. TERRY  
MY COMMISSION # FF 904183  
EXPIRES: November 27, 2019  
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

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

In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

That desiring to organize under the laws of the state of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, in the County of Duval, state of Florida, the corporation named in the said Articles has named Duane C. Romanello, P.A., whose address is 1919-8 Blanding Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, as its statutory registered agent.

LYDIA COURT AT RIVERSIDE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.,

  
Patrick Wallace, its President

Having been named the statutory agent of the corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the same and agree to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

DUANE C. ROMANELLO, P.A.

  
Duane C. Romanello, President

DATED on June 2 2017.

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