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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CARDINAL COVE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

A Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation

# ARTICLE I - NAME

This corporation shall be known as CARDINAL COVE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "ASSOCIATION." The principal office of the ASSOCIATION shall be located at 120 E. Main Street, Suite A, Pensacola, Florida 32502, but meetings of the members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Florida, County of Escambia, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE II - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The address of the initial registered office is 30 S. Spring Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502. The Board of Directors may from time to time change the principal office of the ASSOCIATION to any other address in the State of Florida. The name of the initial registered agent is Alan B. Bookman.

# ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND POWERS

The purpose for which this ASSOCIATION is organized is to create an entity which can provide for maintenance and architectural control of Cardinal Cove Subdivision (the "Subdivision") and common properties and architectural control of the residential lots within that certain tract of property described as follows, to-wit:

See Exhibit "A".

Together with any and all other property added to the control of the ASSOCIATION by amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions affecting the above-described property, and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the Subdivision and to:

- a. Exercise all of the powers and privileges and perform all of the duties and obligations of the ASSOCIATION as set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, hereinafter called the "DECLARATION," applicable to the property and recorded in the Public Records of Escambia County, Florida, as same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said DECLARATION being incorporated herein as if set forth at 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

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connection therewith, and all office 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;

- 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;
- With the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of members, borrow money and mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- Dedicate, sell, or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members; no such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument has been signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members agreeing to such dedication, sale, or transfer;
- Participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes, or annex additional property and Common Area, provided that any such merger, consolidation, or annexation shall have the consent of twothirds (2/3) of each class of members except that for a period of two years after recording the plat, the Declarant may annex additional property as provided in the DECLARATION;
- Have and exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation not for profit and homeowners' associations organized under the Florida law may now or hereafter have or exercise by law.

## ARTICLE IV - QUALIFICATION AND MANNER OF ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a lot, either individually or jointly with others which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the ASSOCIATION, including a contract seller, shall be a member of the ASSOCIATION. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any lot which is subject to assessment by the ASSOCIATION.

A member, unless acting in the capacity of a duly elected officer of the ASSOCIATION, does not have the authority to act for the ASSOCIATION solely by virtue of being a member.

## ARTICLE V - VOTING RIGHTS/TRANSITION OF CONTROL

The ASSOCIATION shall have two classes of voting membership:

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Class A members shall be all owners, with the exception of the Declarant, and shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each lot owned. When more than one (1) person or entity holds an interest in a lot, then the vote attributable to such lot shall be exercised as they determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any lot.

Class B. Class B members shall be the Declarant, as defined in the DECLARATION, who shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each lot owned, as set forth in the DECLARATION. Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the date when Declarant ceases to own a majority of the total lots in, or planned for, the Subdivision.

After Declarant relinquishes control of the ASSOCIATION, Declarant may continue to vote any Declarant-owned lots in the same manner as any other member.

# ARTICLE VI - TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### <u>ARTICLE VII – INCORPORATOR</u>

The name and address of the Incorporator is Neal B. Nash, 120 E. Main Street, Suite A Pensacola, Florida 32502.

### <u>ARTICLE VIII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>

The business affairs of this ASSOCIATION shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which shall initially consist of three (3) members. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time as provided in the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3) Directors, nor more than seven (7) Directors.

The members of the Board of Directors need not be members of the ASSOCIATION and shall serve for a term as set forth in the Bylaws.

The President of the ASSOCIATION shall at all times be a member of the Board of Directors, and members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws,

The names and street addresses of the persons who are to serve as the first Board of Directors of the corporation are:

Neal B. Nash 120 E. Main St Suite A Pensacola, Florida 32502

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Rodney A. Sutton 120 E. Main St Suite A Pensacola, Florida 32502

Eric J. Nickelsen 120 E. Main St Suite A Pensacola, Florida 32502

## ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS

The officers of this ASSOCIATION shall be a President, who shall at all times be a member of the Board of Directors, a Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time create.

The initial officers shall be as follows:

President Vice President Secretary/Treasurer Neal B. Nash Rodney A. Sutton Eric J. Nickelsen

## **ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION**

The ASSOCIATION may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members. Upon 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. In the event that acceptance of such dedication is refused, the assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

#### <u>ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS</u>

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total members at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose.

Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total members upon notice given, as provided by the Bylaws, of intention to submit such amendments. However, no amendment shall be effective without the written consent of the Declarant until after five (5) years from the date of filing these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

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## **ARTICLE XII - DEFINITIONS**

The terms used herein shall have the same definition as set forth in the DECLARATION and the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE XIII - FHANA APPROVAL

As long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration and/or the Veterans Administration: Annexation of additional properties (except as provided in the DECLARATION), mergers and consolidations, mortgaging of common area, dedication of common area, and dissolution and amendment of these Articles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned subscribing incorporator, have nereunto set my hand and seal this 13 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Neal B. Nash, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA )
COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA )

The foregoing was acknowledged before me this <u>/3</u> day of <u>∧t A y</u>. 2018, by<u>weet s. y a s H</u>, who personally appeared before me and is personally known to me.

Print Name: MARIE PRICE
Notary Public for the State of Florida

(NOTARY SEAL)

MARIE PRICE
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION NO. GG 170451
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 14, 2022

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# REGISTERED AGENT'S CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

CARDINAL COVE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida Corporation Not For Profit, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, has named Alan B. Bookman of Emmanuel, Sheppard & Condon, 30 S. Spring Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

# Acknowledgment and Acceptance

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation (or Association) at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept such designation and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

Alan B, Bookman

Prepared By: Alan B. Bookman, of Emmanuel Sheppard & Condon 30 South Spring Street Pensacola, FL 32502