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T. BURCH FEB 5 2020 Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

October 24, 2019

Re: Collier County Community Land Trust, Inc.

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation, as well as a check made payable to the Department of State in the following amount:

X \$70.00 Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status

☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy (Additional copy required)

□ \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate of Status (Additional copy required)

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Michael Puchalla
3200 Bailey Lane, #109
Naples, Florida 34105
E-mail: michael@collierhousing.com

Thank you for your attention to, and assistance with, this matter.

Regards,

Michael Puchalla, Incorporator

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF COLLIER COUNTY COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, INC., A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

### ARTICLE I CORPORATION NAME

The name of the Corporation is Collier County Community Land Trust, Inc.

### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS

The Corporation's principal office address is:

3200 Bailey Lane, Suite #109 Naples, FL 34105

ARTICLE III
MAILING ADDRESS

The Corporation's mailing address is:

3200 Bailey Lane, Suite #109 Naples, FL 34105

### ARTICLE IV REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the registered agent of the Corporation is:

Michael Puchalla 3200 Bailey Lanc, Suite #109 Naples, FL 34105

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Michael Puchalla October 24, 2019 2020 JAN -2 PH 2: 31

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### ARTICLE V DURATION AND MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence. The qualification for members, if any, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the Corporation's Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The method of selection of Directors and the number of Directors shall be as stated in the Corporation's Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Michael Puchalla 3200 Bailey Lane, Suite #109 Naples, Florida 34105

### ARTICLE VIII CORPORATE PURPOSES

The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, and consist of the following:

- 1. To provide decent and affordable housing opportunities for very low, low and moderate income families and individuals that is controlled by the residents on a long term basis.
- 2. To foster the availability of a combination of owner-occupied and rental housing that meets diverse needs.
- 3. To preserve the availability and affordability of housing for successive owners and renters through the acquisition of land to be held in perpetuity for the primary purpose of providing affordable homeownership.
- 4. To combat neighborhood deterioration in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods by promoting the development, rehabilitation, and maintenance of decent housing in these neighborhoods; by promoting economic opportunities for low-income residents of these neighborhoods; by making land available for projects and activities that improve the quality of life in these neighborhoods; and by assisting residents of these neighborhoods in improving the safety and well-being of their community.

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- 5. To protect the natural environment and to promote the ecologically sound use of land and natural resources and the long-term health and safety of the community.
- 6. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively in a charitable and educational manner, such that the Corporation qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE IX 501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS

- CORPORATE PURPOSES. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 2. <u>EXCLUSIVITY</u>. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
- 3. NO PRIVATE INUREMENT. The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The property, assets, profits, and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes, no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any private person or individual. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to the Directors, officers, members or trustees thereof, or to any other private persons or individuals, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered in carrying out, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of, the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.
- 4. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- 5. <u>DISSOLUTION</u>. Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of

competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

### ARTICLE X DEBT OBLIGATIONS AND PERSONAL LIABILITY

No Director or officer of this Corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this Corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property the Directors or officers be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this Corporation.

### ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION

Indemnification of the Corporation's Directors and officers shall be pursuant to the Corporation's Bylaws.

### ARTICLE XII AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with, and as provided for in, the Corporation's Bylaws.

### ARTICLE XIII EFFECTIVE DATE

The Effective Date of these Articles of Incorporation shall be the date of filing with the Department of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation of Collier County Community Land Trust, Inc., on this 24th day of October, 2019.

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s. 817.155, F.S.

Michael Puchalla, Incorporator

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