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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF 434 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the corporation shall be **434 21<sup>st</sup> Street Condominium Association, Inc.** For convenience, the corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the "Association", these Articles of Incorporation as the "Articles", and the By-Laws of the Association as the "By-Laws".

## ARTICLE 2 OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address shall be at 9111 E Bay Harbor Drive Suite 6F, Miami, FL 33154, or at such other place as may be subsequently designated by the Board of Directors. All books and records of the Association shall be kept at its principal office or at such other place as may be permitted by the Act.

## ARTICLE 3 PURPOSE

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The purpose for which the Association is organized is to provide an entity pursuant to the Florida Condominium Act as it exists on the date hereof (the "Act") for the operation of that certain condominium located in Palm Beach County, Florida, and known as 434 21<sup>st</sup> Street Condominium Association, Inc.

## ARTICLE 4 DEFINITIONS

The terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meanings as those set forth in the Declaration of the Condominium to be recorded in the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida, unless herein provided to the contract, or unless the context otherwise requires.

#### ARTICLE 5 POWERS

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

- 5.1 <u>General.</u> The Association shall have all the common-law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit under the Laws of Florida. Except as expressly limited or restricted by the terms of these Articles, the Declaration, the B-Laws or the Act.
- 5.2 <u>Enumeration.</u> The Association shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in the Act, except as limited by these Articles, the By-Laws 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 Condominium pursuant to the Declaration and as more particularly

described in the By- laws, 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 Unit Owners (whether or not such sums are due and payable to the Association), and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- (b) To assume all of the Developer's and/or its affiliates' responsibilities: to the City and/or to the County, and it's or their governmental and quasi- governmental subdivisions and similar entities of any kind with respect to the Condominium Property (including, without limitation, any and all obligations imposed by any permits or approvals issued by the City and/or the County, all as same may be amended, modified or interpreted from time to time) and, in either such instance, the Association shall indemnify and hold Developer and its affiliates harmless with respect thereto in the event of the Association's failure to fulfill those responsibilities.
- (c) To buy, accept, own, operate, lease, sell, trade and mortgage both real and  $\nu$  personal property in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration.
- (d) To maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to and operate the Condominium Property and/or Association Property, and other property acquired or leased by the Association.
- (e) To purchase insurance upon the Condominium Property and Association Property and insurance for the protection of the Association, its officers, directors and Unit Owners.
- (f) To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance, conservation and use of the Condominium Property and Association Property and for the health, comfort, safety, and welfare of the Unit Owners.
- (g) To approve, or disapprove the leasing, transfer, ownership, and possession of Units as may be provided by the Declaration.
- (h) To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Act, the Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws, and the rules and regulations for the use of the Condominium Property and Association Property.
- (i) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Condominium Property and/or Association Property and to authorize a management agent (which may be an affiliate of the Developer) 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 Common Elements and Association Property with such funds as shall be made available by the Association for such purposes. The Association and its officers shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties granted by the Condominium Act, including, but not limited to, the making of Assessments, promulgation of rules and execution of contracts on behalf of the Association.

- (j) To employ personnel to perform the services required for the proper operation of the Condominium and the Association Property.
- (k) The obligation to (i) operate and maintain the surface water management system in accordance with the permit issued by the District, (ii) carry out, maintain, and monitor any required wetland mitigation tasks, If any, and (iii) maintain copies of all permitting actions with regard to the District.
- (I) To execute all documents or consents, on behalf of all Unit Owners (and their mortgagees), required by all governmental and/or quasi- governmental agencies in connection with land use and development matters (Including, without limitation, plats, waivers of plat, unities of title, covenants in lieu thereof, etc.), and In that regard, each Unit Owner, by acceptance of the deed to such Owners Unit, and each mortgagee of a Unit, by acceptance of a lien on said Unit, appoints and designates the President of the Association as such Unit Owner's and mortgagee's agent and attorney-in fact to execute, any and all such documents or consents.
- Association 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 By-Laws.
- Distribution of Income: Dissolution. The Association shall not pay a dividend to its members and shall make no distribution of income to its members, directors or officers, and upon dissolution, all assets of the Association shall be transferred only to another non-profit corporation or a public agency or as otherwise authorized by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes).
- 5.5 <u>Limitation.</u> The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised In accordance with the provisions hereof and of the Declaration, the By-Laws and the Act, provided that in the event of conflict, the provisions of the Act shall control over those of the Declaration and By-Laws.

## ARTICLE 6 MEMBERS

- 6.1 <u>Membership.</u> The members of the Association shall consist of all of the record title owners of Units in the Condominium from time to time, and after termination of the Condominium, shall also consist of those who were members at the time of such termination, and their successors and assigns.
- 6.2 <u>Assignment.</u> 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 Unit for which that share is held.
- 6.3 <u>Voting.</u> On all matters upon which the membership shall be entitled to vote, there shall be only one (1) vote for each Unit. All votes shall be exercised or cast in the manner provided by the Declaration and By-Laws. Any person or entity owning more than one Unit shall be entitled to cast the aggregate number of votes attributable to all Units owned.
- 6.4 <u>Meetings.</u> The By-Laws shall provide for an annual meeting of members and may make provision for regular and special meetings of members, other than the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE 7 TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence, unless dissolved in accordance with applicable law. In the event that the Association is dissolved, and to the extent that responsibility for the surface water management system is the responsibility of the Association, then the property consisting of the surface water management system and the right of access to the portions of the Condominium Property containing the surface water management system shall be conveyed to an appropriate agency of local government. If it is not accepted, then the surface water management system must be dedicated to a similar non-profit corporation.

## ARTICLE 8 OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the officers holding the offices designated in the By-Laws. After the first election of Directors, the officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors as its first meeting following the first of the Members of the Association at which the Board of Directors is elected. The officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE 9 INDEMNIFICATION

- Indemnities. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding (other than an action by, or in the right of, the Association) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent (each, an "Indemnitee") of the Association, against liability incurred in connection with proceeding, including any appeal thereof, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or 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 reasonably believed to be In, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.
- Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify any person, who was or is a party to any proceeding, or any threat of same, by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association against expenses or amounts paid in settlement not exceeding, in the judgment of the board of directors, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually or reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such proceeding, including an appeal thereof. Such indemnification shall be authorized if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association, except that no indemnification shall be made under this Article 11 in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which such proceeding was brought, or any other

- 11.3 <u>Indemnification for 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 proceeding referred to in subsection 11.1 or subsection 11.2, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter, therein, he or she shall be indemnified against the expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.
- Definitions. For purposes of this Article 11, the term "expenses" shall be deemed to include attorney's fees and related "out-of-pocket" expenses, including those for any appeals; the term "liability" shall be deemed to include obligations to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine, and expenses actually and reasonably incurred with respect to a proceeding; the term "proceeding: shall be deemed to include any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or other type of proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether formal or informal, and the term "agent" shall be deemed to include a volunteer; the term "serving at the request of the Association" shall be deemed to include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association that imposes duties on, and which are accepted by, such persons.
- 11.5 <u>Effect.</u> The indemnification provided by this Article 11 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitles under any applicable law, agreement, vote of member otherwise.
- 11.6 <u>Amendment.</u> Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, no amendment to the provisions of this Article 11 shall be applicable as to any party eligible for indemnification hereunder who has not given his or her prior written consent to such amendment.

#### ARTICLE 10 BY-LAWS

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

## ARTICLE 11 AMENDMENTS

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

- 13.1 <u>Notice.</u> 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 Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. Such notices shall contain the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be affected thereby.
- 13.2 <u>Adoption.</u> Amendments shall be proposed and adopted in the manner provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and in the Act (the latter to control over the former to the extent provided for in the Act)
- 13.3 <u>Limitation.</u> No amendment shall make any changes in the qualification for membership,

nor in the voting rights or property rights of members, nor any changes in Subsections 5.3, 5.4 or 5.5 above, 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 By-Laws, nor shall any amendment make any changes which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers or options herein provided in favor of or reserved to the Developer, as applicable shall join in the execution of the amendment. No amendment to this paragraph 13.3 shall be effective.

- 13.4 <u>Developer Amendments.</u> Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, 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.
- 13.5 <u>Recording.</u> A copy of each amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of applicable Florida law, and a copy of certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded in the public records of Palm Beach County, Florida with an identification on the first page thereof of the book and page of said public records where the Declaration was recorded which contains, as an exhibit, the initial recording of these Articles.

# ARTICLE 14 INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE; ADDRESS AND NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be at 224 Palermo Avenue, Coral Gbales, FL 33134, with the privilege of having its office and branch offices at other places within or without the State of Florida. The initial registered Agent at that address shall be Nicholas T. Apathy, P.A.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Incorporator has affixed hi/her signature this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021.

By: Nicholas T. Apathy, Esq.

Incorporator

#### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING RESIDENT AGENT AND RESIDENT OFFICE

In accordance with Chapter 48.091, Florid Statutes, the following designation and acceptance is submitted in compliance thereof.

#### **DESIGNATION**

434 21<sup>ST</sup> Street Condominium Association, Inc. desiring to organize under the laws of the state of Florida, hereby designate Nicholas T. Apathy, P.A. as its registered agent at 224 Palermo Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

Having been named as registered agent for the above named corporation, I hereby agree to act in such capacity 19 such corporation at its Registered Office.

By: Nicholas T. Apathy, Esq.

Its: Registered Agent