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FOR  
CAROLINA GREYHOUND SQUARE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation (these "Articles").

1. Name. The name of the corporation shall be Carolina Greyhound Square Property Owners Association, Inc. (the "Association").

2. Principal Office. The principal office of the Association is 1288 N. Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers, Florida 33903.

3. Registered Office - Registered Agent. The street address of the Registered Office of the Association is 1833 Hendry Street, Fort Myers, Florida, 33901. The name of the Registered Agent of the Association is:

PLF Registered Agent, L.L.C.

4. Definitions. A declaration of covenants entitled Declaration of Covenants for Carolina Greyhound Square (the "Declaration") will be recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida, and shall govern all of the operations of the homeowners association to be known as the Carolina Greyhound Square Property Owners Association, Inc. All initially capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration.

5. Purpose. The purpose for which the Association is organized is to provide an entity pursuant to the Florida Homeowners Act (the "Act") for the operation of the Community to be developed on property located in Lee County, Florida. The Association is organized to provide a means of administering the Community. The Lot Owners of the Lots shall automatically be members ("Members") of the Association. Until such time as Lots are conveyed to third party purchasers, the Members shall be the Directors.

6. Powers and Duties. The powers of the Association shall include and be governed by the following:

6.1. General. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit under the laws of Florida that are not in conflict with the provisions of these Articles, the Declaration, the Bylaws or the Act.

6.2. Enumeration. Without limiting the foregoing, the Association shall have all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate the Community pursuant to the Declaration and as more particularly described in the Bylaws including, but not limited to, the following:

6.2.1. Assessments and Special Assessments. To make and collect Assessments, Special Assessments and other charges from Lot Owners as provided in the Declaration, and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties.

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6.2.2. Real and Personal Property. To buy, own, operate, lease, sell, trade and mortgage both real and personal property as may be necessary or convenient in the administration of the Community, and to maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to and operate any Community Property, and other property acquired or leased by the Association for use by Lot Owners in the Community.

6.2.3. Insurance. To purchase insurance upon any Community Property and insurance for the protection of the Association, its officers, directors and Lot Owners of the Community. 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 another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of Article 12.

6.2.4. Rules and Regulations. To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations (the "Rules and Regulations") for the maintenance, conservation and use of any Community Property and for the health, comfort and welfare of the Lot Owners in the Community.

6.2.5. Enforcement. To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Act, the Declaration, these Articles, the Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations.

6.2.6. Management and Employees. To employ personnel, retain independent contractors, managers, and professional personnel; enter into any supply or service contracts; and contract for the management of the Community and, in connection therewith, to delegate powers and duties of the Association to the extent and in the manner permitted by the Declaration, the Bylaws, and the Act.

6.2.7. Approval of Transfers. Approve or disapprove the transfer, ownership, and possession of Lots as may be provided by the Declaration.

## 7. Lot Owners and Membership.

7.1. Membership. The Members of the Association shall consist of all of the record owners of Lots in the Community from time to time.

7.2. Assignment. The share of a Lot Owner in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the Lot for which that share is held. The funds and assets of the Association shall be expended, held or used only for the benefit of the Lot Owners and for the purposes authorized herein, in the Declaration, and in the Bylaws.

7.3. Voting. On all matters upon which the Lot Owners shall be entitled to vote, there shall be only one (1) vote for each Lot, which vote shall be exercised or cast in the manner provided by the Bylaws. Any person or entity owning more than one (1) Lot shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned.

7.4. Prior to Recordation of Declaration. Until such time as the real property comprising the Subdivision, and the improvements now and/or to be constructed thereon, are submitted to the Declaration in the Public Record of Lee County, Florida, the membership of the Association (the "**Membership**") shall be comprised of the Directors of the Association, each of whom shall be entitled to cast a vote on all matters upon which the Membership would be entitled to vote.

8. Term of Existence. The Association shall have perpetual existence.

9. Directors.

9.1. Number and Qualification. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors (the "**Board**") consisting initially of three (3) directors, but subject to change as provided by the Bylaws. Directors appointed or designated by the Developer need not be Lot Owners of the Association or residents of Lots in the Community. All other directors must be Lot Owners.

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, its agents, contractors and/or employees, subject only to approval by Lot Owners when such approval is specifically required by the Declaration or the Act.

9.3. Election; Removal. Directors shall be appointed, elected, and removed as provided in the Bylaws.

9.4. Current Directors. The names and addresses of the members of the current Board who shall hold office until their successors are appointed and/or elected, are as follows:

Dominick Izzo  
1288 N. Tamiami Trail  
Fort Myers, FL 33903

Tanya Soholt  
1288 N. Tamiami Trail  
Fort Myers, FL 33903

John O'Donnell  
1288 N. Tamiami Trail  
Fort Myers, FL 33903

10. 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 and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The names and addresses of the current officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board are as follows:

PRESIDENT: Dominick Izzo  
1288 N. Tamiami Trail  
Fort Myers, FL 33903

VICE PRESIDENT: Tanya Sohlt  
1288 N. Tamiami Trail  
Fort Myers, FL 33903

SECY/TREAS: John O'Donnell  
1288 N. Tamiami Trail  
Fort Myers, FL 33903

11. Incorporator. The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

Christina Harris Schwinn  
1833 Hendry Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

12. Indemnification.

12.1. Indemnity. 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, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, employee, officer, or agent of the Association, against expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at trial and upon appeal), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceedings, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, has no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

12.2. Limitations on Indemnification. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have adjudged to be liable for gross negligence or intentional misconduct in the performance of his duties to the Association, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

12.3. Effect of Termination of Action. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, 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 interest of the Association, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

12.4. 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, suit or proceeding referred to in Section 12.1 above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at trial and upon appeal) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.



12.5. Approval. Any indemnification under Section 12.1 above (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper under the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 12.1 above. Such determination shall be made (a) by the Board by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (b) if such quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or by a majority of the voting interests of the Lot Owners.

12.6. Advances. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding shall be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board in any specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the affected director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount until such time it shall ultimately be determined that he was not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article 12.

12.7. 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 the Bylaws, agreement, vote of Lot Owners 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 such person.

13. Bylaws. The first Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board, Lot Owners, and/or the Developer as provided in the Bylaws.

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

14.1. Notice. Notice of the subject matter of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.

14.2. Proposal. A resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be proposed either by a majority of the Board or Lot Owners holding one-third (1/3) of the voting interests in the Association.

14.3. Approval. An amendment shall be approved once it is approved:

14.3.1. by Lot Owners holding a majority of the voting interests in the Association present in person or by proxy at a Members meeting at which a quorum thereof has been attained and by not less than sixty-six and two thirds percent (66-2/3%) of the entire Board; or

14.3.2. by Lot Owners holding eighty percent (80%) of the voting interests in the Association present in person or by proxy at a Members meeting at which a quorum has been attained; or

14.3.3. prior to the date upon which Lot Owners other than Developer control the Board, by not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the entire Board.

14.4. Attendance Required. Directors not present in person at the meeting considering the amendment may express their agreement or disagreement in writing. Such agreement or disagreement may not be used as a vote for or against the action taken and may not be used for the purpose of creating a quorum.

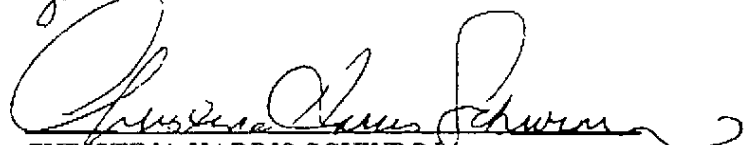
14.5. Limitation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Act, the Declaration, or the Bylaws, nor shall any amendment make any changes which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers, or options herein provided in favor of or reserved to the Developer herein or in the Declaration unless the Developer shall join in the execution of the amendment.

14.6. Recording. A copy of each amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of applicable Florida law, and a copy certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida.

14.7. Developer. The Developer may amend these Articles consistent with the provisions of the Declaration allowing certain amendments to be effected by the Developer alone. This paragraph may not be amended.

14.8. Dissolution. If this corporation is dissolved, then all of its obligations, rights, title and interest in and under the Declaration shall be conveyed or dedicated to a similar not-for-profit organization to assure continued maintenance and operation.

For the purpose of forming this Association under the Laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, being the Incorporator of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

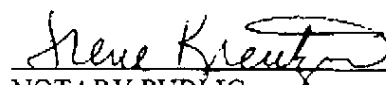
  
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022, by Christina Harris Schwinn, who is personally known to me.

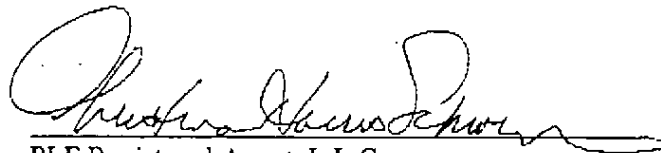


  
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**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

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, 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 my duties.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.



PLF Registered Agent, L.L.C.  
By: Christina Harris Schwinn