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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CAR COLLECTIVE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(A Corporation Not for Profit)**

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In order to form a corporation under and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida for the formation of corporations not for profit, the undersigned does hereby adopt and set forth these Articles of Incorporation, viz:

**ARTICLE I  
Name of Corporation**

The name of the corporation shall be CAR COLLECTIVE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter in these Articles referred to as the "Association." The initial principal office is located at 101 South Gulfstream Ave., Apt. 12E, Sarasota, FL 34236 and mailing address of the Association is Walter S. Sancers & Associates, P.A., 16528 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618.

**ARTICLE II  
Purpose**

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

- A. To operate and manage the affairs of the CAR COLLECTIVE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., located in Sarasota County, Florida (the "Condominium"), being developed by CHERYL ELSBREE, LLC d/b/a CAR COLLECTIVE, a Florida Limited Liability ("Developer").
- B. To maintain all common elements of the Condominium for which the obligation to maintain and repair has been delegated to the Association by the Declaration of Condominium of Car Collective Owners Association (the "Declaration").
- C. To perform all acts as provided for in the Declaration and in the Florida Condominium Act, Chapter 718, Florida Statutes (the "Act").

**ARTICLE III  
General Powers**

The general powers that the Association shall have are as follows:

A. To purchase, accept, lease, or otherwise acquire title to, and to hold, mortgage, rent, sell, or otherwise dispose of, any and all real or personal property related to the purposes or activities of the Association; and to make, enter into, perform, and carry out contracts of every kind and nature with any person, firm, corporation, or association.

B. To perform or do any acts necessary or expedient for: (1) carrying on any of the activities of the Association; (2) pursuing any of the objectives and purposes set forth in these Articles and not forbidden by the laws of the State of Florida; and (3) fulfilling all of the duties and responsibilities set forth in the Declaration, as amended from time to time, including but not limited to operating and maintaining the common elements of the Condominium.

C. To establish a budget and to fix assessments to be levied against all units of the Condominium (the "Units" or individually a "Unit") which are subject to assessment pursuant to the Declaration for the purpose of defraying the expenses and costs of effectuating the objects and purposes

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of the Association and to create reasonable reserves for such expenditures, including a reasonable contingency fund for the ensuing year and a reasonable annual reserve for anticipated major capital repairs, maintenance, improvements, and replacements.

D. To place liens against any Units subject to assessment for delinquent and unpaid assessments or charges and to bring suit for the foreclosure of such liens or to otherwise enforce the collection of such assessments and charges for the purpose of obtaining revenue in order to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Association.

E. To hold funds solely and exclusively for the benefit of the members of the Association for the purposes set forth in these Articles.

F. To adopt, promulgate, and enforce rules, regulations, bylaws, covenants, restrictions, and agreements in order to effectuate the purposes for which the Association is organized.

G. To delegate such of the powers of the Association as may be deemed to be in the Association's best interest by the Board of Directors.

H. To charge recipients of services rendered by the Association and users of property of the Association where such charges are deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

I. To pay all taxes and other charges or assessments, if any, levied against property owned, leased, or used by the Association.

J. To enforce by any and all lawful means the provisions of these Articles, the Bylaws of the Association which may be hereafter adopted, and the terms and provisions of the Declaration.

K. In general, to have all powers which may be conferred upon a corporation not for profit by the laws of the State of Florida, except as limited or prohibited by the terms of the Declaration of these Articles.

#### ARTICLE IV Members

A. All persons or entities having a vested present ownership interest in the title to any of the Units, which interest is evidenced by a duly recorded proper instrument in the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, shall be members of this Association. Membership shall terminate automatically and immediately as a member's vested present ownership interest terminates, except that upon the termination of the Condominium, the membership of an owner of any Unit (a "Unit Owner") who conveys such Unit to the trustee as provided in the Declaration shall continue until the trustee makes a final distribution of such Unit's share of the funds collected and held by the trustee. In the event a Unit is owned by a legal entity other than a natural person, the officer, director, or other official so designated by such legal entity shall exercise its membership rights.

B. The interest of a member in the funds and assets of the Association may not be assigned, hypothecated, or transferred in any manner, except as an appurtenance to the Unit which is the basis of membership in the Association.

C. The Secretary of the Association shall maintain a list of the members of the Association. Whenever any person or entity becomes entitled to membership in the Association, it shall become such party's duty and obligation to so inform the Secretary in writing, giving the party's name, address, and Unit number; provided, however, that any notice given to or vote accepted from the prior Unit Owner before receipt of written notification of change of ownership shall be deemed to be properly given or received. The Secretary may, but shall not be required to, search the Public Records of Sarasota County or make other

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inquiry to determine the status and correctness of the list of members of the Association maintained by the Secretary and shall be entitled to rely upon the Association's records until notified in writing of any changes in ownership.

D. Prior to the recording of the Declaration, the undersigned incorporator shall constitute the sole member of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE V** **Voting Rights**

The voting rights of each owner shall be determined on a fractional basis. Each owner shall be entitled to one vote based on the percentage of their Unit's total square footage plus its limited common area as shown on the Condominium Plat, bears to the square footage of all of the Units. In no event shall split voting be permitted. If one owner owns more than one Unit, such owner's vote shall be weighted based on the total square footage owned.

#### **ARTICLE VI** **Board of Directors**

A. The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting initially of three Directors. The number of Directors comprising succeeding Board of Directors shall be as provided from time to time in the Bylaws of the Association, but in no event shall there be less than three Directors, nor greater than five. The Directors need not be members of the Association or residents of the State of Florida.

B. All Directors shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of Developer. Developer may relinquish its right to appoint Directors at any time, whereupon all Directors shall be elected by the members.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VI B:

(1) When 15 percent or more of the Units that will be operated ultimately by the Association are conveyed to Unit Owners than Developer, such Unit Owners shall be Owners shall be entitled to elect not less than one-third of the Directors.

(2) Unit Owners other than Developer shall be entitled to elect a majority of the Directors upon the first of the following to occur: (a) three years after 50 percent, or three months after 80 percent, of the Units that will be operated ultimately by the Association are conveyed to Unit Owners other than Developer, (b) all the Units that will be operated ultimately by the Association have been completed, some of the Units have been conveyed to purchasers, and none of the remaining Units are being offered for sale by Developer in the ordinary course of business; or (d) seven years after recordation of the Declaration in the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

(3) When Developer no longer holds for sale in the ordinary course of business at least five percent of the Units, Unit Owners other than Developer shall be entitled to elect all the Directors.

D. The term of each elected Director shall expire upon the election of that Director's successor at the next succeeding annual meeting of members. Each elected Director shall serve until his respective successor has been duly elected and qualified, or until his earlier resignation, removal, or death. Elections shall be plurality vote.

E. Any elected Director may be removed from office with or without cause by majority vote of the total voting rights of the Association membership, but not otherwise. Any appointed Director may be removed and replaced with or without cause by Developer, in Developer's sole discretion.

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F. The names and addresses of the persons constituting the first Board of Directors are as follows:

Cheryl Elsbree, 101 South Gulfstream Ave. Apt. 12E Sarasota, FL 34236  
 Scott B. Elsbree, 101 South Gulfstream Ave., Apt. 12E, Sarasota, FL 34236  
 Frank Elsbree, 101 South Gulfstream Ave., Apt. 12E, Sarasota, FL 34236

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Officers

A. The officers of the Association, to be elected by the Board of Directors, shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board shall deem appropriate from time to time. The President shall be elected from among the membership of the Board of Directors, but no other officer need be a Director. The same person may hold two or more offices, provided, however, that the office of President and Secretary shall not be held by the same person. The affairs of the Association shall be administered by such officers under the direction of the Board of Directors. Officers shall be elected for a term of one year in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Bylaws.

B. The names of the officers who are to manage the affairs of the Association until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors are as follows:

President: Cheryl Elsbree

Vice President/ Treasurer: Scott B. Elsbree

Secretary: Frank Elsbree

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Corporate Existence

The Association shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved according to law or according to the provisions of Article 14 hereof.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### Bylaws

The first Board of Directors of the Association shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles. Thereafter, subject to any right of the members under the Act to adopt amendments, the Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the Directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws, provided, however, that no such amendment which would be detrimental to the sales of Units by Developer shall be effective without the written consent of Developer for as long as Developer holds any Unit for sale in the ordinary course of business.

#### ARTICLE X

##### Registered Office and Registered Agent

The registered office of the Association shall be 3859 Bee Ridge Road, Suite 202, Sarasota, Florida 34233, and the registered agent at such address shall be Laurie B. Sams, Esquire. The Association may, however, maintain offices and transact business in such other places within or without the State of Florida as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

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**ARTICLE XI**  
**Budget and Expenditures**

The Association shall obtain funds with which to operate by annual assessment of its members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, as the same may be supplemented by the provisions of the Association's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Accordingly, the Board of Directors shall annually adopt a budget for the operation of the Association for the ensuing fiscal year and for the purpose of levying assessments against all Units subject to assessment, which budget shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may thereafter at any time approve or ratify variations from such budget.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Incorporator**

The name and street address of the incorporator of the Association is as follows:

Cheryl Elsbree  
101 South Gulfstream Ave., Apt. 12E  
Sarasota, FL 34238

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Indemnification of Officers and Directors**

All officers and Directors shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding (including appellate proceedings) or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office. In no event, however, shall any officer or Director be indemnified for his own willful misconduct or, with respect to any criminal proceeding, his own knowing violation of provisions of law. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all officers and Directors for any liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as officers and Directors or arising out of their status as such.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**Dissolution of the Association**

A. Upon expiration of the term of the Declaration, the Association may be dissolved upon a resolution to that effect being approved by the holders of two-thirds of the total voting rights of the Association membership and upon compliance with any applicable law then in effect.

B. Upon dissolution of the Association, all of its assets remaining after provision for payment of creditors and all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be apportioned among the Units pro rata to the number of votes attributable to such Units pursuant to Article 5 hereof, and the share of each shall be distributed to the then owners thereof.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**The Florida Condominium Act**

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of these Articles and the Act, the terms and provisions of the Act shall control and, to that extent, are incorporated by reference herein. As used in this Article 15, the "Act" shall mean the provisions of Chapter 718, Florida Statutes, in effect as of the date on which these Articles are filed by the Florida Secretary of State.

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**ARTICLE XVI**  
**Amendments to Articles of Incorporation**

These Articles may be altered, amended, or repealed by the affirmative vote of the holders of more than one-half of the total voting rights of the Association membership; provided, however, that no such Amendment: (a) which would be detrimental to the sales of Units by Developer shall be effective without the written consent of Developer for as long as Developer holds any Unit for sale in the ordinary course of business; or (b) shall alter the calculation of voting rights attributable to any Unit pursuant to Article 5 hereof without the prior written consent of the Unit Owner so affected.

**ARTICLE XVII**  
**Binding Effect**

The provisions hereof shall bind and inure to the benefit of the members and Developer and their respective successors and assigns.

9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above-named subscriber has hereunto set his hand and seal this day of June, 2023.

INCORPORATOR:

Cheryl Elsbree  
Cheryl Elsbree

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for CAR COLLECTIVE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, LAURIE B. SAMS, ESQ. agrees to act in this capacity, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091 F.S. relative to keeping open such office.

Dated:

June 9, 2023.

Laurie B. Sams, Esquire  
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