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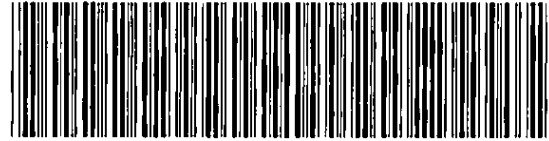
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Subject: MATANZAS COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

To Division of Corporations:

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above named Not For Profit Corporation and a check for \$87.50 for the filing fee, a certified copy and certificate.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
MATANZAS COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
(A Corporation Not-For-Profit)**

I. NAME AND DEFINITIONS

The name of this corporation shall be Matanzas Cove Homeowners Association, Inc. All defined terms contained in these Articles shall have the same meanings as such terms are defined by the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Matanzas Cove to be recorded in the Public Records of Flagler County, Florida (the "Declaration").

II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The location of the corporation's principal office and its mailing address shall be 185 Cypress Point Parkway, Palm Coast, Florida 32164, or at such other place as may be established by resolution of the Association's Board of Directors from time to time.

III. PURPOSES AND DUTIES

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

- A. To promote matters of common interest and concern of the Owners of property within Matanzas Cove.
- B. To own, maintain, repair and replace the Common Area, including without limitation the streets, streetlights, landscaping, structures, and other improvements located thereon, for which the obligation to maintain and repair has been delegated to and accepted by the Association.
- C. To operate, maintain and manage the stormwater management system in a manner consistent with the St. Johns River Water Management District ("District") Permit No. 104307-2, and applicable District rules, and shall assist in the enforcement of the requirements, restrictions and covenants contained therein.
- D. To provide, purchase, acquire, replace, improve, maintain, operate and repair such buildings, structures, landscaping, paving and equipment, and to provide such other services for the benefit of the members of the Association, as the Board of Directors in its discretion determines necessary, appropriate, and/or convenient.
- E. To operate without profit for the sole and exclusive benefit of its Members.
- F. To perform all of the functions contemplated for the Association and undertaken by the Board of Directors pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Declaration.

IV. GENERAL POWERS

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

- A. To hold funds solely and exclusively for the benefit of the Members for purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.
- B. To promulgate and enforce rules, regulations, bylaws, covenants, restrictions and agreements to effectuate the purpose for which the Association is organized.
- C. To delegate power or powers where such is deemed in the interest of the Association.
- D. To purchase, lease, hold, sell, mortgage or otherwise acquire or dispose of real or personal property, to enter into, make, perform or carry out contracts of every kind with any person, firm, corporation or association; to do any and all acts necessary or expedient for carrying on any and all of the activities and pursuing any and all of the objects and purposes set forth in the Declaration and these Articles of Incorporation and not forbidden by the laws of the State of Florida.
- E. To fix assessments to be levied against all or any portion of the Property to defray expenses and costs of effectuating the object and purposes of the Association and to create reasonable reserves for such expenditures, and to authorize its Board of Directors to enter into agreements with other property owners associations or management entities for the collection of such assessments. The foregoing shall include the power to levy and collect

adequate assessments against the Members for the costs of maintenance and operation of the stormwater management system. Such assessments shall be used for the maintenance and repair of the stormwater management system, including but not limited to, work within retention areas, drainage structures and drainage easements.

F. To charge recipients for services rendered by the Association and the users of the Association property where such is deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors of the Association and permitted by the Declaration.

G. To pay taxes and other charges, if any, on or against property owner, accepted or maintained by the Association.

H. To borrow money and, from time to time, to make, accept, execute and issue debentures, promissory notes or other obligations of the Association for monies borrowed, or in payment for property acquired, or for any of the other purposes of the Association, and to secure the payment of such obligations by mortgage, pledge, or other instrument of trust, or by lien upon, assignment of or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property rights or privileges of the Association wherever situated.

I. To merge with any other association which may perform similar functions located within the same general vicinity of the Property.

J. In general, to have all powers conferred upon a corporation by the laws of the State of Florida, except as prohibited herein and by the terms and conditions set forth in the Declaration.

V. MEMBERS

The "Members" shall consist of the Declarant and all other Owners of Lots located within the Property. Membership in the Association is appurtenant to and inseparable from ownership of a Lot.

VI. VOTING AND ASSESSMENTS

A. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership as follows:

1. Class A Membership. The 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.

2. Class B Membership. The Class B Members shall be the Declarant who shall be entitled to four (4) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A Membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

a. When the total votes outstanding in the Class A Membership equals the total votes in the Class B Membership;

b. The date that is three months after ninety percent (90%) of the Lots in all phases of the community that will ultimately be operated by the Association have been conveyed to Class A Members.

c. On the tenth (10th) anniversary date the Declaration is recorded in the Public Records of Flagler County, Florida; or

d. Such earlier date as the Declarant may choose to terminate the Class B Membership upon sixty (60) days written notice to the Association Board of Directors.

B. When one or more persons or entities holds an interest or interests in any Lot or other portion of the Property, all such persons shall be Members, and the vote(s) for such portions of the Property shall be exercised as they among themselves shall determine. The votes for any Lot, or other portion of the Property cannot be divided for any issue and must be voted as a whole, except where otherwise required under the provisions of these Articles, the Declaration, or Bylaws. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes allocated to the Members cast at any meeting of the Members duly called at which quorum is present, or cast by written ballot by a quorum of the membership, shall be binding upon the Members of the Association.

C. The Association will obtain funds with which to operate by assessment of its Members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, as supplemented by the provisions of the Articles and Bylaws.

VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of at least three (3) and no more than five (5) Directors. Directors need not be members of the Association and need not be residents of the State of Florida. For so long as the Class B Membership shall exist, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint all of the Directors. Following termination of the Class B Membership, Directors shall be elected as herein provided.

B. Elections shall be by plurality vote. At the first annual election of the Board of Directors and thereafter at each subsequent election, the term of each Director elected shall be for two (2) years, and thereafter until their successors are duly elected and qualified, or until removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members which elected or appointed them. In no event can a Board member appointed by the Declarant be removed except by action of the Declarant. Any Director appointed by the Declarant shall serve at the pleasure of the Declarant, and may be removed from office and replaced at any time by the Declarant.

C. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the Members and until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, are as follows:

Robert Gazzoli
185 Cypress Point Parkway, Suite 7
Palm Coast, Florida 32164

Brandon Jacobs
185 Cypress Point Parkway, Suite 7
Palm Coast, Florida 32164

Scott O'Leary
185 Cypress Point Parkway, Suite 7
Palm Coast, Florida 32164

VIII. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create. Any two (2) or more offices, may be held by the same person except the offices of the President and Secretary. Officers shall be elected for one (1) year terms in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Bylaws. The names of the officers who are to manage the affairs of the Association until the first annual meeting of the Members and until their successors are duly elected and qualified are:

President:	Robert Gazzoli
Vice President/ Secretary:	Brandon Jacobs
Treasurer:	Scott O'Leary

IX. CORPORATE EXISTENCE

Existence of the Association shall commence with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Florida. The Association shall exist in perpetuity.

X. BYLAWS

The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles. Such Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

XI. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

These Articles may be altered, amended or repealed upon the affirmative vote of Members holding not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes allocated to the Members pursuant to these Articles, and as approved by the St. Johns River Water Management District as to any matters pertaining to the stormwater management system.

XII. REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent:

**Laura Gazzoli
185 Cypress Point Parkway, Suite 7
Palm Coast, Florida 32164**

XIII. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

**Robert Gazzoli
185 Cypress Point Parkway
Palm Coast, Florida 32164**

XIV. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A. To the extent allowed by law, the Association hereby indemnifies any Director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding:

1. Whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, other than one by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity as a Director or officer of the Association or as a director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal thereof, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not in itself create a presumption that any such Director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association or that he had reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful.

2. By or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, or by reason of his being or having been a director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against the reasonable expenses including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, or in connection with an appeal therein if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of gross negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Association unless, and only to the extent that, the court, administrative agency, or investigative body before which such action, suit or proceeding is held shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such tribunal shall deem proper.

B. The Board of Directors shall determine whether amounts for which a Director or officer seek indemnification were properly incurred and whether such Director or officer acted in good faith in a manner her

reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.

C. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be deemed to limit in any way the powers of the Association to indemnify under applicable law.

XV. TRANSACTION IN WHICH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED

A. No contract or transaction between the Association and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between the Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are Directors or officers, or in which they have a financial interest, shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because of the Director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board or committee thereof which authorizes the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose. All such contracts or transactions shall, however, be fair and reasonable and upon terms reasonably comparable to those which could be obtained in arms-length transactions with unrelated entities. No Director or Officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.

B. Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorizes the contract or transaction.

XVI. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. Upon dissolution of the Association, all of its assets remaining after provisions for creditors and payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed in the following manner:

1. Dedication to any applicable municipal or other governmental authority of any property determined by the Board of Directors of the Association to be appropriate for such dedication and which the authority is willing to accept.

2. If no municipal or governmental authority will accept such dedication, the assets may be distributed to another corporation not for profit or comparable entity established under Florida law that agrees to accept the assets and continue the functions of the Association, including those functions required to maintain the Stormwater Management System and discharge facilities located within the Property.

B. The Association may be dissolved upon a resolution to that effect being approved by a majority of the Board of Directors and by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members. In the event of incorporation by annexation or otherwise, of all or part of the Property by a political subdivision of the State of Florida, the Association may be dissolved in the manner set forth above.

C. In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the stormwater management system must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which complies with Rule 62-330.310, F.A.C., and Applicant's Handbook Volume I, Section 12.3, and be approved by the District prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

XVII. MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS

Subject to the provisions of the Declaration applicable to the Property and to the extent permitted by law, the Association may participate in mergers and consolidations with other nonprofit corporations organized for the same purposes, provided that any such merger or consolidation shall be approved in the manner provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes as the same may be amended from time to time. For purposes of any vote of the Members required pursuant to said statutes, for so long as the Declarant shall own any portion of the Property, any such merger or consolidation shall require the Declarant's prior approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has hereto set his hand and seal this 26 day of September, 2023.

WITNESSES:

INCORPORATOR:

Laura Gazzoli

Print Name: Laura Gazzoli

April M. Cote

Print Name: April M. Cote

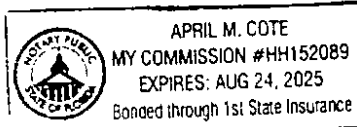
By:

Robert Gazzoli
Robert Gazzoli

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF FLAGLER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ___ online notarization this 26 day of September, 2023 by Robert Gazzoli, the Incorporator of MATANZAS COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida Corporation Not-For-Profit, on behalf of the corporation. He ☒ is personally known to me or ___ has produced ___ as identification.



April M. Cote
NOTARY PUBLIC

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

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.

By:

Laura Gazzoli
Laura Gazzoli
185 Cypress Point Parkway, Suite 7
Palm Coast, Florida 32164

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