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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR ROME YARD MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the corporation shall be ROME YARD MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC. For convenience, the corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the "Master Association", these Articles of Incorporation as the "Articles", and the By-Laws of the Master Association as the "By-Laws".

ARTICLE 2 OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the Master Association shall be at 2850 Tigertail Avenue, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33133, or at such other place as may be subsequently designated by the Board of Directors. All books and records of the Master Association shall be kept at its principal office or at such other place as may be permitted by law.

ARTICLE 3 PURPOSE

The objects and purposes of the Master Association are those objects and purposes as are authorized by the Master Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Rome Yard, recorded (or to be recorded) in the Public Records of Hillsborough County Florida, as may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the "Declaration" or "Master Declaration"). All of the definitions set forth in the Master Declaration are incorporated by this reference. The further objects and purposes of the Master Association are to preserve the values and amenities in the Property and to maintain the Common Areas thereof for the benefit of the Owners who become Members of the Master Association.

ARTICLE 4 DEFINITIONS

The capitalized terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meanings as those set forth in the Master Declaration, unless otherwise provided in these Articles, or unless the context otherwise requires.

ARTICLE 5 POWERS

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

- 5.1 <u>General</u>. The Master Association shall have all of the common-law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit under the Laws of Florida, except as expressly limited or restricted by applicable law, the terms of these Articles, the Master Declaration or the By-Laws.
- 5.2 Enumeration. In addition to the powers set forth in Section 5.1 above, the Master Association shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in the Master Declaration and all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate The Properties pursuant to the Master 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 Owners (whether or not such sums are due and payable to the Master Association), and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- (b) To buy, accept, own, operate, lease, sell, trade and mortgage both real and personal property in accordance with the provisions of the Master Declaration.
- (c) To maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to and operate the Common Areas, Shared Components and other property acquired or leased by the Master Association, in accordance with the provisions of the Master Declaration.
- (d) To purchase insurance upon the Common Areas and insurance for the protection of the Master Association, its officers, directors and Owners.
- (e) To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance, conservation and use of The Properties and for the health, comfort, safety and welfare of the Owners.
- (g) To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Master Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws, the rules and regulations for the use of the Common Areas and applicable law.
- (h) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Common Areas and to authorize a management agent (which may be an affiliate of the Declarant) to assist the Master 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 Areas with such funds as shall be made available by the Master Association for such purposes. The Master Association and its officers shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties to make Assessments, promulgate rules and execute contracts on behalf of the Master Association.
- (i) To employ personnel to perform the services required for the proper operation of the Common Areas.
 - (j) Reserved.

(k) To assume all of Declarant's and its affiliates' responsibilities to the State of Florida, the County, the City, and its and their governmental and quasi-governmental subdivisions and similar entities of any kind with respect to the Common Areas (including, without limitation,

any and all obligations imposed by any permits or approvals issued by the City, as same may be amended, modified or interpreted from time to time) and indemnify and hold Declarant and its affiliates harmless with respect thereto in the event of the Master Association's failure to fulfill those responsibilities.

- (l) To execute all documents or consents, on behalf of all 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 Owner, by acceptance of the deed or leasehold interest to such Owner's Phase, and each mortgagee of an Owner by acceptance of said interest, appoints and designates the President of the Master Association as such Owner's and mortgagee's agent and attorney-in-fact to execute any and all such documents or consents.
- 5.3 <u>Master Association Property</u>. All funds and the title to all properties acquired by the Master Association and their proceeds shall be held for the benefit and use of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Master Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws.
- 5.4 <u>Distribution of Income; Dissolution</u>. The Master 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 Master 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).

ARTICLE 6 MEMBERS

- 6.1 <u>Membership</u>. Each Owner of a Phase that has a Phase Lease and the Homeowners Association for the Phase that contains the Townhomes Property shall be Members of the Master Association. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary set forth in this Article, any such person or entity who holds such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member of the Master Association.
- 6.2 <u>Assignment</u>. The share of a Member in the funds and assets of the Master Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the Phase or Townhome for which that share is held.
- 6.3 <u>Voting.</u> The Master Association shall have one class of voting membership. Each Phase shall have the following number of votes:

Phase 1 – 1 Vote

Phase 2 – 1 Vote

Phase 3A - 1 Vote

Phase 3B (Townhomes Property) - 1 Vote

To the extent that additional Phases are added to the Property, any such additional Phase shall be entitled one vote, unless a different allocation of votes is established in the Supplemental Declaration adding the Phase to the Property. At any time that a Phase (except for the Phase that contains the Townhomes Property) does not have a Phase Lease, the Declarant shall be the Voting Member for such Phase. For the Phase that contains the Townhomes Property, the Declarant shall be the Voting Member until the Homeowners Association is formed at which time the Homeowners Association shall become the Voting Member for that Phase.

All votes shall be exercised or cast in the manner provided by the Master Declaration and By-Laws.

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 INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is:

NAME ADDRESS

Corporate Creations Network, Inc. 801 US Highway 1, North Palm Beach, FL 33408

ARTICLE 8 TERM OF EXISTENCE

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The Master Association shall have perpetual existence. In the event that the Master Association is dissolved, and to the extent that responsibility for the surface water management system is the responsibility of the Master Association, then the property consisting of the surface water management system and the right of access to the portions of the Townhomes 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 9 OFFICERS

The affairs of the Master Association shall be administered by the officers holding the offices designated in the By-Laws. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Master Association at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the Members of the Master Association and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The By-Laws may provide for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies and for the duties and qualifications of the officers. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

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President

Vice President

2850 Tigertail Avenue, Suite 800, Tony Del Pozzo Secretary/Treasurer

Miami, FL 33133

ARTICLE 10 DIRECTORS

- Number and Qualification. The property, business and affairs of the Master 10.1 Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of three persons initially appointed by the Declarant and thereafter by the Members. A majority of the directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Directors need not be Members of the Master Association.
- <u>Duties and Powers</u>. All of the duties and powers of the Master Association existing under the Master Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board of Directors, its agents, contractors or employees, subject only to approval by Owners through their Voting Members when such approval is specifically required.
- Appointment/Election of Members of Board of Directors. Directors of the Master Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Members in the manner determined by and subject to the qualifications set forth in the By-Laws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the By-Laws.
- Term of Declarant's Directors. Declarant shall appoint the Members of the first Board of Directors and their replacements who shall hold office for the periods described in the By-Laws.
- First Directors. The names and addresses of the Members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have taken office, as provided in the By-Laws, are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	16. 2
Jon Paul Perez	2850 Tigertail Avenue, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33133	-:
Alberto Milo, Jr.	2850 Tigertail Avenue, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33133	
Tony Del Pozzo	2850 Tigertail Avenue, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33133	0

Standards. A Director shall discharge his duties as a director, including any duties as a Member of a Committee: in good faith; with the care an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and in a manner reasonably believed to be . .

in the best interests of the Master Association. Unless a Director has knowledge concerning a matter in question that makes reliance unwarranted, a Director, in discharging his duties, may rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other data, if prepared or presented by: one or more officers or employees of the Master Association whom the Director reasonably believes to be reasonable and competent in the manners presented; legal counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters the Director reasonably believes are within the persons' professional or expert competence; or a Committee of which the Director is not a Member if the Director reasonably believes the Committee merits confidence. A Director is not liable for any action taken as a director, or any failure to take action, if he performed the duties of his office in compliance with the foregoing standards.

ARTICLE 11 INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS

- Indemnitees. The Master 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 Master Association) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent (each, an "Indemnitee") of the Master Association, against liability incurred in connection with such proceeding, including any appeal thereof, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Master Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his 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 Master Association or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.
- Indemnification. The Master Association shall indemnify any person, who was or is a party to any proceeding by or in the right of the Master Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Master Association against expenses and amounts paid in settlement not exceeding, in the judgment of the board of directors, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such proceeding, including any 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 Master Association, except that no indemnification shall be made under this subsection 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 court of competent jurisdiction, 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 indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.
- 11.3 <u>Indemnification for Expenses</u>. To the extent that a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Master Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any proceeding referred to in Section 11.1 or 11.2, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

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- 11.4 <u>Determination of Applicability</u>. Any indemnification under Section 11.1 or Section 11.2, unless pursuant to a determination by a court, shall be made by the Master 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 11.1 or Section 11.2. Such determination shall be made:
- (a) By the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such proceeding;
- (b) If such a quorum is not obtainable or, even if obtainable, by majority vote of a Committee duly designated by the Board of Directors (in which directors who are parties may participate) consisting solely of two or more Directors not at the time parties to the proceeding:
 - (c) By independent legal counsel:
- (i) Selected by the Board of Directors prescribed in paragraph (a) or the committee prescribed in paragraph (b); or
- (ii) if a quorum of the Directors cannot be obtained for paragraph (a) and the Committee cannot be designated under paragraph (b), selected by majority vote of the full Board of Directors (in which Directors who are parties may participate); or
- (d) By a majority of the voting interests of the Members of the Master Association who were not parties to such proceeding.
- 11.5 <u>Determination Regarding Expenses</u>. Evaluation of the reasonableness of expenses and authorization of indemnification shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible. However, if the determination of permissibility is made by independent legal counsel, persons specified by Section 10.5 shall evaluate the reasonableness of expenses and may authorize indemnification.
- 11.6 Advancing Expenses. Expenses incurred by an officer or director in defending a civil or criminal proceeding may be paid by the Master Association in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if he is ultimately found not to be entitled to indemnification by the Master Association pursuant to this Section. Expenses incurred by other employees and agents may be paid in advance upon such terms or conditions that the Board of Directors deems appropriate.
- 11.7 Exclusivity; Exclusions. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided pursuant to this Section are not exclusive, and the Master Association may make any other or further indemnification or advancement of expenses of any of its directors, officers, employees, or agents, under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors; or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. However, indemnification or advancement of expenses shall not be made to or on behalf of any director, officer, employee, or agent if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his actions, or omissions to act, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated and constitute:

- (a) A violation of the criminal law, unless the director, officer, employee, or agent had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful;
- (b) A transaction from which the director, officer, employee, or agent derived an improper personal benefit; or
- (c) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Master Association in a proceeding by or in the right of the Master Association to procure a judgment in its favor or in a proceeding by or in the right of the Members of the Master Association.
- 11.8 <u>Continuing Effect</u>. Indemnification and advancement of expenses as provided in this Section shall continue as, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified.
- Application to Court. Notwithstanding the failure of the Master Association to provide indemnification, and despite any contrary determination of the Board or of the Members in the specific case, a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Master Association who is or was a party to a proceeding may apply for indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, to the court conducting the proceeding, to the circuit court, or to another court of competent jurisdiction. On receipt of an application, the court, after giving any notice that it considers necessary, may order indemnification and advancement of expenses, including expenses incurred in seeking court-ordered indemnification or advancement of expenses, if it determines that:
- (a) The director, officer, employee, or agent is entitled to mandatory indemnification under Section 11.3 in which case the court shall also order the Master Association to pay the director reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining court-ordered indemnification or advancement of expenses:
- (b) The director, officer, employee, or agent is entitled to indemnification of advancement of expenses, or both, by virtue of the exercise by the Master Association of its power pursuant to Section 11.7; or
- (c) The director, officer, employee, or agent is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, in view of all the relevant circumstances, regardless of whether such person met the standard of conduct set forth in Section 11.1, Section 11.2, or Section 11.7, unless (a) a court of competent jurisdiction determines, after all available appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnitee, that he did not act in good faith or acted in a manner he reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Master Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, and (b) such court further specifically determines that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any 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 or did act in a manner which he reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Master

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Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

- 11.10 <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Article 11, the term "expenses" shall be deemed to include attorneys' fees, 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 Master Association" shall be deemed to include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Master Association that imposes duties on such persons.
- 11.11 <u>Amendment</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles, 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 prior written consent to such amendment.

ARTICLE 12 BY-LAWS

The first By-Laws of the Master 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 Master Declaration.

ARTICLE 13 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 notice 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.
- 13.3 <u>Declarant Amendments</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles, to the extent lawful, the Declarant may amend these Articles consistent with the provisions of the Master Declaration allowing certain amendments to be effected by the Declarant alone.
- 13.4 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 Hillsborough County, Florida with an identification on the first page thereof of the book and page of said public records where the Master Declaration were 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 801 US Highway 1, North Palm Beach, FL 33408, 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 Corporate Creations Network, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has affixed his/her signature as of the 27th day of November, 2023.

Computershare Governance Services Inc., Incorporator Carlos M Alvarez, Vice President

Kevin Duteau, Attorney-in-Fact

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

First -- That desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the foregoing articles of incorporation, in the County of Miami-Dade, State of Florida, the Association named in the said articles has named Corporate Creations Network, Inc., located at 801 US Highway 1, North Palm Beach, FL 33408, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named the statutory agent of said Association at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with the obligations of that position, and accept the same and agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

Corporate Creations Network Inc.

By: Kevin Duteau, Special Secretary

Dated this 27th day of November, 2023.

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