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## FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
NORTHRIDGE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
a corporation not for profit**

In compliance with the requirements of Florida Statute, Chapter 617, the undersigned, a resident of Florida, and of full age, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit does hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I  
NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of the corporation is Northridge Commercial Property Owner's Association, Inc., a corporation not for profit organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes (the "Association").

**ARTICLE II  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the Association is located at 1409 Tech Boulevard, Suite I, Tampa, Florida 33619, which shall be the initial registered office of the Association.

**ARTICLE III  
REGISTERED AGENT**

Richard Sacchi, whose address is, 1409 Tech Boulevard, Suite I, Tampa, Florida 33619 is hereby appointed the initial registered agent of the Association.

**ARTICLE IV  
PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is organized and for which it is to be operated are to provide for maintenance, preservation, and care of the property of the Association, and to provide architectural control of the residence lots and common area within that certain tract of property (the "Property") described in the Declaration of Easements and Restrictive Covenants of Northridge Commercial Property Owner's Association, recorded or to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pasco County, Florida (the "Declaration") and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the Property and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association for these purposes. In connection therewith, the Association shall have the following powers:

(a) To exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration.

(b) To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments due to the Association or any other person affiliated with the Association pursuant to

the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith; and to pay all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association.

(c) To acquire (by gift, purchase, or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association.

(d) To borrow money, and with the affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) or written consent, or any combination thereof, of members holding not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of the Association, mortgage, pledge, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred.

(e) To dedicate, sell, or transfer all or any part of the common area as defined in the Declaration (the "Common Area") to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. Any such dedication or transfer shall be effective with the affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) or written consent, or any combination thereof, of members holding not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of the Association.

(f) To participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes, provided that any such merger or consolidation shall have the assent of members holding not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of the Association.

(g) To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under Florida law, including Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

(h) To levy and collect adequate assessments against members of the Association for the costs of maintenance and operation of the surface water or stormwater management systems, including but not limited to work within retention areas, drainage structures, and drainage easements.

(i) To operate, maintain, and manage the surface water or stormwater management system, including all lakes, retention areas, culverts, and related appurtenances, in a manner consistent with the Southwest Florida Water Management District ("SWFMD") permit requirements and applicable District rules, and assist in the enforcement of the restrictions and covenants contained therein.

(j) To adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area, and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for and infraction thereof;

(k) To sue and be sued in the name of the Association.

**ARTICLE V**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any lot which is subject to the Declaration, including contract sellers, shall be a member of the Association with the voting rights described in Article VI hereof. The foregoing shall not include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any lot which is subject to assessment by the Association.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**VOTING RIGHTS**

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership with the relative rights and preferences as follows:

Class A: Class A members shall be all owners of any Commercial Lot shown upon any recorded plat of the Property (the "Lot" or "Lots"), excluding Declarant. Each Class A member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, each such person shall be members, however, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they collectively determine, and in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class B: The Class B member shall be the Declarant (as defined in the Declaration), who shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each Lot owned. Unless converted earlier and voluntarily by the Declarant, the Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership upon the first to occur of any of the following events:

(a) the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equals the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership; or

(b) ten (10) years from the date of the original recording of the Declaration in the public records of Pasco County, Florida; or

(c) At the election of the Declarant (whereupon the Class A members shall be obligated to elect the Board and assume control of the Association).

**ARTICLE VII**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board of not less than three (3) Directors nor more than seven (7), who need not be members of the Association (the "Board"). The initial number of directors shall be three (3) and may be changed by amendment of the Bylaws of the Association. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of directors until the election of their successors are:

Richard Sacchi, 1409 Tech Boulevard, Suite 1, Tampa, Florida 33619  
Michelle Furey, 1409 Tech Boulevard, Suite I, Tampa, Florida 33619

Lori Katzman, 1409 Tech Boulevard, Suite 1, Tampa, Florida 33619

The manner in which the directors are appointed is as stated in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII** **DISSOLUTION**

The Association may be dissolved upon the affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) or written consent or any combination thereof, of members holding not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of the Association. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency or to any non-profit corporation, association, trust, or other organization to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created.

In the event of termination, dissolution, or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the surface water or stormwater management system shall be the joint and several responsibility of the owners in accordance with the Environmental Resource Permit, provided, however, said responsibility may be transferred to and accepted by an entity which would comply with Section 40, Florida Administrative Code, and be approved by the Southwest Florida Water Management District prior to such termination, dissolution, or liquidation.

#### **ARTICLE IX** **DURATION**

The 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 perpetually.

#### **ARTICLE X** **AMENDMENTS**

The Association shall have the right to amend these Articles of Incorporation at any time upon the affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) or written consent or any combination thereof, of members holding not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of the Association, provided that any amendment to these Articles of Incorporation which affects the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System (as defined in the Declaration) shall require written approval of SWFMD. Amendments may be proposed by resolution approved by a majority of the Board; provided, however, that no amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership nor the voting rights of the members, without approval in writing by all members and the joinder of all record owners of mortgages upon the Lots. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with Florida law or the Declaration unless the latter is amended to conform to the same.


**ARTICLE XI**  
**BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board at the first meeting of directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded thereafter in the manner provided therein.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is: Richard Sacchi, 1409 Tech Boulevard, Suite 1, Tampa, Florida 33619.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, constituting the sole incorporator of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2024.



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Incorporator

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