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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

### FIRETHORN TOWNHOMES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (A Florida Corporation Not For Profit)

In order to form a corporation not for profit under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 617 and 720 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned hereby incorporates this corporation not for profit for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter set forth and, to that end, the undersigned, by these Articles of Incorporation, certifies as follows:

### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases when used in these Articles of Incorporation (unless the context clearly reflects another meaning) will have the following meanings, or if not defined below as defined in the Declaration:

- 1. "Articles" means these Articles of Incorporation and any amendments hereto.
- 2. "Assessments" means the assessments for which all Owners are obligated to the Association and includes "Individual Lot Assessments," "Benefited Assessments" and "Special Assessments" (as such terms are defined in the Declaration), and any and all other assessments which are levied by the Association in accordance with the Governing Documents.
- 3. "Association" means Firethorn Townhomes Homeowners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit. The "Association" is NOT a condominium association and is not intended to be governed by Chapter 718, the Condominium Act, Florida Statutes.
  - 4. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association.
  - 5. "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the Association and any amendments thereto.
- 6. "Common Area" means the property which is or will be owned and/or maintained by the Association as set forth in the Declaration or on the Plat. Common Area includes the Surface Water and Storm Water Management System.
  - 7. "County" means Manatee County, Florida.
- 8. "Declarant" means Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc., a Florida corporation, and any successor or assign thereof to which Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc., specifically assigns all or part of the rights of Declarant under the Declaration by an express written assignment, whether recorded in the Public Records of the County or not. The written assignment may give notice as to which rights of Declarant are to be exercised and as to which portion of the Property. In any event, any subsequent declarant shall not be liable for any default or obligations incurred by any prior declarant, except as may be expressly assumed by the subsequent declarant. An Owner shall

not, solely by the purchase of a Home and/or Lot, be deemed a successor or assign of Declarant under the Governing Documents unless such Owner is specifically so designated as a successor or assign of such rights in the instrument of conveyance or any other instrument executed by Declarant.

- 9. "Declaration" means the Declaration of Protective Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Firethorn Townhomes, which is intended to be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County, and any Supplemental Declaration(s) and amendments thereto.
  - 10. "Director" means a member of the Board.
- 11. "Firethorn Townhomes" means that planned residential development located in the County which encompasses the Property.
- 12. "Governing Documents" means in the aggregate the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws, the Plat and all of the instruments and documents referred to therein, including but not limited to, any amendment(s) thereto.
- 13. "HOA Act" means the Homeowners' Association Act, Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, as amended through the date of recording of the Declaration amongst the Public Records of the County.
- 14. "Home" means one (1) of the planned two hundred eighty two (282) attached townhomes contained or to be contained within forty (40) buildings constructed or to be constructed within Firethorn Townhomes, each of which is designed and intended for use and occupancy as a single-family residence; provided, however, that no portion of any Community System, even if installed in a Home, will be deemed to be a part of a Home unless and until same is made such pursuant to Section 2.9 of the Declaration, if at all. Upon completion of construction of a Home on a Lot, the Lot and the Improvements thereon are sometimes collectively referred to as a Home in this Declaration and the Governing Documents.
- 15. "Lot" means and refers to any parcel of land within Firethorn Townhomes as shown on the Plat or any Additional Plat (as defined in the Declaration) upon which a Home is permitted to be constructed, together with the improvements thereon and any portion of the land with Firethorn Townhomes that is declared to be a Lot by a Supplemental Declaration and is not subsequently withdrawn from the provisions of the Declaration by a Supplemental Declaration. For purposes of Individual Lot Assessments, a Home is either a Completed Home or an Incomplete Home.
  - 16. "Member" means a member of the Association.
- 17. "Operating Expenses" means the expenses for which Owners are liable to the Association as described in the Declaration and any other Governing Documents and include, but are not limited to, the costs and expenses incurred by the Association in owning, administering, operating, maintaining, insuring, financing, repairing, managing or leasing, but not reconstructing.

replacing or improving, the Common Area and improvements thereon and the Common Structural Elements which are the responsibility of the Association to maintain, repair and replace as described in the Declaration and all costs and expenses incurred by the Association in carrying out its powers and duties hereunder or under any other Governing Documents.

- 18. "Owner" means the record owner, whether one (1) or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot or Home within Firethorn Townhomes, and includes Declarant for as long as Declarant owns fee simple title to a Lot or Home, but excluding therefrom those having such interest as security for the performance of an obligation.
- 19. "Plat" means the plat of Firethorn Phase IA, according to the plat thereof to be recorded in the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida. In the event an Additional Plat is recorded in the Public Records of the County, then the term "Plat" as used herein will also mean the Additional Plat.
- 20. "Property" initially means and refers to that certain real property described in Exhibit "A" to the Declaration, and thereafter, as applicable, to such additions thereto as may be brought within the jurisdiction of the Declaration and/or the Association; provided, however, Declarant reserves the right to withdraw from the provisions hereof such portion or portions of the Property as Declarant from time to time elects, upon the execution by Declarant of a Supplemental Declaration.

Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms defined in the Declaration are incorporated herein by reference and will appear in initial capital letters each time such terms appears in these Articles.

### ARTICLE II NAME

The name of this corporation is FIRETHORN TOWNHOMES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), whose initial principal office and mailing address is 10210 Highland Manor Drive, Suite 400A, Tampa, Florida 33610.

### ARTICLE III PURPOSES

The purpose for which the Association is organized is to take title to, operate, administer. finance, insure, repair, replace, manage, lease and maintain the Common Area and to maintain, repair and replace the Common Structural Elements which the Association is responsible for as described in the Declaration in accordance with the terms of, and purposes set forth in, the Governing Documents and to carry out the covenants and enforce the provisions of the Governing Documents.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **POWERS**

The Association will have the following powers and will be governed by the following provisions:

- A. The Association will have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit.
- B. The Association will have all of the powers granted to the Association in the Governing Documents. All of the provisions of the Declaration and Bylaws which grant powers to the Association are incorporated into these Articles.
- C. The Association will have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1. To own and convey property.
  - 2. To sue or be sued.
- 3. To perform any act required or contemplated by it under the Governing Documents.
- 4. To make, establish, amend, abolish (in whole or in part) and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Property.
- 5. To make, levy and collect Assessments for the purpose of obtaining funds from its Members to pay Operating Expenses and other costs defined in the Declaration, and costs of collection, and to use and expend the proceeds of Assessments in the exercise of the powers and duties of the Association.
- 6. To maintain, repair and replace the Common Structural Elements which the Association is responsible for pursuant to the Declaration and to own, operate, maintain, finance, insure, repair, replace, manage, lease and convey the Common Area in accordance with the Governing Documents.
- 7. To enforce by legal means the obligations of the Members and the provisions of the Governing Documents.
- 8. To employ personnel, retain independent contractors and professional personnel, and enter into service contracts to provide for the maintenance, operation, administration, financing, insuring, repairing, replacing, management and leasing of the Common Area and to enter into any other agreements consistent with the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to, agreements with respect to professional management of the Property and to delegate to such professional manager certain powers and duties of the Association.

- 9. To enter into the Declaration and any amendments thereto and instruments referred to therein.
- 10. To provide, to the extent deemed necessary by the Board, any and all services and do any and all things which are incidental to or in furtherance of things listed above or to carry out the Association mandate to keep and maintain Firethorn Townhomes in a proper and aesthetically pleasing condition and to provide the Owners with services, amenities, controls, rules and regulations and enforcement which will enhance the quality of life at Firethorn Townhomes.
- To borrow money and to obtain such financing as is necessary to maintain, repair and replace the Common Area in accordance with the Declaration and, as security for any such loan, to collaterally assign the Association's right to collect and enforce Assessments level for the purpose of repaying any such loan.
- Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Association will be required to obtain the approval of three-fourths (3/4) of all Members (at a duly called meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present) prior to the engagement of legal counsel by the Association for the purpose of suing, or making, preparing or investigating any lawsuit, or commencing any lawsuit other than for the following purposes:
  - (a) the collection of Assessments;
- (b) the collection of other charges which Owners are obligated to pay pursuant to the Governing Documents;
- (c) the enforcement of any applicable use and occupancy restrictions contained in the Governing Documents;
  - (d) the enforcement of Association rules;
  - (e) the enforcement of the architectural guidelines;
- (f) the enforcement of a contract entered into by the Association with vendors providing services to the Association;
- (g) dealing with an emergency when waiting to obtain the approval of the Members creates a substantial risk of irreparable injury to the Association, the Common Area or the Common Structural Elements, or to Member(s) (the imminent expiration of a statute of limitations will not be deemed an emergency obviating the need for the requisite vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Members); or
  - (h) filing a compulsory counterclaim.

The costs of any legal proceedings initiated by the Association, which are not included in the above exceptions will be financed by the Association only with monies that are collected for that purpose by Special Assessment(s) and the Association will not borrow money, use reserve funds, or use monies collected for other Association obligations.

Management System in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Water Management District Permit (as defined in the Declaration) and applicable rules in the event the CDD fails to do so; to enforce the Declaration's provisions relating to the Surface Water and Storm Water Management System; and to levy and collect adequate Assessments against Owners for the cost of maintenance and operation of the Surface Water and Storm Water Management System.

### ARTICLE V MEMBERS AND VOTING

The qualification of Members of the Association, the manner of their admission to membership, the manner of the termination of such membership and the manner of voting by Members will be as follows:

- A. Until such time as the first deed of conveyance of a Home from Declarant to an Owner is recorded amongst the Public Records of the County ("First Conveyance") the membership of the Association will be comprised solely of Declarant. Until the First Conveyance, Declarant will be entitled to cast the one (1) and only vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership.
- B. Upon the First Conveyance, Declarant will be a Member as to each of the remaining Lots until each such Lot is conveyed to another Owner, and thereupon and thereafter each and every Owner, including Declarant as to Lots owned by Declarant, will be a Member and exercise all of the rights and privileges of a Member.
- C. Membership in the Association for Owners other than Declarant will be established by the acquisition of ownership of fee simple title to a Lot as evidenced by the recording of an instrument of conveyance amongst the Public Records of the County. Where title to a Lot is acquired by conveyance from a party other than Declarant by means of sale, gift, inheritance, devise, judicial decree or otherwise, the person, persons or entity thereby acquiring such Lot will not be a Member unless or until such Owner will deliver a true copy of a deed or other instrument of acquisition of title to the Association.
  - D. The Association will have two (2) classes of voting membership:
- 1. Class "A" Members will be the Owners, with the exception of Declarant while Declarant is a Class "B" Member, each of whom will be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned.

- 2. Class "B" Member will be Declarant, who will be entitled to three (3) times the total number of votes of all Class "A" Members plus one (1). Class "B" membership will cease and be converted to Class "A" membership upon the earlier to occur of the following events ("Turnover Date"):
- (i) Three (3) months after the conveyance of ninety percent (90%) of the Homes by Declarant, as evidenced by the recording of instruments of conveyance of such Homes amongst the Public Records of the County; or
- (ii) upon the Class "B" Member abandoning or deserting its responsibility to maintain and complete the amenities or infrastructure as disclosed in the Governing Documents. There is a rebuttable presumption that Declarant has abandoned and deserted the Property if Declarant has unpaid Assessments or guaranteed amounts under Section 720.308 of the HOA Act for a period of more than two (2) years:
- (iii) upon the Class "B" Member filing a petition seeking protection under Chapter 7 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
- (iv) upon the Class "B" Member losing title to the Property through a foreclosure action or the transfer of a deed in lieu of foreclosure, unless the successor owner has accepted an assignment of developer rights and responsibilities first arising after the date of such assignment;
- (v) upon a receiver for the Class "B" Member being appointed by a circuit court and not being discharged within 30 days after such appointment, unless the court determines within 30 days after such appointment that transfer of control would be detrimental to the Association or the Members; or
  - (vi) when, in its discretion, the Class "B" Member so determines.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Class "A" Members are entitled to elect at least one (1) member of the Board when fifty percent (50%) of the Total Developed Lots have been conveyed to Members other than Declarant.

On the Turnover Date, Class A Members, including Declarant, will assume control of the Association and elect not less than a majority of the Board.

- E. The designation of different classes of membership are for purposes of establishing the number of votes applicable to certain Lots, and nothing herein will be deemed to require voting solely by an individual class on any matter which requires the vote of Members, unless otherwise specifically set forth in the Governing Documents.
- F. No Member may assign, hypothecate or transfer in any manner his/her membership in the Association except as an appurtenance to his/her Lot.

- G. Any Member who conveys or loses title to a Lot by sale, gift, devise, bequest, judicial decree or otherwise will, immediately upon such conveyance or loss of title, no longer be a Member with respect to such Lot and will lose all rights and privileges of a Member resulting from ownership of such Lot.
- H. There will be only one (1) vote for each Lot, except for the Class "B" Member as set forth herein. If there is more than one (1) Member with respect to a Lot as a result of the fee interest in such Lot being held by more than one (1) person, such Members collectively will be entitled to only one (1) vote. The vote of the Owners of a Lot owned by more than one (1) natural person or by a corporation or other legal entity will be cast by the person named in a voting certificate signed by all of the Owners of the Lot, or, if appropriate, by properly designated officers, partners or principals of the respective legal entity ("Voting Member"), and filed with the Secretary of the Association, and such voting certificate will be valid until revoked by a subsequent voting certificate. If such a voting certificate is not filed with the Secretary of the Association, the vote of such Lot will not be considered for a quorum or for any other purpose.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, whenever any Lot is owned by spouses they may, but will not be required to, designate a Voting Member. In the event a voting certificate designating a Voting Member is not filed by the spouses, the following provisions will govern their right to vote:

- When both are present at a meeting, each will be regarded as the agent and proxy of the other for purposes of casting the vote for each Lot owned by them. In the event they are unable to concur in their decision upon any topic requiring a vote, they will lose their right to vote on that topic at that meeting, but will count for purposes of establishing a quorum.
- 2. When only one (1) spouse is present at a meeting, the person present may cast the Lot vote without establishing the concurrence of the other spouse, absent any prior written notice to the contrary by the other spouse. In the event of prior written notice to the contrary to the Association by the other spouse, the vote of said Lot will not be considered, but will count for purposes of establishing a quorum.
- 3. When neither spouse is present, the person designated in a "Proxy" (as defined in the Bylaws) signed by either spouse may cast the Lot vote, when voting by Proxy is allowed, absent any prior written notice to the contrary to the Association by the other spouse or the designation of a different Proxy by the other spouse. In the event of prior written notice to the contrary to the Association or the designation of a different Proxy by the other spouse, the vote of said Lot will not be considered, but will count for purposes of establishing a quorum.
- I. A quorum will consist of persons entitled to cast at least twenty percent (20%) of the total number of votes of the Members.

#### ARTICLE VI TERM

The term of the Association will be perpetual. However, in the event of the termination.

dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the Community Association and/or the CDD. the Surface Water and Storm Water Management System will be transferred to and maintained by one of the entities identified in the Water Management District's Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume I sections 12.3.1(a) through (f), who has the powers listed in sections 12.3.4(b)1 through 8, the covenants and restrictions required in sections 12.3.4(c)1 through 9, and the ability to accept responsibility for the operation and routine custodial maintenance of the Surface Water and Storm Water Management System described in sections 12.3.4(d)1 or 2 prior to its dissolution.

### ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of these Articles are: Matt Sawyer, 10210 Highland Manor Drive, Suite 400A, Tampa, Florida 33610.

### ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association will be managed by the President of the Association, assisted by the Vice President(s), Secretary and Treasurer, and, if any, by the Assistant Secretary(ies) and Assistant Treasurer(s), subject to the directions of the Board. Except for officers elected prior to the Turnover Date, officers must be Members, or the parents, children or spouses of Members.

The Board will elect the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board will, from time to time, determine. The President will be elected from amongst the membership of the Board, but no other officer need be a Director. The same person may hold two (2) or more offices, the duties of which are not incompatible; provided, however, the office of President and a Vice President will not be held by the same person, nor will the office of President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary or Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer be held by the same person.

## ARTICLE IX FIRST OFFICERS

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of officers by the Board are as follows:

President Matt Sawyer

Vice President Tina Golub

Treasurer/Secretary Corrin Godlevske

### ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The number of Directors on the first Board of Directors of the Association ("First Board") will be no less than three (3) nor more than five (5) as determined by Declarant. The number of Directors elected by the Members subsequent to the Turnover Date will be an odd

number of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7), as the Board will from time to time determine prior to each meeting at which Directors are to be elected. Except for Declarant-appointed Directors, Directors must be Members or the parents, children or spouses or officers or directors of Members. There will be only one (1) vote for each Director.

B. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors on the First Board are as follows:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
Matt Sawyer	10210 Highland Manor Drive Suite 400A Tampa, Florida 33610
Tina Golub	10210 Highland Manor Drive Suite 400A Tampa, Florida 33610
Corrin Godlevske	10210 Highland Manor Drive Suite 400A Tampa, Florida 33610

Declarant reserves the right to replace and/or designate and elect successor Directors to serve on the First Board for so long as the First Board is to serve, as hereinafter provided.

- C. Declarant intends that Firethorn Townhomes, if and when ultimately developed will contain two hundred eighty two (282) Homes within forty (40) buildings constructed thereon ("Total Developed Lots"). Declarant expressly reserves the right as to the Property to (i) commence construction and development of the Property if and when Declarant desires (ii) develop the Property (including, without limitation any recreational facilities and amenities) upon such timetable as Declarant, in its sole discretion, chooses; and (iii) modifyr, the plan of development of the Property (including, without limitation, the right to modify the site plan and/or master plan of Firethorn Townhomes, the right to change the recreational facilities and amenities, and the right to change the Home product types and number of Homes to be constructed within Firethorn Townhomes) in such manner as Declarant, in its sole discretion, chooses. Nothing contained herein will be construed as obligating Declarant to construct Firethorn Townhomes according to the present plan of development or as obligating Declarant to declare any Additional Property to be Property.
- D. Upon the Turnover Date, the Members (other than Declarant) ("Purchaser Members") will be entitled to elect not less than a majority of the Board. The election of not less than a majority of the Board by the Purchaser Members will occur at a special meeting of the membership to be called by the Board for such purpose ("Initial Election Meeting"). The First Board will serve until the Initial Election Meeting.

- E. The Initial Election Meeting will be called by the Association, through the Board, within sixty (60) days after the Purchaser Members are entitled to elect a majority of Directors as provided in Paragraph D hereof. A notice of meeting will be forwarded to all Members in accordance with the Bylaws; provided, however, that the Members will be given at least fourteen (14) days' notice of such meeting. The notice will also specify the number of Directors which will be elected by the Members and the remaining number of Directors designated by Declarant.
- F. At the Initial Election Meeting, Purchaser Members, who will include all Members other than Declarant, the number of which may change from time to time, will elect two (2) of the Directors, and Declarant, until the Declarant's Resignation Event, will be entitled to (but not obligated to) designate one (1) Director (same constituting the "Initial Elected Board"). Declarant reserves and will have the right, until the Declarant's Resignation Event, to name the successor, if any, to any Director it has so designated.
- G. The Board will continue to be so designated and elected, as described in Paragraphs E and F above, at each subsequent "Annual Members' Meeting" (as defined in the Bylaws), until the Annual Members' Meeting following the Declarant's Resignation Event or until a Purchaser Member-elected Director is removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

A Director (other than a Declarant-appointed Director) may be removed from office upon the affirmative vote or the agreement in writing of a majority of the voting interests of Members for any reason deemed to be in the best interests of the Members. A meeting of the Purchaser Members to so remove a Director (other than a Declarant-appointed Director) will be held upon the written request of ten percent (10%) of the Members. Any such recall shall be effected and a recall election shall be held, if applicable, as provided in the HOA Act.

- H. Upon the earlier to occur of the following events ("Declarant's Resignation Event"), Declarant will cause all of its designated Directors to resign:
- 1. When Declarant no longer holds at least five percent (5%) of the Total for Developed Lots for sale in the ordinary course of business and all Lots sold by Declarant have for been conveyed as evidenced by the recording of instruments of conveyance of such Lots amongst the Public Records of the County; or
- 2. When Declarant causes the voluntary resignation of all of the Directors designated by Declarant and does not designate replacement Directors.

Upon Declarant's Resignation Event, the Directors elected by Purchaser Members will elect a successor Director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation or removal of Declarant's designated Director. This successor Director will serve until the next Annual Members' Meeting and until his successor is elected and qualified. In the event Declarant's Resignation Event occurs prior to the Initial Election Meeting, the Initial Election Meeting will be called in the manner set forth in Paragraph E of this Article X, and all of the Directors will be elected by the Purchaser Members at such meeting.

- At each Annual Members' Meeting held subsequent to Declarant's Resignation I. Event, all of the Directors will be elected by the Members. At the first Annual Members Meeting held after the Initial Election Meeting, a "staggered" term of office of the Board will be created as follows:
- a number equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total number of Directors 1. rounded to the nearest whole number is the number of Directors whose term of office will be established at two (2) years, and the Directors serving for a two (2)-year term will be the Directors receiving the most votes at the meeting; and
  - the remaining Directors' terms of office will be established at one (1) year. 2.

At each Annual Members' Meeting thereafter, as many Directors of the Association will be elected as there are Directors whose regular term of office expires at such time, and the term of office of the Directors so elected will be for two (2) years, expiring when their successors are duly elected and qualified.

- The resignation of a Director who has been designated by Declarant or the J. resignation of an officer of the Association who has been elected by the First Board will be deemed to remise, release, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge such officer or Director of and from any and all manner of action(s), cause(s) of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which the Association or Purchaser Members had, now have or will have or which any personal representative, successor, heir or assign of the Association or Purchaser Members hereafter can, will or may have against said officer or Director for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the day of such resignation, except for such Director's or officer's willful misconduct or gross negligence.
- Each Director, within 90 days after being elected or appointed to the Board, shall ne educational requirements of Section 720.3033(1) of the HOA Act.

  ARTICLE XI

  INDEMNIFICATION comply with the educational requirements of Section 720.3033(1) of the HOA Act.

Each and every Director and officer of the Association will be indemnified by the Association against all costs, expenses and liabilities, including attorney and paralegal fires at all trial and appellate levels and post-judgment proceedings, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him/her in connection with any negotiation, proceeding, arbitration, litigation or settlement in which he/she becomes involved by reason of his/her being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, and the foregoing provision for indemnification will apply whether or not such person is a Director or officer at the time such cost, expense or liability is incurred. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of any such settlement, the indemnification provisions provided in this Article XI will not be automatic and will apply only when the Board approves such settlement and reimbursement for the costs and expenses of such settlement as being in the best interest of the Association, and in the event a Director or officer admits that he/she is or is adjudged guilty of willful misconduct or gross negligence in the performance of his/her duties, the indemnification provisions of this Article XI will not apply. The foregoing right of indemnification provided in this Article XI will be in addition to and not exclusive of any and all rights of indemnification to which a Director or officer of the Association may be entitled under statute or common law.

### ARTICLE XII BYLAWS

The Bylaws will be adopted by the First Board, and thereafter may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided for in the Bylaws. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of these Articles and the provisions of the Bylaws, the provisions of these Articles will control.

### ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

- A. Prior to the First Conveyance, these Articles may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by Declarant and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.
- B. After the First Conveyance, and prior to the Turnover Date, these Articles may be amended solely by a majority vote of the Board, without the prior written consent of the Members, at a duly called meeting of the Board.
  - C. After the Turnover Date, these Articles may be amended in the following manner:
- 1. (a) The Board will adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed famendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members, which may be at either the Annual Members' Meeting or a special meeting. Any number of proposed amendments may be submitted to the Members and voted upon by them at one (1) meeting.
- (b) Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby will be given to each Member within the time and in the manner provided in the Bylaws for the giving of notice of meetings.
- (c) At such meeting, a vote of the Members will be taken on the proposed amendment(s). The proposed amendment(s) will be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of Members in the Association.
- 2. An amendment may be adopted by a written statement (in lieu of a meeting) signed by all Members and all members of the Board setting forth their intention that an amendment to the Articles be adopted.

- D. After the First Conveyance, these Articles may not be amended without the written consent of a majority of the members of the Board.
- E. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Article XIII to the contrary, these Articles will not be amended in any manner which will abridge, prejudice amend or alter the rights of: (i) Declarant, without the prior written consent thereto by Declarant, for so long as Declarant holds either a leasehold interest in or title to at least one (1) Home or Lot; and (ii) any "Institutional Mortgagee" (as such term is defined in the Declaration) without the prior written consent of such Institutional Mortgagee.
- F. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article XIII to the contrary, no amendment to these Articles will be adopted which will abridge, prejudice, amend or alter the rights of Declarant hereunder, including, but not limited to, Declarant's right to designate and select members of the First Board or otherwise designate and select Directors as provided in Article X hereof, nor will any other amendment be adopted or become effective without the prior written consent of Declarant so long as Declarant holds either a leasehold interest in or title to at least one (1) Lot.
- G. Any instrument amending these Articles will identify the particular article or articles being amended and will provide a reasonable method to identify the amendment being made. A certified copy of each such amendment will be attached to any certified copy of these of Articles, and a copy of each amendment certified by the Secretary of State will be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County.
- H. Article IV, Section C.12, may not be amended without the approval of eighty percent (80%) of all Members.

### ARTICLE XIV REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The name and street address of the initial registered office of the Association is Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 2894 Remington Green Lane, Suite A, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has hereunto affixed his signature, this <u>9th</u> day of July. 2024.

MATT SAWYER, Incorporator

the obligations imposed upon registered agents under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

REGISTERED AGENT:

REGISTERED AGENT SOLUTIONS, INC.

Dated: July 9, 2024

The undersigned hereby accepts the designation of Registered Agent as set forth in Article

XIV of these Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledges that he/she is familiar with and accepts