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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR
MISTING SPRINGS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
(A CORPORATION NOT-FOR-PROFIT)**

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator(s) of a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the nonprofit corporation shall be **Misting Springs Owners Association, Inc.**, a Florida not-for profit corporation (the "**Association**").

**ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS**

Each term used herein, except as otherwise defined herein, is defined in the Declaration of Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions of Misting Springs (the "**Declaration**") recorded, or to be recorded, among the Public Records of Wakulla County, Florida and shall have the same meaning or definition ascribed thereto in the Declaration.

**ARTICLE III
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be 2779 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32563.

**ARTICLE IV
PURPOSE(S)**

The corporation is organized as a corporation not-for-profit under Chapter 617 of the laws of the State of Florida, subject to the extent applicable, to Chapter 720, as amended from time to time (the "**Act**") of the laws of the State of Florida. The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

1. To promote the welfare of the Owners of property within the Subdivision as described in the Declaration.
2. To own and maintain, repair and replace the Association property and the Common Areas and other items, including landscaping and other improvements in and/or benefiting said Association property and Common Areas, for which the obligation to maintain and repair has been delegated and accepted.

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3. To levy and collect assessments from Members of the Association for the costs of maintenance and operation of the Common Area and for the fulfillment of the Association operations, management and responsibilities under the Governing Documents.
4. To institute, maintain, defend, settle, or appeal actions or hearings in its name on behalf of members concerning matters of common interest and as may otherwise be authorized by the Act.
5. To control the specifications, architecture, design, appearance, elevation and location of, and landscaping around, all buildings and improvements of any type, including walls, fences, swimming pools, antennae, sewers, drains, disposal systems or other structures constructed, placed or permitted to remain in the Community Property, as well as the alteration, improvement, addition or change thereto.
6. To operate without profit for the benefit of its Members.
7. To perform those functions granted to or reserved by the Association in the Declaration, Bylaws and these Articles.

ARTICLE V **GENERAL POWERS**

The Association shall have all of the powers necessary or desirable to perform the obligations and duties and to exercise the rights and powers set out in these Articles, the Bylaws or the Declaration including, without limitation, the following:

1. To hold funds solely and exclusively for the benefit of the Members for the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.
2. To promulgate, amend and enforce rules, regulations, bylaws, covenants, restrictions and agreements to effectuate the purposes for which the Association is organized.
3. To delegate power or powers where such is deemed in the interest of the Association.
4. To levy Assessments and other charges on Lots, collect such Assessments and other charges from Lot Owner Members, and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties. The assessments shall be used for the maintenance and repair of the stormwater management system and mitigation or preservation areas, including but not limited to work within retention areas, drainage structures and drainage easements.
5. To pay taxes and other charges, if any, on or against the Association property as may be required by law, excepting Lots not owned by the Association, and the Common Area.
6. To have all express powers conferred upon the Association by the Declaration, Bylaws, these Articles and Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, and to have all powers conferred upon a corporation by the laws of the State of Florida, including Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, except as limited or prohibited herein.
7. To engage in activities which will actively foster, promote and advance the common

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interests of all Owners of any portion of the Community Property, including contracting for services to be provided to the Association.

8. To own, convey, buy or otherwise acquire, sell or otherwise dispose of, mortgage or otherwise encumber, exchange, lease, hold, use, operate and otherwise deal in and with real, personal and mixed property of all kinds and any right or interest therein of the Association for purposes of advancing the common interests of all Owners of any portion of the Subdivision, except as otherwise expressly limited or prohibited in these Articles, the Declaration, the Bylaws or the Act.
9. To borrow money for any purpose subject to all limitations in the Declaration or Bylaws.
10. To sue and be sued, and to enforce by legal means the provisions of the Act, other applicable laws, the Declaration, these Articles, the Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations, and the policies of the Association.
11. To adopt, alter and amend or repeal such Bylaws as may be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Association, provided, however, such Bylaws may not be inconsistent with or contrary to any provisions of the Declaration.
12. To operate and maintain the Stormwater Management System including all Vegetative Natural Buffer as defined in Part V, Section 11 of Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume, inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, lakes, floodplains compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffers and wetland mitigation areas, preserve areas and conservation easements, as applicable and required by the Permit, and to contract for services to provide for such operation and maintenance, with the power to accept future phases into the Association that will utilize the Stormwater Management System. The Association shall operate, maintain and manage the stormwater management system(s) in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Northwest Florida Water Management District ("NWFWM") Permit No. _____ and applicable NWFWM rules, and shall assist in the enforcement of the restrictions and covenants contained therein.
13. To contract for services for the operation, maintenance, and management of Common Areas and as applicable, Community Property, and all other property dedicated to or maintained by the Association.
14. To contract for the management of the Association and to delegate to the party or parties with whom such contract has been entered into the powers and duties of the Association, excepting those which require specific approval of the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association.
15. To mortgage or convey Common Area with the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Membership.

ARTICLE VI
MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Directors shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE VII
MEMBERS

The members of the Association shall be all of the record owners of platted lots within the Subdivision. Membership in the Association shall be established by recordation in the records of the Office of the Clerk of Wakulla County, Florida of a deed of conveyance transferring record title to a Lot and the delivery to the Association of an executed true copy of said deed. The owner designated by such instrument shall thereby automatically become a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot, and shall cease as to any owner upon transfer of title from such owner to another owner.

ARTICLE VIII
DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be comprised of at least three (3) directors. The members of the Board of Directors and their street addresses are:

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| Sam Kearns | 707 Belrose Avenue Daphne, AL 36526 |
| Harlan Winn | 707 Belrose Avenue Daphne, AL 36526 |
| Dina Brown | 3606 MaClay Blvd., Suite 204 Tallahassee, FL 32312 |

Those directors appointed to the Board of Directors by Declarant or its designated successor or assigns, need not be Members of the Association and need not be residents of the Subdivision nor of the State of Florida. All Directors appointed by the Declarant shall serve at the pleasure of the Declarant, and may be removed from office, and a successor Director may be appointed at any time by the Declarant.

All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the Act, the Declaration, these Articles, the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations (all as amended from time to time) shall be exercised by the Board of Directors or such committees to which authority is given by the Board or pursuant to the Act or the Governing Documents of the Association, subject only to approval by Members when such approval is specifically required.

At the first annual election to the Board of Directors where Directors are elected by the Members, the term of office of the elected Director receiving the highest plurality of votes shall be

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established at two (2) years, with the other elected Directors to serve for a term of one (1) year. Elections shall be by plurality votes. All Directors shall hold office until the election of new directors at the next annual meeting or resignation of said Director. Each year thereafter, as many Directors shall be elected and appointed, as the case may be, as there are regular terms of office of Directors expiring at such time, and the term of the Director so elected or appointed at each annual election shall be for two (2) years expiring at the second annual election following their election, 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.

ARTICLE IX **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 of Directors may from time to time, by resolution, create. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of President and Secretary. Officers shall be elected for one (1) year terms in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Bylaws. The names of the Officers who are to manage the affairs of the Association until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors and until their successors are duly elected and qualified are:

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| President: | Sam Kearns |
| Vice President: | Harlan Winn |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Dina Brown |

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ARTICLE X **REGISTERED AGENT, MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS**

The street and mailing address of the Corporation's Registered Agent's office is 2779 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563, and the Registered Agent at that address is Kerry Anne Schultz.

ARTICLE XI **CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

The Association shall have perpetual existence. If the Association is dissolved, the control or right of access to the property containing the Stormwater Management System Facilities and other dedicated property and related infrastructure shall be transferred to, accepted and maintained by an entity in accordance with Rule 62-330.310, Florida Administrative Code, and the Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume I, Section 12.3, as such may be amended from time to time, and be approved by the NFWFMD prior to such termination, dissolution, or liquidation.

ARTICLE XII
BYLAWS

The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles. The Bylaws for the Association will be recorded in the Public Records as originally enacted by Declarant, and as thereafter amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions for amendment set forth therein, consistent with these Articles and with the Act.

ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Amendment of these Articles requires the approval of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the membership votes. Notwithstanding the foregoing; (a) prior to Turnover, the Declarant or its successor or assign shall be permitted to unilaterally amend these Articles; and (b) for so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property, no amendment of these Articles shall make any changes which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers or options hereinafter provided in favor of, or reserved to, the Declarant, unless the Declarant joins in the execution of the amendment.

Such amendments shall be subject to the prior approval required by any appropriate governmental agency. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, amendments for correction of scrivener's errors may be made by the Board of Directors of the Association alone without the need of consent of any other person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, matters stated herein to be or which are in fact governed by the Declaration may not be amended except as provided in such Declaration. Additionally, the provisions which are governed by the Bylaws of this Association may not be amended except as provided in the Bylaws.

Any amendment to these Articles that would alter the Stormwater Management System, conservation areas or any water management areas of the Common Areas must have the prior approval of the NFWFMD. Any such proposed amendments must be submitted to the NFWFMD for a determination of whether the amendment necessitates a modification to the Permit. If the proposed amendment necessitates a modification to the Permit, the modification to the Permit must be approved by the NFWFMD prior to the amendment to these Articles.

ARTICLE XIV
INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. **Indemnity.** The Association shall indemnify any Officer, Director, or Committee Member who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or contemplated action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he/she is or was a Director, Officer, or Committee Member of the Association, against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorney's fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, unless (i) a court of competent jurisdiction finally determines, after all appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnitee, that he/she did not act in good faith or in a manner he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any

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of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.

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 authorized the contract or transaction but must abstain from voting on the issue.

ARTICLE XVI **DISSOLUTION**

The Association may be dissolved if three-fourths (3/4) of the total voting interests of the Association vote in favor of dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to the NFWFMD to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any nonprofit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes. In the event of a termination, dissolution, or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the portions of the Stormwater Management System falling within the Association's responsibility, as applicable, must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which complies with Rule 62-330.310, F.A.C., and Applicant's Handbook Volume 1, Section 12.3, and be approved by the NFWFMD prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

ARTICLE XVII **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: 68V Misting Springs (FL) 2023, LLC

Address: 707 Belrose Avenue
Daphne, AL 36526

[Signatures on the Following Pages]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation
this 11th day of July, 2024.

68V· Misting Springs (FL) 2023, LLC, a
Florida limited liability company

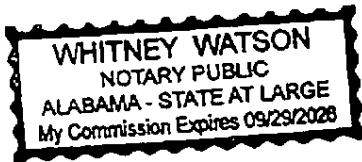
By: [Signature]
Name: Nathan L. Cox
Its: Manager

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence
or ☐ online notarization, this 11th day of July, 2024, by [Signature]
on behalf of the entity, who is ☒ personally known to me or has ☐
produced the following _____ as identification.

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[Signature]
Notary Public Signature
Whitney Watson
Notary Name [Printed/Typed/Handwritten]
Commission No.: N/A
Commission Expires: Sept. 29, 2026

REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept the appointment this 11 day of July, 2024, as registered agent for Misting Springs Owners Association, Inc. and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

By

Kerry Anne Schultz

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