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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HICKORY TREE RESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
(A corporation not-for-profit organized under the laws of the State of Florida)

The undersigned incorporator, desiring to form a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as amended, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I
NAME PRIMARY ADDRESS

The name of the corporation shall be the **HICKORY TREE RESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**, which is hereinafter referred to as "**the Association**". The primary address of the Association shall be 18851 NE 29th Ave, Suite 905, Aventura, FL 33180.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSES AND POWERS

The objects and purposes of the Association are those objects and purposes as are authorized by the **Declaration of Covenants for the Hickory Tree Reserve** recorded (or to be recorded) in the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida, as hereafter amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the "**Declaration**"). The further objects and purposes of the Association are to preserve the values and amenities in The Properties and to maintain the Common Areas for the benefit of the Members of the Association. The definitions set forth in the Declaration are incorporated herein by this reference.

The Association is not organized for profit and no part of the net earnings, if any, shall inure to the benefit of any Member or individual person, firm or corporation.

The Association shall have the power to contract for the management of the Association and to delegate to the party with whom such contract has been entered into (which may be an affiliate of the Declarant) the powers and duties of the Association, except those which require specific approval of the Board of Directors or Members.

The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles and the Declaration identified above. The Association shall also have all of the powers necessary to implement the purposes of the Association as set forth in the Declaration and to provide for the general health and welfare of its membership.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall operate, maintain and manage the Surface Water Management System in a manner consistent with the County permit requirements and applicable County rules, and shall assist in the enforcement of the restrictions and covenants contained in the Declaration and herein. In doing so, the Association shall levy adequate assessments against Members of the Association for the costs of maintenance and operation of the Surface Water Management System. Said assessments shall be used for such maintenance and repair of the Surface Water Management System including, but not limited to, work within retention areas, drainage structures and drainage easements.

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ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1. Membership. Every person or entity who is a record Owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot shall be a Member of the Association, provided that any such person or entity who holds such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member.

Section 2. Voting Rights. The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A Members shall be all Owners (including any Builders) as defined in Section 1 with the exception of the Declarant (as long as the Class B Membership shall exist, and thereafter, the Declarant shall be a Class A Member to the extent it would otherwise qualify). Except as provided below, Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot in which they hold the interests required for membership by Section 1. When more than one person holds such interest or interests in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members, and the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but, subject only as provided in the following sentence, in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any such Lot.

Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant. The Class B Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote, plus two (2) votes for each vote which the Class A Members are entitled to cast in the aggregate. The Class B Membership shall cease and convert to a Class A Membership as provided in the Declaration.

Section 3. Meetings of Members. The By-Laws of the Association shall provide for an annual meeting of Members and may make provisions for regular and special meetings of Members other than the annual meeting. A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Members shall exist if thirty percent (30%) of the total number of Members in good standing shall be present or represented by proxy at the meeting.

Section 4. General Matters. When reference is made herein, or in the Declaration, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, management contracts or otherwise, to a majority or specific percentage of Members, such reference shall be deemed to be reference to a majority or specific percentage of the votes of Members and not of the Members themselves.

ARTICLE IV CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Association shall commence its existence with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Secretary of State and shall have perpetual existence; provided that if it is ever dissolved, its assets (including the Surface Water Management System) shall be conveyed to another association or public agency having a similar purpose and which is approved by the County.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Management by Directors. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of not less than three (3) persons, but as many persons as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine. A majority

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of the directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The By-Laws shall provide for meetings of directors, including an annual meeting.

Section 2. Original Board of Directors. The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors of the Association, who shall hold office until the first annual meeting of Members and thereafter until qualified successors are duly elected and have taken office, shall be as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Larry M. Baum	18851 NE 29 th Ave, Suite 905, Aventura, FL 33180
Alexandre De Chabert	18851 NE 29 th Ave, Suite 905, Aventura, FL 33180
Kim Johnson	18851 NE 29 th Ave, Suite 905, Aventura, FL 33180

Section 3. Election of Members of Board of Directors. Except as otherwise provided herein and for the first Board of Directors and their Declarant-appointed replacements, directors shall be elected by a plurality vote of the members of the Association at the annual meeting of the membership as provided by the By-Laws of the Association, and the By-Laws may provide for the method of voting in the election and for removal from office of directors. All directors shall be members of the Association residing in The Properties or shall be authorized representatives, officers, or employees of corporate members of the Association, or designees of the Declarant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, until such time as the Class B Membership in the Association terminates, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint the Directors of the Association by written notice to such effect or by an announcement reflected in the minutes of the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 4. Duration of Office. Members elected to the Board of Directors shall hold office until the next succeeding annual meeting of Members, and thereafter until qualified successors are duly elected and have taken office.

Section 5. Vacancies. If a director elected by the general membership shall for any reason cease to be a director, the remaining directors so elected may elect a successor to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers Provided For. The Association shall have a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time elect.

Section 2. Election and Appointment of Officers. The officers of the Association, in accordance with any applicable provision of the By-Laws, shall be elected by the Board of Directors for terms of one (1) year and thereafter until qualified successors are duly elected and have taken office. The By-Laws may provide for the method of voting in the election, for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies and for the duties of the officers. The President shall be a director; other officers may or may not be directors of the Association. If the office of President shall become vacant for any reason, or if the President shall be unable or unavailable to act, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office or perform its duties and exercise its powers. If any office

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shall become vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors may elect or appoint an individual to fill such vacancy.

Section 3. First Officers. The names and addresses of the first officers of the Association, who shall hold office until the first annual meeting of directors and thereafter until successors are duly elected and have taken office, shall be as follows:

<u>Name and Office</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>President:</u>	
Larry M. Baum	18851 NE 29 th Ave, Suite 905, Aventura, FL 33180
<u>Vice-President:</u>	
Alexandre De Chabert	18851 NE 29 th Ave, Suite 905, Aventura, FL 33180
<u>Secretary-Treasurer:</u>	
Kim Johnson	18851 NE 29 th Ave, Suite 905, Aventura, FL 33180

ARTICLE VII **BY-LAWS**

The Board of Directors shall adopt By-Laws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Such By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed in the manner set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII **AMENDMENTS AND PRIORITIES**

Section 1. Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed and approved by the Board of Directors and thereafter submitted to a meeting of the membership of the Association for adoption or rejection by affirmative vote of 66-2/3% of the Members, all in the manner provided in, and in accordance with the notice provisions of, Florida Statute 617.017.

Section 2. In case of any conflict between these Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws, these Articles shall control; and in case of any conflict between these Articles of Incorporation and the Declaration, the Declaration shall control.

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ARTICLE IX

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of this Corporation is Larry M. Baum, 18851 NE 29th Ave, Suite 905, Aventura, FL 33180.

ARTICLE X

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. The Association shall indemnify any person 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 is or was a director, employee, officer or agent of the Association, against all expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, unless (i) it is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, after all available appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnitee, that he did not act in good faith or that he acted in a manner he believed to be not in or opposed to the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, and (ii) such court further determines specifically that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any action, suit or 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 believed to be not in or opposed to the best interest of the Association, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Section 1 above or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees) actually incurred by him in connection therewith.

Section 3. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any by-law, agreement, vote of Members or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity while holding such office or otherwise, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.

Section 4. The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. Such insurance shall cover any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

Section 5. The provisions of this Article X shall not be amended.

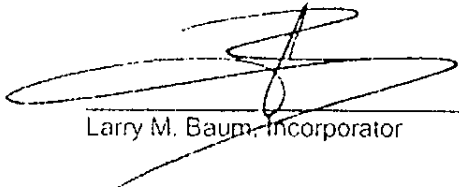
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REGISTERED AGENT

Until changed, **Stephen V. Hoffman, Esq.**, shall be the registered agent of the Association and the registered office shall be at 2426 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the aforesaid incorporator has hereunto set his hand this 23 day of July, 2024.



Larry M. Baum, Incorporator

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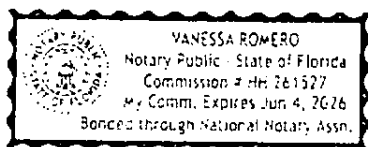
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 23 day of July, 2024, by means of physical presence [] or remote notarization [] by Larry M. Baum, who is personally known to me and who did not take an oath.

My Commission Expires: June 4, 2026



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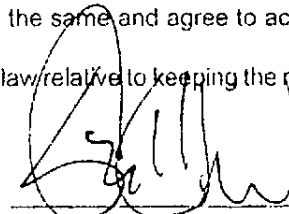
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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR
DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS
STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

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

That desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, County of Miami-Dade, State of Florida, the corporation named in said Articles has named Stephen V. Hoffman, Esq. located at 2426 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named the statutory agent of the above corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby 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.



Stephen V. Hoffman
REGISTERED AGENT

Dated this 24 day of July, 2024.

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