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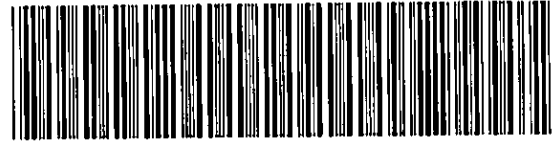
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
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SUBJECT: The Reserve at Hammock Bay Community Homeowners' Association, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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☐ \$78.75  
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FROM: Way A. Odum  
Name (Printed or typed)

4652 Gulf Starr Drive  
Address

Destin, FL 32541  
City, State & Zip

850-654-4126  
Daytime Telephone number

Sburgess@thejainodumgroup.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE RESERVE AT HAMMOCK BAY  
COMMUNITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

In compliance with the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned do hereby voluntarily associate for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit for the purposes and with the powers set forth herein. All capitalized terms set forth herein, to the extent not defined herein, shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Reserve at Hammock Bay (Single Family Homes) to be recorded in the public records of Walton County, Florida, as it may be modified and supplemented from time to time ("Declaration").

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation is THE RESERVE AT HAMMOCK BAY COMMUNITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "Association."

**ARTICLE II - REGISTERED  
AGENT**

The name and address of the Registered Agent of the Association is:

Jay A. Odom  
4652 Gulfstar Drive  
Destin, Florida 32541

**ARTICLE III - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the Association shall be located at 4652 Gulfstar Drive, Destin, Florida 32541, but the Association may maintain offices and transact business in such places, within or without the State of Florida, as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE AND  
POWERS**

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its Members. The specific purposes for which it is formed are to operate as a corporation-not-for-profit pursuant to Chapters 617 and 720, *Florida Statutes*, and to provide for the maintenance and preservation of any Common Property dedicated thereto, all within that certain tract of land described in the Declaration ("Property"), as such is supplemented from time to time, all for the mutual advantage and benefit of the Members of this Association, who shall be the Owners of the Lots. For such purposes, the Association shall have and exercise the following authority and powers:

1. 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, as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, as well as in the provisions of these Articles and the Bylaws. The Declaration is incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in detail.

2. To fix, levy, collect and by any lawful means enforce payment of all Assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, and to pay all expenses in connection therewith, and 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.

3. 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 or any improvements thereon in connection with the affairs of the Association.

4. To borrow money and, with the assent of seventy-five percent (75%) of the holders of votes at a duly noticed meeting of members at which a quorum is present in person or by proxy, to mortgage, pledge or hypothecate any and all of the Association's real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred.

5. To dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Property to any public agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Board of Directors.

6. To participate in mergers and consolidations with other nonprofit corporations organized for the same purposes.

7. To make, establish and amend reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Lots and Common Property.

8. To maintain, repair, replace, operate and manage the Common Property.

9. To employ personnel, agents or independent contractors to perform the services required for the proper operation of the Common Property.

10. To exercise architectural control over Improvements within the Property pursuant to the rights granted to the Association in the Declaration.

11. To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the law of the State of Florida may now or hereafter have or exercise.

12. To timely file all required corporate filings with the Florida Secretary of State's office.

13. All of the Association's assets and earnings shall be used exclusively for the purposes set forth herein and in accordance with Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and no part of the assets of this Association shall inure to the benefit of any individual Member or any other person. The Association may, however, reimburse its Members for actual expenses incurred for or on behalf of the Association, and may pay compensation in a reasonable amount to its Members for actual services rendered to the Association, as permitted by Section 528 of the Code, other applicable provisions of the Code, federal and state law. In addition, the Board of Directors shall also have the right to exercise the powers and duties set forth in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

1. Every person or entity who is record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot, including Hammock Bay Building Company LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("Declarant"), the Developer, and contract sellers, shall be a Member of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to 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.

2. The transfer of the membership of any Owner shall be established by the recording in

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the public records of Walton County of a deed or other instrument establishing a transfer of record title to any Lots for which membership has already been established. Upon such recordation the membership interest of the transferor shall immediately terminate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association shall not be obligated to recognize such a transfer of membership until such time as the Association receives a copy of the deed or other instrument establishing the transfer of ownership of the Lot. It shall be the responsibility and obligation of the former and new Owner of the Lot to provide such copy to the Association.

3. The interest of a Member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner, except as an appurtenance to the Lot owned by such Member.

## ARTICLE VI - VOTING RIGHTS

The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting Members, as follows:

1. Class A. Class A Members shall be all Owners, with the exception of Declarant while the Class B Membership exists. Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned, which may be cast by such member after Turnover (as hereinafter defined). When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members; however, the vote for each Lot shall be exercised as they shall determine among themselves, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if title to any Lot is held by a husband and wife, either spouse may cast the vote for such Lot unless and until a written voting authorization is filed with the Association. When title to a Lot is in a corporation, partnership, association, trust, or other entity (with the exception of Declarant), such entity shall be subject to the applicable rules and regulations contained in the Articles and Bylaws.

2. Class B. The Class B Member shall be Declarant and shall be entitled to the sole right to vote in Association matters until the occurrence of the earlier of the following events ("Turnover"):

a. Three (3) months after ninety percent (90%) of the Lots in the Property that will ultimately be operated by the Association have been conveyed to Class A Members.

b. Such earlier date as Declarant, in its sole discretion, may determine in writing.

After Turnover, the Class A Members may vote for all matters properly brought before the Association and to elect the majority of the members of the Board of Directors. After Turnover, the Declarant shall have one vote for each Lot owned by Declarant. For the purposes of this Article, builders, contractors or others who purchase a Lot for the purpose of constructing improvements thereon for resale shall not be deemed to be Class A Members.

## ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, who shall be Members of the Association, provided, however, that until Turnover, the Directors need not be Members of the Association. There shall be three (3) Directors of the Association prior to Turnover. The first Board of Directors after Turnover shall include five (5) Directors, unless there are fewer than five (5) Members willing to serve on the Board of Directors, in which case the Board of Directors shall include three (3) Directors. After the first post-Turnover Board of Directors is elected, the Members may vote to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors to a maximum of seven (7) Directors, by amending these Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the Amendment

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requirements set forth in Article XII of these Articles.

The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the initial capacity of Directors until the selection and qualification of their successors are:

<u>Name and Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
Jay Odom	PO Box 1735 Destin, Florida 32540
Sarah Burgess	PO Box 1735 Destin, Florida 32540
Emily Medina	PO Box 1735 Destin, Florida 32540

Until Turnover, the Board of Directors shall consist of Directors appointed by the Class B Member who shall serve until the Class B Member no longer has the right to appoint any Directors.

At the first annual meeting after Turnover, the Class A Members shall elect one-third (1/3) of the Directors to be elected by the Class A Members for a term of one (1) year, one-third (1/3) of the Directors to be elected by the Class A Members for a term of two (2) years and one-third (1/3) of the Directors to be elected by the Class A Members for a term of three (3) years (should the membership of the Board of Directors not be divisible by three, then the classes of directors should be made as nearly equal as possible). At each annual meeting thereafter, the Members shall elect the Directors to be elected by the Class A Members for terms of three (3) years; provided however, for so long as the Class B Member has the right to appoint the minority of the Directors or at least one Director under Chapter 720, *Florida Statutes*, the Class B member shall appoint and replace such persons at its sole discretion. (After Turnover and for so long as the Class B Member owns at least five percent (5%) of the Lots within the Property, the Class B Member may appoint the minority of the Board of Directors or not less than one (1) Director). Any vacancy on the Board of Directors which is not subject to appointment by the Class B Member shall be filled for the unexpired term of the vacated office by the remaining Directors.

#### ARTICLE VIII - TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved in accordance with the provisions herein contained or in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The date on which corporate existence shall begin is the date on which these Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of each class of Members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration. 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 to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association is created, or for the general welfare of the residents of the county in which the Property is located. 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 similar purposes.

## ARTICLE X - OFFICERS

Subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, the affairs of this Association shall be administered by its officers, as designated in the Bylaws of this Association. Said officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors are:

<u>Name and Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
Jay Odom, President	PO Box 1735 Destin, Florida 32540
Sarah Burgess, Vice-President	PO Box 1735 Destin, Florida 32540
Emily Medina, Secretary/Treasurer	PO Box 1735 Destin, Florida 32540

## ARTICLE XI - BYLAWS

The Bylaws of this Association shall be adopted by the first Board of Directors, which Bylaws may be altered, amended, modified or appealed in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT

The members of the Association shall have the right to amend or repeal any of the substantive provisions contained in these Articles or any amendments hereto, provided, however, that any such amendment shall require the written consent of sixty six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the voting interests within the Property (Reserve at Hammock Bay) or the approval of persons holding seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes at a duly noticed meeting at which a quorum is present, in person or by proxy. Provided, further, that no amendment shall conflict with any provisions of the Declaration. After Turnover, the consent of any Institutional Mortgagees shall be required for any amendment to these Articles which impairs the rights, priorities, remedies or interest of such Institutional Mortgagees, and such consent shall be obtained in accordance with the terms and conditions, and subject to the time limitations, set forth in the Declaration. Amendments to these Articles need only be filed with the Secretary of State and do not need to be recorded in the public records of the County.

## ARTICLE XIII - INDEMNIFICATION

This Association shall indemnify any and all of its directors, officers, employees or agents, or former directors permitted by law. Said indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, the expenses, including the cost of any judgments, fines, settlements and counsel's fees, actually and necessarily paid or incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and any appeals thereof, to which any such person or his legal representative may be made a party or may be threatened to be made a party by reason of his being or having been a director, officer, employee or agent, as herein provided. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be inclusive of any other rights to which any such person may be entitled as a matter of law or which he may be lawfully granted. It shall be the obligation of the Association to obtain and keep in force a policy of officers' and directors' liability insurance.

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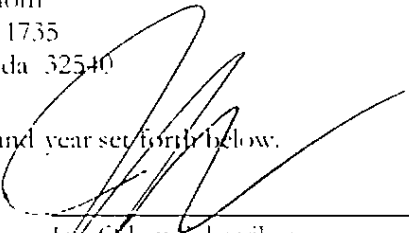
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ARTICLE XIV - SUBSCRIBER

The name and address of the subscriber of the corporation is:

Jay Odom  
PO Box 1735  
Destin, Florida 32540

The Incorporator has affixed his signature the day and year set forth below.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jay Odom Subscriber

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024

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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF PLACE OF BUSINESS OR  
DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA  
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In compliance with Section 48.091, *Florida Statutes*, the following is submitted:

The Reserve at Hammock Bay Community Homeowners' Association, Inc., desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business in the City of Freeport, County of Walton, State of Florida, has named Jay Odom, with an address of 4652 Gulfstarr Drive, Destin, Florida 32541 as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

THE RESERVE AT HAMMOCK BAY  
COMMUNITY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Jay Odom

Its: President

Date: September 30, 2024

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Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, the place designated in the certificate, I agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Okaloosa

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 by Jay Odom, as President of the The Reserve at Hammock Bay Community Homeowners' Association, Inc., on behalf of the company, who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

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SARAH J. BURGESS  
Commission # HH 447637  
Expires January 24, 2028

Sarah J. Burgess

Notary Public

Print Name: Sarah J. Burgess

My Commission Expires: 1-24-24