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**Southern Pine Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SOUTHERN PINE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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Pursuant to Section 617.01201, Florida Statutes, these Articles of Incorporation are created by the undersigned, Pavese Law Firm, the Authorized Member of PLF Registered Agent, L.L.C., 1833 Hendry Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, as sole incorporator, for the purpose set forth below.

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME:** The name of the corporation is Southern Pine Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Association").

**ARTICLE II**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE:** The initial principal office of the corporation is located at 10481 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966.

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE AND POWERS:** This Association will not permit pecuniary gain or profit nor distribution of its income to its Members, Officers, or Directors. It is a corporation not-for-profit organized on a non-stock basis for the purpose of providing a residential homeowners association. For the accomplishment of its purpose, the Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers and duties of a corporation not-for-profit, except as limited or modified by these Articles of Incorporation and a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions ("Declaration") to be recorded in the Official Records of Lee County, Florida, and shall have all of the powers and authority reasonably necessary or appropriate to the operation and regulation of a residential neighborhood subject to the said recorded Declaration, as it may from time to time be amended, including, but not limited to, the power to:

(A) Fix, levy, collect, and enforce payment, by any lawful means, all charges or assessments levied pursuant to the Declaration, and pay all expenses in connection therewith, and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all license fees, taxes, or governmental charges.

(B) Enforce any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, and agreements applicable to the residential neighborhood known as Southern Pine Estates.

(C) 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.

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(D) Borrow money, and mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security.

(E) Dedicate, sell, or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members.

(F) Purchase policies of insurance upon the properties and use the proceeds from such policies to effectuate its purposes.

(G) Participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same or similar purposes, or to annex additional property and Common Areas, provided that merger, consolidation, or annexation shall have the consent of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting interests of the Association.

(H) Establish rules and regulations in accordance with the Governing Documents.

(I) Sue and be sued.

(J) Exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges that a homeowners association organized under Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, may now or hereafter have or exercise, subject always to the Declaration, as amended from time to time.

(K) Contract for services necessary to operate and maintain the Common Areas and improvements located thereon.

(L) To be the responsible entity to operate and maintain the Surface Water Management System as permitted by the South Florida Water Management District, including, but not limited to, all lakes, retention areas, culverts, and related appurtenances.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

(A) The affairs of the Association will be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the number of Directors set in the Bylaws, but never less than three (3), and in the absence of a Bylaw provision shall consist of three (3) Directors.

(B) Directors of the Association shall be elected by the Members in the manner determined by the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

(C) The business of the Association shall be conducted by the Officers designated in the Bylaws. The Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the Members and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

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## **ARTICLE V**

### **INITIAL DIRECTORS:**

The initial Directors and Officers of the Association shall be:

Gregory Roughgarden	President/Director	10481 Six Mile Cypress Parkway Fort Myers, Florida 33966
Matthew Koratich	Vice President/Director	10481 Six Mile Cypress Parkway Fort Myers, Florida 33966
Jessilyn Quigley	Secretary/Treasurer/Director	10481 Six Mile Cypress Parkway Fort Myers, Florida 33966

## **ARTICLE VI**

**REGISTERED OFFICE AND INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT:** The street address of the initial Registered Office of the Association is 1833 Hendry Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901. The name of the initial Registered Agent of the Association is PLF Registered Agent, L.L.C.

## **ARTICLE VII**

**INCORPORATOR:** The name and address of the incorporator is PLF Registered Agent, L.L.C., 1833 Hendry Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

**MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS:** Membership and voting rights shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Association. However, all Owners of Lots within Southern Pine Estates shall be Members of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IX**

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:** In addition to the powers set forth in Article III, the Association shall also have the following powers and duties applicable to the Stormwater Management System:

(A) Unless the operation and maintenance is conveyed to another entity, the Association shall operate, maintain, manage, and control the Stormwater Management System in a manner consistent with the requirements of the South Florida Water Management District permit as filed and all applicable rules, and shall have the power to assist in the enforcement of the restrictions and covenants contained the Governing Documents.

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(B) The Association shall levy and collect adequate assessments against members of the Association for the costs of maintenance and operation of the Stormwater Management System.

(C) The Stormwater Management System assessments shall be used for the maintenance and repair of the Stormwater Management Systems and mitigation or preservation areas, including but not limited to work within retention areas, drainage structures, and drainage easements.

#### ARTICLE X

**TERM:** The Association shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, State of Florida. The Association shall have perpetual existence. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Association may be terminated in accordance with the Declaration and the Bylaws, subject however to any required prior governmental approval, and provided that, upon such termination, proper written consent must be duly recorded in the Official Records of Lee County, Florida. In the event of dissolution, the assets owned by the Association, including, without limitation, the control and right of access to all surface water management system facilities, shall be conveyed or dedicated to an appropriate agency of local government, and if such agency refuses to accept such assets, then such assets shall be transferred to a non-profit corporation similar to the Association.

#### ARTICLE XI

**INDEMNIFICATION:** To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, the Association shall indemnify and hold harmless every Director and every Officer of the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney fees, actually and reasonably incurred by or imposed on said Director or Officer in connection with any legal proceeding (or settlement or appeal of such proceeding) to which said Director or Officer may be a party because of his or her being or having been a Director or Officer of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be available if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that said Director's or Officer's actions or omissions to act were material to the cause adjudicated and involved:

(A) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association in a proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor.

(B) A violation of criminal law, unless the Director or Officer had no reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful or had reasonable cause to believe it was lawful.

(C) A transaction from which the Director or Officer derived or sought to derive an improper personal benefit.

(D) Recklessness, or an act or omission that was committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard for human rights, safety, or property in an action by or in the right of someone other than the Association or a Member.

(E) Wrongful conduct by Directors or Officers appointed by the Declarant in a proceeding brought by or on behalf of the Association.

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In the event of a settlement, there is no right to indemnification unless a majority of the disinterested Directors approve such settlement as being in the best interest of the Association. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which a Director or Officer may be entitled.

## ARTICLE XII

**BYLAWS:** The Bylaws of the Association may be altered, amended, or rescinded in the manner provided therein.

## ARTICLE XIII

**AMENDMENTS:** Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

(A) Proposal. Amendments to these Articles may be proposed by a majority of the Board or by petition to the Board signed by at least one-fourth (1/4) of the voting interests of the Association.

(B) Procedure. A proposed amendment must be submitted to a vote of the Members not later than the next annual meeting for which proper notice can still be given.

(C) Vote Required. Except as otherwise required by Florida law, a proposed amendment to these Articles of Incorporation shall be adopted if it is approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting interests of the Association present in person or by proxy at any annual or special meeting called for the purpose, provided that notice of any proposed amendment must be given to the Members of the Association, and the notice must contain the full text of the proposed amendment.

(D) Effective Date. An amendment becomes effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and recording a certified copy in the Official Records of Lee County, Florida, with the same formalities as are required in the Declaration for recording amendments to the Declaration.

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For the purpose of forming the Southern Pine Estates Homeowners Association, Inc., under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, Pavese Law Firm, the Authorized Member of PLF Registered Agent, L.L.C., being the incorporator of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

PLF REGISTERED AGENT, L.L.C.  
a Florida limited liability company

By: Pavese Law Firm  
its Authorized Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Mann, Partner

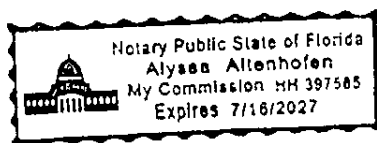
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THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, by Charles Mann, Partner with Pavese Law Firm, the Authorized Member of PLF Registered Agent, L.L.C., a Florida limited liability company, on behalf of the company, who is personally known to me.

(Notary Seal/Stamp)

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print: Alyssa Altenhofen



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CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Association at the place designated in this Certificate, hereby agrees to act in this capacity, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of this position, and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of his duties.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

PLF REGISTERED AGENT, L.L.C.  
a Florida limited liability company

By: Pavese Law Firm  
its Authorized Member

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Mann, Partner

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