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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF AUDUBON TRACE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

PREAMBLE

Audubon Trace ("Declarant"), owns certain property in Hernando County, Florida (the "Property"), and intends to execute and record in Hernando County, Florida a "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Audubon Trace Homeowners' Association, Inc. (the "Declaration") which will affect the Property. This corporation is being formed as the "association" to administer the Declaration, and to perform the duties and exercise the powers pursuant to the Declaration, as and when the Declaration is recorded in the Public Records of Hernando County,

ARTICLE I - NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of the corporation is "Audubon Trace Homeowners' Association, Inc.", hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The business address and the mailing address of the Association is P.O. Box 130142, Tampa, Florida 33681.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

- The Association is organized for the following purposes:
- 1.1 To operate as a corporation not-for-profit pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.
- 1.2 To enforce and exercise the duties of the Association as provided in the

- To promote the health, safety, welfare, comfort, and social and economic benefit of the members of the Association.
- 1.4 To do and perform any other lawful acts and employ all lawful powers which corporations may do, perform or employ under Florida law.

ARTICLE HI - POWERS AND DUTIES

The Association shall have the following powers and duties:

- All of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit under the 1. laws of the State of Florida.
- To administer, enforce, carry out and perform all of the acts, functions, rights and 2. duties provided in, or contemplated by, the Declaration, including but not limited to, the following:
 - To own, purchase, sell, mortgage, encumber, lease, administer, manage, operate, maintain, improve, repair and/or replace real and personal property.
 - To make and collect Assessments against Owners to defray the costs, expenses and losses incurred or to be incurred by the Association, and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of the Association's powers and duties.
 - 2.3 To enforce the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, and the Bylaws.
 - To grant and modify easements, and to dedicate property owned by the 2.4 Association to any public or quasi-public agency, authority or utility company for public, utility, drainage and cable television purposes in accordance with these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.
 - To borrow money for the purposes of carrying out the powers and duties of the Association in accordance with these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.
 - To obtain insurance as provided by the Declaration or as determined by the 2.6 Board.
 - To, from time to time, adopt, alter, amend and rescind reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas, which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by the Declaration and with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.
 - To employ personnel necessary to perform the obligations, services and duties required of or to be performed by the Association and for proper operation of the properties for which the Association is responsible, or to contract with others for the performance of such obligations, services and/or duties.

2.9 To sue and be sued.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS

- 1. The members of the Association shall consist of all of the record owners of Lots, having voting rights as described in Section 3 below. Membership shall be established as to each of the Lots upon the recording of the Declaration. Upon the transfer of ownership of fee title to, or fee interest in, a Lot, whether by conveyance, devise, judicial decree, foreclosure, or otherwise, and upon the recordation amongst the public records in the county in which the Property is located of the deed or other instrument establishing the acquisition and designating the Lot affected thereby, the new Owner designated in such deed or other instrument shall thereupon become a member of the Association, and the membership of the prior Owner as to the designated Lot shall be terminated; provided, however, that the Association shall not have the responsibility or obligation of recognizing any such change in membership until it has been delivered a true copy of the applicable deed or other instrument, or is otherwise informed of the transfer of ownership of the Lot. Prior to the recording of the Declarant shall be the sole member of the Association.
- 2. The share of each member in the funds and assets of the Association and any membership in this Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the Lot for which that membership is established.
- 3. On all matters upon which the membership shall be entitled to vote, members shall be all Owners and shall be entitled to one vote for each lot of real property owned.

In the event any Lot is owned by more than one person and/or by an entity, the vote for such Lot shall be cast in the manner provided by the Bylaws. Other than the Declarant, any person or entity owning more than one Lot shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned.

 The Bylaws shall provide for an annual meeting of the members of the Association and shall make provision for special meetings.

ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Association shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI - INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator is: R. James Robbins, Jr., 101 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 3700, Tampa FL 33602.

ARTICLE VII - DIRECTORS

1. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board which shall consist of not less than three (3) directors, and which shall always be an odd number.

The Bylaws may provide for a method of determining the number of directors from time to time. In the absence of a determination as to the number of directors, the Board shall consist of three (3) directors. Directors are not required to be members of the Association.

- All of the dutics and powers of the Association existing under the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board, its agents, contractors or employees, subject to approval by the members only when specifically required.
- The Declarant shall have the right to appoint all of the directors until Declarant has conveyed 75% of the Lots within the Property, or until 5 years after the Declaration is recorded in the public records in the county in which the Property is located, whichever occurs first. Thereafter, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint one director so long as the Declarant owns any Lot and the remaining Directors shall be elected by the members in the manner provided in the Bylaws. The Declarant may waive its right to elect one or more directors by written notice to Association, and thereafter such directors shall be elected by the members. When the Declarant no longer owns any Lots within the Property, all of the directors shall be elected by the members in the manner provided
- Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board shall filled in the manner 4. provided by the Bylaws, however any director appointed by the Declarant may only be removed by the Declarant if, at the time such vacancy is to be filled, the Declarant is entitled to appoint any of
- 5. The names and addresses of the initial directors, who shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected, are as follows:

H. Tyson Lykes II

P.O. Box 130142

Tampa, Florida 33681

Gail Lykes

P.O. Box 130142

Tampa, Florida 33681

Christopher Lykes

P.O. Box 130142 Tampa, Florida 33681

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create. The officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, and the Bylaws may provide for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies, and for the duties of the officers. The names of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board are as follows:

President
Vice President
Gail Lykes

Sccretary H. Tyson Lykes II

Treasurer Gail Lykes
H. Tyson Lykes II

ARTICLE IX - INDEMNIFICATION

- 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 (other than an action by or in the right of the Association) by reason of the fact that he is or was the incorporator, a director, employee, officer or agent of the Association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Association; and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; except, that no indemnification shall be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for gross negligence or willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties to the Association unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine, upon application, that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which the court shall deem proper. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nole contendere or its equivalent, shall not, in and of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Association; and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had no reasonable cause to believe that his
- 2. To the extent that the incorporator, 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 Paragraph 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 and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- 3. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board in the specific case upon the receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the incorporator, director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless is shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized herein.
- 4. The indemnification provided herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the laws of the State of Florida, any of the Bylaws, agreement, vote of members or otherwise, and as to action taken in an official capacity while holding office, shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer,

employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

5. 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, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, as 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.

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

The first Bylaws shall be adopted by the Board and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Declarant, the Directors and/or members in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

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

- 1. A majority of the Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members, which may be the annual or a special meeting.
- 2. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each member entitled to vote thereon within the time and in the manner provided in the Bylaws for the giving of notice of a meeting of the members. If the notice of such annual meeting, the proposed amendment or such summary may be included in the
- 3. At such meeting, a vote of the members entitled to vote thereon shall be taken on the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes of the entire membership of the Association.
- 4. Any number of amendments may be submitted to the members and voted upon by them at any one meeting.
- 5. If all of the directors and all of the members eligible to vote sign a written statement manifesting their intention that an amendment to these Articles be adopted, then the amendment shall thereby be adopted as though the above requirements had been satisfied.
- 6. No amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership nor in the voting rights of members without approval by all of the members and the joinder of all institutional lenders holding mortgages upon the Lots. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Declaration. Prior to the closing of the sale of all Lots within the Property, no

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amendment shall make any changes which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers or options herein provided in favor of, or reserved to, the Declarant, unless the Declarant shall join in the execution of the amendment, including, but not limited to, any right of the Declarant to appoint directors pursuant to ARTICLE VII.

- 7. No amendment to these Articles shall be made which discriminates against any Owner(s), or affects less than all of the Owners within the Property, without the written approval of all of the Owners so discriminated against or affected.
- 8. Upon the approval of an amendment to these Articles, the articles of amendment shall be executed and delivered to the Department of State as provided by law, and a copy certified by the Department of State shall be recorded in the public records of the county in which the Property is located.
- 9. In the event of any conflict among the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws, first the provisions of the Declaration, then those of these Articles and then those of the Bylaws shall govern, in that order.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the assets, both real and personal, of the Association, shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency or utility to be devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization, to be devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable to the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. No such disposition of Association properties shall be effective to divest or diminish any right or title of any Member vested in him under the recorded Declaration unless made in accordance with the provisions of such Declaration.

ARTICLE XIII

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS AND NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of the Association shall be at 101 E. Konnedy Boulevard., Suite 3700, Tampa, FL 33602. The initial registered agent of the Association at that address is R. James Robbins, Jr., Esq.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed these Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed this 10 day of Must

R James Robbins, Jr.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 10 that day of 1 personally appeared R. James Robbins, Jr. to me well known to be the person described in and who signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal the date afortesaid

Notary Public

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REGISTERED AGENT CERTIFICATE

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby 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.

Signature

R. James Robbins, Jr.

Date August 101975

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