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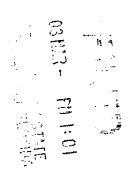
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Florida Department of State Bureau of Corporate Records 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS AIRBILL 8350 5926 4461

RE: EVERGLADES CITY HOMES, INC...

### Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of proposed Articles of Incorporation for the subject corporation. Also enclosed is this firm's check in the amount of \$70.00 to cover the filing fee.

Thank you for your time which has been given to this matter.

Sincerely,

Raymond L. Bass.

RLB/ftz

Enclosures as stated



### **EVERGLADES CITY HOMES, INC.**

The undersigned does hereby agree to become a corporation for profit under the provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, and hereby accepts all the rights, privileges, benefits and obligations conferred and imposed by said law on corporations pursuant to the provisions thereof, and does hereby make, subscribe, certify, acknowledge and file these articles of incorporation as follows:

### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is EVERGLADES CITY HOMES, INC.

### **ARTICLE II - DURATION**

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The general nature of the business to be transacted by said corporation shall be and is as follows:

- A. To enter into, make and perform contracts of every kind and description with any person, firm, association, corporation, municipality, county, state and any political body.
- B. To establish and maintain offices for any and all operations of this corporation at such places to be determined by the directors, wheresoever the same may be located.
- C. To purchase, lease, hire, or otherwise acquire, to hold, own, maintain, improve, alter, and to sell, rent, convey, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of real estate and personal property, and any interest herein or out of this State, and else where in the United States or any of its territories, or in any foreign country.
- D. To borrow or raise money for any of the purposes of the corporation, and from time to time, without limit as to amount, to draw, make, accept, endorse, and execute promissory notes, drafts, bonds, debentures and other negotiable and non-negotiable instruments and evidence of indebtedness, and to secure the payment of any thereof and of the interest thereof by mortgage of the whole or any part of the property of the corporation, by mortgage conveyance or assignment in trust of the whole or any part thereof, and to sell, pledge, or otherwise dispose of such bonds or other obligation for its corporation purpose.
- E. To do any and all things necessary, suitable and proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or for the attainment of any of the objects, or for the exercise of any of the powers herein set forth, whether herein specified or not, either alone or in connection with other firms, individuals, or corporations, either in the State of Florida, or throughout the United States or elsewhere, and to do any other act or acts, thing or things, incidental or pertinent to or connected with the business hereinbefore described, or any part or parts thereof, if not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Florida.
- F. The enumeration herein of the powers, objects, and purposes of the corporation shall not be deemed to exclude by inference any powers, objects, or purposes which the corporation is empowered to exercise, whether expressly by force of the general corporation laws of the State of Florida, or implied by the reasonable construction of the said laws.

### ARTICLE IV - STOCK

The aggregate number of shares which the corporation has authority to issue is 100, all of which shall be common shares with the par value of one (\$1.00) per share.

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### ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS

There shall be one (1) member of the initial board of directors of the corporation. The number of directors shall be otherwise established in the by-laws. The name and address of the person who is to serve as director until the first election thereof is as follows:

Raymond L. Bass, Jr. 6681 Sandalwood Lane Naples, Florida 34109

### ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATORS

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### ARTICLE VIII - MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION

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### **ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS**

The bylaws of the corporation are to be made, altered or rescinded by the approval by the directors of the corporation holding at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the outstanding stock, together with the approval by the shareholders of the corporation holding at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the outstanding stock.

### ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES

These articles of incorporation may be amended by the act of the directors of the corporation, with such directors holding at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the outstanding stock of the corporation, together with the approval by the shareholders of the corporation holding at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the outstanding stock.

### ARTICLE XI - SECTION 1244 STOCK

The stock of this corporation is intended to qualify under the requirements of Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued thereunder. Such actions as are necessary will be taken by the appropriate officers to accomplish this compliance.

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The principal office and mailing address for EVERGLADES CITY HOMES, INC. is: 200 State Road 29
P.O. Box 108
Everglades City, Florida 33929

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this of March, 2003.

Baymond L. Bass. J

### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLLIER

Print Name: Florence T. Zalenski

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FLORENCE T. ZALENSKI MY COMMISSION # CC 998447 EXPIRES: March 17, 2005 aded Thre Notary Public Underwrite

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

In compliance with Section 607.034 Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

FIRST: That EVERGLADES CITY HOMES, INC. desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business at Everglades City, Florida, has named RAYMOND L. BASS, JR., ESQ., whose daily office address is The Moorings Professional Building, 2335 Tamiami Trail North, Suite 409, Naples, FL, 34103-4459 as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

SECOND: 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.

Dated: March 6, 2003

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### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLLIER

Before me personally appeared Raymond L. Bass, Jr., known to me personally or identified to me by \_\_\_\_N/A\_\_\_, as the person described in and who, after being sworn and under oath given by me, executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to and before me that s/he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2003.

EXPIRES: Merch 17, 2005 Bonded Thru Notery Public Underwrite

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