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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

### LITHIA CROSSINGS HOLDINGS, INC.

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, does hereby form a corporation for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE ONE

### NAME AND PLACE OF BUSINESS

The name of this corporation is Lithia Crossings Holdings, Inc., and the principal place of business will be 8302 Laurel Fair Circle, Suite 100, Tampa, Florida 33610.

#### ARTICLE TWO

### COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The Corporation's existence shall commence on the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

### ARTICLE THREE

#### **PURPOSE**

The Corporation's business and purpose shall consist solely of the following:

(i) To acquire a membership interest in and act as a member of (the "LLC"), which is engaged solely in the ownership, operation and management of the real estate project known as Lithia Crossings located in Hillsborough County (the "Property"), pursuant to and in accordance with these Articles of Incorporation and the LLC's Operating Agreement; and

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(ii) to engage in such other lawful activities permitted to corporations by the Florida Business Corporation Act of the State of Florida as are incidental, necessary or appropriate to the foregoing.

### ARTICLE FOUR

### LIMITATIONS

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles and any provision of law that otherwise so empowers the Corporation, the Corporation shall not, without the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors, do any of the following:

- (i) engage in any business or activity other than those set forth in Article Three or cause or allow the LLC to engage in any business or activity other than as set forth in its Articles of Organization;
- (ii) incur any indebtedness or assume or guaranty any indebtedness of any other entity, other than the first lien mortgage indebtedness incurred in connection with the refinancing of the Property (the "Mortgage"), indebtedness permitted thereunder and normal trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business;
- (iii) cause the LLC to incur any indebtedness or to assume or guaranty any indebtedness of any other entity, other than the Mortgage, indebtedness permitted thereunder, and normal trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business;
- (iv) dissolve or liquidate, in whole or in part;
- (v) cause or consent to the dissolution or liquidation, in whole or in part, of the LLC;
- (vi) consolidate or merge with or into any other entity or convey or transfer or lease its property and assets substantially as an entirety to any entity;
- (vii) cause the LLC to consolidate or merge with or into any other entity or to convey or transfer or lease its Property and assets substantially as an entirety to any entity;
- (viii) with respect to the Corporation or the LLC, institute proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, or consent to the institution or bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or file a petition seeking or consenting to reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state law relating to bankruptcy, or consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Corporation or the LLC or a

substantial part of property of the Corporation or the LLC, or make any assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or take corporate action in furtherance of any such action; amend Articles Three, Four or Five of these Articles of Incorporation or approve an amendment to the Articles of Organization or Operating Agreement governing the LLC; or

- (ix) withdraw as a member of the LLC.
- (x) In addition to the foregoing, so long as any obligation secured by the Mortgage remains outstanding and not discharged in full, the Corporation shall not, without the written consent of the holder of the Mortgage, take any action set forth in items (i) through (vii) and items (ix) and (x).

### ARTICLE FIVE

#### SEPARATENESS/OPERATIONS MATTERS

### The Corporation shall:

- (a) maintain books and records and bank accounts separate from those of any other person;
- (b) maintain its assets in such a manner that it is not costly or difficult to segregate, identify or ascertain such assets;
- (c) hold regular Board of Director and stockholder meetings, as appropriate, to conduct the business of the Corporation, and observe all other corporate formalities;
- (d) hold itself out to creditors and the public as a legal entity separate and distinct from any other entity;
- (e) prepare separate tax returns and financial statements, or if part of a consolidated group, then it will be shown as a separate member of such group;
- (f) allocate and charge fairly and reasonably any common employee or overhead shared with affiliates:
- (g) transact all business with affiliates on an arm's-length basis and pursuant to enforceable agreements;
- (h) conduct business in its own name, and use separate stationery, invoices and checks:

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- (i) not commingle its assets or funds with those of any other person; and
- (i) not assume, guarantee or pay the debts or obligations of any other person.

#### ARTICLE SIX

### **AUTHORIZED SHARES**

The maximum number of shares of stock authorized to be issued by the Corporation is 1,000 shares of capital stock, all of which shares shall be common shares of the par value of 5.001 per share and each of which shall have the same rights and privileges. Each of the common shares shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote at any shareholders' meeting and otherwise to participate in all such meetings and in the assets of the Corporation. They shall be issued for such consideration as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, provided that such consideration shall have a value at least equal to the full par value of such shares. The shares may be paid for in lawful money of the United States of America, or in property, labor or service or any other legal form of consideration.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN

#### INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 400 North Tampa Street, Suite 2300, Tampa, Florida 33602, and the name of the initial registered agent at that address is Ellen M. Macfarlane.

#### ARTICLE EIGHT

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. <u>Initial Board of Directors</u>. The names and addresses of the initial directors of the Corporation are:

Gordon Comer, 8302 Laurel Fair Circle, Suite 100, Tampa, Florida 33610 Peter Holden, 8302 Laurel Fair Circle, Suite 100, Tampa, Florida 33610 Dr. Saraiya, 8302 Laurel Fair Circle, Suite 100, Tampa, Florida 33610

B. Number and Term. The Board of Directors shall be composed of three (3) members who shall be elected at the annual meeting of shareholders to be held at the time and place prescribed in the Bylaws. Directors need not be shareholders of the Corporation. They shall hold office after their election for a period of one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, subject to their resignation or their removal by the shareholders at any time with or without cause. The initial members of the Board of Directors, as named in this Article, shall

hold office for the first year of existence of the Corporation or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

#### ARTICLE NINE

#### INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the person signing these Articles is:

Ellen M. Macfarlane, Esq. 400 North Tampa Street - Suite 2300 Tampa, Florida 33602

### ARTICLE TEN

### INDEMNIFICATION

A. Right to Indemnification. Except as limited by paragraph B hereinbelow, the Corporation shall indemnify to the fullest extent authorized by the Florida Business Corporation Act Section 607.0850, Florida Statutes, or as such law may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than such law permitted the Corporation to provide prior to such amendment), each director and officer of the Corporation who is or was a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Corporation or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director or officer of another corporation or other enterprise against liability incurred in connection with such proceeding, including any appeal thereof. For purposes of this Article, the term "proceeding" includes any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or other type of proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative and whether formal or informal and the term "liability" includes obligations to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine (including an excise tax assessed with respect to any employee benefit plan), and expenses actually and reasonably incurred with respect to a proceeding. The right to indemnification conferred in this Article shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the Corporation the expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if he is ultimately found not to be entitled to indemnification by the Corporation. Indemnification and advancement of expenses as provided for in this Article shall continue to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.

B. Exceptions. Indemnification or advancement of expenses shall not be made to or on behalf of any director or officer if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his action, or omissions to act, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated and constitute:

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- (1) A violation of criminal law, unless the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful;
  - (2) A transaction from which the director or officer derived an improper benefit;
- (3) In the case of a director, a circumstance under which Section 607.0834, Florida Statutes, (1997) would subject a director to liability; or
- (4) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Corporation in a proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor or in a proceeding by or in the right of a shareholder.
- C. <u>Insurance</u>. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any director and officer of the Corporation or other enterprise against any liability, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the Florida Business Corporation Act.
- D. <u>Limitation of Director's Liability</u>. A director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable for monetary damages to the Corporation or any other person (including a shareholder of the Corporation) for any statement, vote, decision, or failure to act, regarding corporate management or policy, by a director, unless:
  - (1) The director breached or failed to perform his duties as a director; and
  - (2) The director's breach of, or failure to perform, those duties' constitutes:
- (i) A violation of the criminal law, unless the director had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. A judgment or other final adjudication against a director in any criminal proceeding for a violation of the criminal law estops that director from contesting the fact that his breach, or failure to perform, constitutes a violation of the criminal law; but does not estop the director from establishing that he had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful:
  - (ii) A transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit;
- (iii) A circumstance under which Section 607.0834, Florida Statutes (1997) would subject the director to liability;
- (iv) In a proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor or by or in the right of a shareholder, conscious disregard for the best interest of the Corporation, or willful misconduct; or

(v) In a proceeding by or in the right of someone other than the Corporation or a shareholder, recklessness or an act or omission which was committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property.

### ARTICLE ELEVEN

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

# A. Other Offices. Agencies and Branches.

The Corporation may have other offices, agencies and branches at such places either within or without the State of Florida as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

# B. <u>Location of Shareholders and Directors Meetings</u>.

Meetings of the shareholders and directors of the Corporation may be held at places within or without the State of Florida, and the place or places for the holding of such meetings may be specified in the By-Laws or by the Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of April, 2004.

Ellen M. Macfarlane, Esq., as incorporator

### ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for Lithia Crossings Holdings, Inc., at the place designated as the registered office, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of my position as registered agent.

Dated this Caril 21, 2004

Ellen M. Macfarlane Registered Agent

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