## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**FOR** 

LIVE OAK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## LIVE OAK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, I, the undersigned natural person competent to contract, acting as incorporator of a corporation not-for-profit, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

### ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Live Oak Homeowners Association, Inc. For convenience, the corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the "Association", these Articles of Incorporation as the "Articles" and the By-Laws of the Association as the "By-Laws".

### ARTICLE II

## PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office and mailing address of the Association is 2955 Pineda Causeway, Suite # 209, Melbourne, Florida 32940

## ARTICLE III

## REGISTERED AGENT

MORRIS J. WATSKY, whose address is 700 N.W. 107 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172, is hereby appointed the initial registered agent of this association.

#### ARTICLE IV

### PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for maintenance and preservation of the Common Open Spaces, and the architectural control of the residence Lots (all as defined in the Declaration

referred to hereinafter) within that certain tract of property known as Live Oak, and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the above described property and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association, and in furtherance of these purposes, to:

- (a) exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in that certain Declaration hereinafter and above called the "Declaration", applicable to the property and recorded or to be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lee County, Florida, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth at length;
- (b) fix, levy, collect and enforce payment of, by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; 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;
- (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;
- (d) borrow money, and with the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any of all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- (e) dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Open Space to any Public Agency or authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be provided in the Declaration;
- (f) participate in mergers and consolidation with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional residential property and Common Open Space, provided that any such merger, consolidation or annexation shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members;
- (g) have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, by law may now or hereafter have and exercise.

#### ARTICLE V

## <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>

Each Lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the Association shall have appurtenant thereto a membership in the Association, which membership shall be held by the person or entity, or in common by the persons or entities, owning such unit, except that no person or entity holding an interest or title to a unit as security for performance of an obligation shall acquire the membership appurtenant to such Lot by virtue of such interest or title. In no event may any membership be severed from the Lot to which it is appurtenant.

### **ARTICLE VI**

## **VOTING RIGHTS**

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

<u>Class A.</u> Class A members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Developer and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

<u>Class B.</u> Class B member(s) shall be the Developer (as defined in the Declaration), and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) when the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership:
- or
- (b) on December 31, 1998.

### ARTICLE VII

## **BOARD OF DIRICTORS**

The affairs and property of this corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors composed of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) persons. The first Board of Directors shall have three (3) members, and in the future the number will be determined from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the corporation. The number or Directors on the Board of Directors shall always be an odd number.

The names and Addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity or Directors until the selection of their successors are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
DOUGLAS G. GUIDO	2955 Pineda Causeway #209 Melbourne, Florida 32940
WILLIAM M. MOORE	2955 Pineda Causeway #209 Melbourne, Florida 32940
JODY A. MRKVICIA	2955 Pineda Causeway #209 Melbourne, Florida 32940

At the first annual meeting following the cessation of the Class B Membership, the Members shall elect two (2) directors for a term of one (1) year, two (2) directors for a term of two (2) years and one director for a term of three (3) years. The Candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall serve as director for three (3) years; the two candidates receiving the second and third largest vote shall serve as directors for two (2) years; and the two (2) candidates receiving the fourth and fifth largest vote shall serve as directors for one (1) year. At each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect the appropriate number of directors for a term of three (3) years.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

## <u>OFFICERS</u>

The officers of this Association shall be a President and a Vice President, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors; a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors which shall follow each annual meeting of members. The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of appointments are:

PRESIDENT	DOUGLAS G. GUIDO
VICE PRESIDENT	WILLIAM M. MOORE
SECRETARY	JODY A MRKVICKA
TREASURER	JODY A. MRKVICKA

#### ARTICLE IX

## INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- A. The association hereby indemnifies any Director or Officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding:
  - 1. Whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, other than one by or in the right or the Association to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity of Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal therein, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interest of the Association, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not in itself create a presumption that any such Director of officer did nor act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association or that he had reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful.
  - 2. By or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, or by reason of his being or having been a Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against the reasonable expenses, including solely for this reason, or solely because the Director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board of committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose. No director or officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.
- B. Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorized the contract or transaction.

#### ARTICLE X

## **BY-LAWS**

By-Laws shall be initially adopted by the Board of Directors after which these By-Laws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of members present in person or by proxy.

#### ARTICLE XI

## **AMMENDMENTS**

Proposals for the alteration, amendment or rescission of these Articles of Incorporation may be made by any member of the Board of Directors or twenty-five percent (25%) or the voting members. Amendment of these Articles of Incorporation shall require the assent of not less than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total number of votes in each class membership.

## ARTICLE XII

## **DISSOLUTION**

The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by the holders of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of votes in each class of members. 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 the purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. In the event dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to de devoted to such similar purposes. Any action under this Article is subject to the procedures and requirements of Florida Stature 617.05.

### ARTICLE XIII

## <u>DURATION</u>

The corporation shall exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE XIV

## SUBSCRIBERS

The name and address of the subscriber is as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Morris J. Watsky

700 N. W. 107 Avenues Miami, Florida, 33172

### ARTICLE XV

## FHA AND VA APPROVAL

As long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of either HUD or the Veterans Administration when either of subject entities has an interest: (i) annexation of additional properties, (ii) mergers and consolidations, (iii) mortgaging or dedication or the Common Areas, of (iv) dissolution and amendment of these Articles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, constituting the Incorporator of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 25th day of February, 1993.

MORRIS J. WATSKY

## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DADE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Morris J. Watsky, to me well known and well known to me to be the person of that name described in and who executed the foregoing and he acknowledged before me that he executed the said instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth and expressed. He is personally known to me and did not take an oath.

Witness my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1993

Janet S. English Notary Public, State of Florida