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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS  
OF  
SUNCOAST POINTE**

**THIS DECLARATION**, made on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL 2003, by HPAR Development LLC., a Delaware Limited Liability Company, whose address is 15500 Roosevelt Boulevard, Suite 303, Clearwater, Florida 33760, hereinafter referred to as "Declarant,"

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, Declarant is the owner of certain property in Pasco County, Florida (The Property), more particularly described as follows:

SEE EXHIBIT "A"

**WHEREAS**, Declarant intends to develop The Property into a community of single family residences; and

**WHEREAS**, Declarant desires to impose a limited common plan of development and enjoyment upon The Property to protect its value and desirability;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Declarant hereby declares that the Property described above shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, said real property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest therein or any part thereof, their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context expressly requires otherwise, the following terms mean as follows wherever used in this Declaration, the Association's Articles of Incorporation ("Articles"), or the Association's By-Laws ("By-Laws").

**Section 1.** "Articles" means the Articles of Incorporation of the Suncoast Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc., as may be amended from time to time, and attached as Exhibit B . The By Laws are attached as Exhibit C .

**Section 2.** "Assessment" means the amount of money assessed against an Owner for the payment of the Owner's share of common fees, expenses and any other funds which an Owner may be required to pay to the Association as set out by this Declaration, the Articles or the By-Laws.

**Section 3.** "Association" means Suncoast Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc., a corporation not for profit organized or to be organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, its successors and assigns.

**Section 4.** "Board" means the Association's Board of Directors.

**Section 5.** "Common Area" means all property whether improved or unimproved, or any interest therein, which from time to time is owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of all Owners. The Common Area shall initially consist of the main entry area, roads, wetland conservation areas, and drainage structures and ponds, as shown on the plat.

**Section 6.** "Declarant" means HPAR Development LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, whose address is 15500 Roosevelt Boulevard, Suite 303, Clearwater, Florida 33760, and its successors and assigns, if such successors and assigns are designated in writing as the successors and assigns of a Declarant's rights hereunder. Unless specifically assumed, an assignee Declarant shall not be liable for acts or omissions made by or on behalf of an assignor Declarant prior to the date of assignment.

**Section 7.** "Documentation" means the legal documentation for Suncoast Pointe consisting of this Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Suncoast Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc., and any amendments to any of the foregoing now or hereafter made.

**Section 8.** "Dwelling" shall mean a residential dwelling constructed upon a Lot.

**Section 9.** "Law" includes any statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, or order validly created, promulgated, or adopted by the United States, or any of its agencies, officers or instrumentalities, or by the State of Florida, or any of its agencies, officers, municipalities, or political subdivisions, or by any officer, agency, or instrumentality of any such municipality or subdivision, and from time to time applicable to the Properties or to any activities on or about the Properties.

**Section 10.** "Lot" means any platted parcel of land shown on a recorded subdivision map or replat of any part of the Properties, as recorded in the Public Records of Pasco County with the exception of the Common Area and portions, if any, of marked acreage or tracts.

**Section 11.** "Maintenance" means the exercise of reasonable care to keep buildings, homes, roads, landscaping, lighting, signage, and other related improvements and fixtures in a condition comparable to their original condition, normal wear and tear excepted. Maintenance of landscaping shall further mean the exercise of generally accepted garden-management practices necessary to promote a healthy weed-free environment for optimum plant growth, and which will, as a minimum, include the mowing of all grass on a Lot.

**Section 12.** "Member" means every person or entity who holds membership in the Association.

**Section 13.** "Mortgage" means any mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument transferring any interest in a Lot as security for the performance of an obligation. "First Mortgage" means any mortgage constituting a valid lien prior in dignity to all other mortgages encumbering the same property.

**Section 14.** "Mortgagee" means any person named as the obligee under any Mortgage, or the successor in interest to such person.

**Section 15.** "Occupant" means the person or persons, other than the Owner in possession of a Lot, and may, where the context so requires, include the Owner.

**Section 16.** "Owner" means the record owner, whether one or more persons, of the fee simple title to any Lot, including contract sellers, but excluding any other person holding such fee simple title only as security for the performance of an obligation. As the context may admit, Owner includes all persons (i) claiming any right, title or interest in a Lot by, through, or under any Owner, or (ii) lawfully upon the Properties with the consent of any Owner, express or implied, such as an Occupant.

**Section 17.** "Person" means any natural person or artificial entity having legal capacity.

**Section 18.** "Properties" means the lands described as Suncoast Pointe herein, including Lots and Common Areas.

**Section 19.** "Recorded" means filed for record in the Public Records of Pasco County, Florida.

**Section 20. "Structure"** shall mean: Any thing or object, the placement of which upon any Lot may affect the appearance of such Lot, including by way of illustration and not limitation, any building or part thereof, garage, porch, shed, greenhouse, bathhouse, coop or cage, covered or uncovered patio, swimming pool, fence, curbing, paving, wall, sign, signboard, temporary or permanent living quarters (including any house trailer) or any other temporary or permanent improvement to such Lot. Any excavation, grading, fill, ditch, diversion, dam, or other thing or device which affects or alters the flow of any waters from, upon or across any Lot.

**Section 21. "Subdivision Map or Plat"** means each final official plat as recorded and shall include the subdivided real property therein described.

**Section 22. "Surface Water Management System Facilities"** shall mean: the facilities including, but not limited to all inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, floodplain compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffer areas, and wetland mitigation areas.

**ARTICLE II  
 PROPERTY RIGHTS**

**Section 1. "Easements and Enjoyment"** Each Owner has a non-exclusive right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area that is appurtenant to, and will pass with, the title to every Lot, subject to the following:

- (a) **Fees.** The Association's right to charge reasonable fees for the use, safety and maintenance of any common facilities from time to time situated on the Common Area.
- (b) **Suspension.** The Association's right: (i) to suspend such Owner's right to use any facility owned or controlled by the Association for the same period of unpaid assessments; and (ii) to suspend any Owner's right to use any such facility for any infraction of the Association's valid rules and regulations for a period not to exceed 60 days.
- (c) **Dedication.** The Association's right to dedicate, transfer or mortgage all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as the Association considers advisable. Any such dedication or transfer requires the approval of seventy-five percent (75%) of the members. If ingress or egress to any residence is through the Common Area, any conveyance or encumbrance of such area shall be subject to the lot owner's easement.

(d) **Delegation of Use.** Subject to such limitations as may be imposed by the By-Laws or reasonable rules and regulations adopted by the Association, each Owner may delegate his right of enjoyment in and to the Common Area and accompanying facilities, if any, to members of his family, his guests, tenants and invitees.

(e) **Rules and Regulations.** The Association's right to adopt, alter, amend, rescind and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area.

**Section 2. Permanence.** The benefit of all rights and easements granted by the Declaration constitutes a permanent appurtenance to, and will pass with, the title to every Lot enjoying such benefit. Whenever any such right or easement is described as nonexclusive, its benefit, nevertheless, is exclusive to all Lots granted such benefit by this Declaration unless this Declaration expressly grants such benefit to additional persons. In no event does the benefit of any such easement extend to the general public except as provided in the next Section. The burden of all rights and easements granted by this Declaration constitutes a permanent servitude upon the lands affected.

**Section 3. Public Easements.** Declarant dedicates that portion of the Properties described on the recorded plat and made a part hereof for use and maintenance of public utility, right-of-way, and drainage easements, together with a right of ingress and egress over and across the easement area for such purposes. Easements for drainage and/or for installation and maintenance of utilities are reserved as shown on the recorded plat. Within these easements, no structure, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities or drainage structures or which may impede the flow of water through drainage channels in the easements. The easement area of each lot and all improvements in it shall be maintained continuously by the owner of the lot, except for those improvements for which a public authority or utility company is responsible, or those areas designated as Common Areas.

**Section 4. No Partition.** There shall be no judicial partition of the Common Area, nor shall Declarant, or any Owner, or any person acquiring any interest in the Properties or any part thereof, seek judicial partition thereof. However, nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent judicial partition of any Lot owned in cotenancy.

**Section 5. General Restrictions.** Except with the Association's prior written consent or in accordance with the Declarant's retained rights hereunder or Association's rules and regulations:

(a) **Obstructions.** There will be no obstruction of the Common Area, nor will anything be kept or stored on the Common Area except items installed by Declarant as part of the development of the subdivision, and their replacement.

(b) Alterations. Nothing will be altered on, constructed upon, or removed from the Common Area except with the specific approval of the Association's Board of Directors.

(c) Activities. All uses and activities upon or about the Common Area are subject to the Association's rules and regulations.

(d) General Prohibitions. No activity is permitted, nor may any object or substance be kept, stored, or permitted anywhere within the Properties in violation of law. No Owner shall cause or permit any unreasonable or obnoxious noises or odors and no obnoxious, destructive, illegal, or offensive activity that constitutes a nuisance to any Owner or to any other person at any time lawfully residing within the Properties is permitted anywhere within the Properties. This provision shall not apply to the activities of Declarant in the construction, maintenance, or sale of Dwellings.

(e) Use of Lots. Each Lot may be improved and used for residential and accessory agricultural purposes only and only single detached family homes, approved in accordance with Article VI may be constructed thereon. No trade, business, or profession of any kind may be conducted on any Lot except for the business of the Declarant and its transferees in developing the Properties or a home occupation as approved by Pasco County.

**Section 6.** Any walls, fences, gates and attendant landscaping constructed by the Declarant as part of the subdivision improvements or otherwise, including the private park facilities, if any, shall be kept and maintained by the Association in condition and appearance as constructed as long as the Declarant continues to own a Lot, unless the Declarant otherwise consents. This section shall not apply to any fences constructed along the boundary of the subdivision, which shall be maintained and kept in original condition by the Owner of each Lot on which the fence is located.

**Section 7. Surface Water Management System Facilities.** All Surface Water Management System Facilities shall be located on land owned by the Association or subject to an easement in favor of the Association. The Association shall maintain the Surface Water Management System Facilities in the same condition as when constructed.

**Section 8. Access Easement.** Declarant hereby grants to each Owner, their guests, invitees, residents, and visitors, emergency personnel and agencies, utilities providers, guests and invitees of the Association, representatives of the Association, and reserves to itself, its employees, agents, contractors, and invitees, a perpetual and non-exclusive easement over the Common Areas constructed as streets and roadways, for the purposes of ingress and egress to any area of the Property.

**Section 9. Conservation Area.** The Association shall assume maintenance responsibility for any Conservation Area as shown on the plat of the subdivision, including maintenance of mitigation areas, as outlined in the subdivision site plan approval comments from Pasco County, Florida.

**Section 10. Maintenance.** Each Owner must repair, replace and maintain the roofs, gutters, downspouts, lawns, shrubs, landscaping, walks, fencing, exterior building surfaces, windows, doors, trim, driveways, and other exterior improvements and attachments from time to time situated on such owner's Lot, excluding the outside side of a subdivision boundary fence or wall. Each Owner is required to sod his lot as appropriate. Each Owner's duty of maintenance includes any and all easement areas upon such Owner's Lot except as provided in Section 3 above and Section 12 below. No Owner may permit any waste to the exterior portions of such Owner's Lot. Each Owner must make all repairs, maintenance and replacements necessary to attachments and appurtenant driveways, if any, in a safe, sanitary and reasonably attractive condition. Should an Owner fail to meet the minimum standards for maintenance, then the Association may perform or have performed the necessary required maintenance and thereafter specifically assess such Owner for such costs pursuant to Article V, Section 4 hereunder.

**Section 11. Rules and Regulations.** No Owner, invitee, or person residing within the Properties may violate the Association's rules and regulations for the use of the Properties. All Owners and other persons residing within the Properties, and their invitees, at all times will do all things reasonably necessary to comply with such rules and regulations. Wherever any provision of this Declaration restricts or prohibits any activity, condition or structure within the Properties except as permitted by the Association's rules and regulations, such restriction or prohibition is self-executing until the Association promulgates rules and regulations expressly permitting such activities. Without limitation, any rules or regulation will be deemed "promulgated" when mailed to all Owners at the address shown on the Association's books or when posted at a conspicuous place on the Properties from time to time designated by the Association for such purpose.

**Section 12. Maintenance of Common Areas.** The Association must repair, replace and maintain the roofs, gutters, downspouts, lawns, shrubs, landscaping, walks, fencing, exterior building surfaces, windows, doors, trim members, driveways, park improvements and other exterior improvements and attachments from time to time situated on the common area, including the exterior of any subdivision boundary fence or wall. The assessment for such improvements shall be assessed only against the Lots benefited thereby, in the sole judgment of the Association.

**Section 13. a. Surface Water Management System Facilities.** All Surface Water Management System Facilities shall be located on land owned by the Association or subject to an easement in favor of the Association. The Association shall maintain the Surface Water Management System Facilities in the same condition as when constructed.

b. Any sidewalks, drainage systems, fences, walls and other improvements or amenities that have been constructed, installed or created by the Declarant as part of the subdivision improvements, shall be maintained by the Association in the same condition and appearance as constructed or created. The Association shall establish reserves for the replacement of these subdivision improvements.

c. By acceptance of a deed to a Lot within the Property, each Owner agrees that the Association and the Declarant have no obligations whatsoever for providing protection to persons on the Property. Furthermore, Owner acknowledges that the Property may have one or more gates at the entrances to assist in attempting to limit access to the Property to the residents therein and their invitees. Owner acknowledges and agrees, however, that the gates will be open during the hours for which Declarant needs access to the model homes, construction trailer(s) or for the development of the Property or construction of homes. After Declarant notifies the Association through its Board of Directors that Declarant no longer needs such regular access, the Association will determine the hours, if any, for which the gates will be open. Owner further acknowledges and agrees that said gates do not guarantee the security of Owner's personal safety or security of Owner's property. Owner acknowledges that the Declarant and the Association have no control over said gates and Owner hereby releases Declarant from all liability related to the gates. Owner agrees that it shall be the sole and exclusive obligation of Owner to determine and institute for themselves the appropriate security and any other precautions to protect from and against trespass, criminal acts and any other dangers to Owner's safety and security of their property, because the gates in and of themselves will not protect Owner from and against said risks and dangers. Owner further agrees that the Declarant and the Association shall have no obligation whatsoever for providing protection to Owner or the Property from conditions existing within public or private streets, parks or Common Areas. Owner agrees that the Declarant and the Association shall not be liable for injuries or damage suffered by Owner resulting from any failure, defect or malfunction in a gate or equipment or personnel related thereto or acting in place of the gate (i) to restrict the Property to the residents and their invitees; or (ii) that limits the ability of Owner to leave or exit the Property by means of a gate. The Association shall have the responsibility for providing for gate access for all Owners, and of maintaining all other systems for Owner identification and access.

**Section 14. Access Easement.** Declarant/Owners hereby grant to each Owner, their guests, invitees, residents, and visitors, emergency personnel and agencies, utilities providers, guests and invitees of the Association, and reserves to itself, its employees, agents, contractors, invitees, and assigns, a perpetual and non-exclusive easement over the Common Areas constructed as streets and roadways, for the purposes of ingress and egress to any area of the Property.



### ARTICLE III

#### OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FACILITIES

**Section 1.** The Association shall maintain, as part of the Common Area, drainage structures for the Property and comply with conditions of the permits from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) for the drainage system. The Association, shall, when requested by Declarant, accept transfer of any District permit for the Property (now known as Suncoast Pointe). The conditions may include monitoring and record keeping schedules, and maintenance of drainage systems and mitigation areas.

**Section 2.** Water quality data for the water discharged from the permittee's property or into the surface waters of the state shall be submitted to the District as required. Parameters to be monitored may include those listed in Chapter 17-3 of the Florida Administrative Code. Analysis shall be performed according to procedures outlined in the current edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater by American Public Health Association of Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If water quality data are required, the permittee shall provide data as required on volume of water discharged, including total volume discharged during the days of sampling and total monthly discharge from the Property or into surface waters of the State.

**Section 3.** The Association agrees to operate and maintain the Surface Water Management System Facilities, including mitigation areas, and shall maintain sufficient ownership so that it has control over all water management facilities authorized.

**Section 4.** The Association shall hold and save the District harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise by reason of the operation, maintenance or use of any facility authorized by the permit.

**Section 5.** The Association shall at all times properly operate and maintain the systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) that are installed or used to achieve compliance with conditions of the permit, as required by the District. This provision includes the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit and when required by District rules.

**Section 6.** The Association, specifically agrees to allow authorized District personnel, upon presentation of credentials or other documents as may be required by law, access to the premises, at reasonable times, where the permitted activity is located or conducted; for the purposes of inspection and testing to determine compliance with this permit and District regulations, such as:

- a. having access to and copying any records that must be kept under the conditions of the permit;
- b. inspecting the facility, equipment, practices, or operations regulated or required under the permit;
- c. sampling or monitoring any substances or parameters at any location reasonably necessary to assure compliance with the permit or District rules; and
- d. gathering of data and information.

Reasonable time may depend on the nature of the concern being investigated.

**Section 7.** It shall be responsibility of each property Owner within the subdivision at the time of construction of a building, residence, or structure, to comply with the construction plans for the surface water management system pursuant to Chapter 40D-4, Florida Administrative Code, approved and on file with the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

**Section 8.** The Owners shall not remove native vegetation (including cattails) that become established within the wet detention ponds abutting their property. Removal includes dredging, the application of herbicide, and cutting and the introduction of grass carp. Owners shall address any question regarding authorized activities within the wet detention pond to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Tampa Permitting Office, Surface Water Regulation Manager.

**Section 9.** No construction activities may be conducted relative to any portion of the Surface Water Management System Facilities. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to: digging or excavating; depositing fill, debris, or any other material or item; constructing or altering any water control structure; or any other construction to modify the Surface Water Management System Facilities. No vegetation in a wetland mitigation area or wet detention pond shall be removed, cut, trimmed or sprayed with herbicide without specific written approval from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Construction and maintenance activities which are consistent with the design and permit conditions approved by the Southwest Florida Water Management District in the Environmental Resource Permit may be conducted without specific approval from the District.

**Section 10.** No Owner within the subdivision may construct or maintain any building, residence, or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the wetlands, wetland mitigation areas, buffer areas, upland conservation areas and drainage easements described in the approved permit and recorded plat of the subdivision, unless prior approval is received from the Southwest Florida Water Management District Tampa Regulation Department.

**ARTICLE IV  
THE ASSOCIATION**

**Section 1. Membership.** Every Owner of a Lot is a Member of the Association. If title to a Lot is held by more than one person, each such person is a Member. An Owner of more than one Lot is entitled to one membership for each Lot owned. Each membership is appurtenant to the Lot upon which it is based and it is transferred automatically by conveyance of title to that Lot and may not be separated from ownership of a Lot. No person except an Owner may be a Member of the Association, and a membership in the Association may not be transferred except by transfer of title to a Lot. An Owner who is a contract seller may assign such Owner's membership and voting rights to such Owner's vendee in possession.

**Section 2. Voting.** The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A members shall be all Owners of single-family Lots, with the exception of the Declarant (as defined in the Declaration), and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned.

Class B. The Class B member shall be the Declarant, 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 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 the anniversary date ten years from the date when the first Lot is conveyed to an individual purchaser; or
- (c) on a date when Declarant shall record a notice terminating its Class B membership status.

When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

**Section 3. Common Area.** Subject to the rights and duties of Owners set forth in this Declaration, the Association has exclusive management and control of the Common Area, its improvements, if any, and all related furnishings, equipment, fencing and other personal property, if any. The Association's duties with respect to the Common Area include the management and operation of improvements, equipment and personal property installed by the Declarant on the Common Area, so as to keep all of the foregoing in good, clean substantial, attractive, sanitary, safe and serviceable condition, order and repair; the payment of all taxes validly levied, assessed, or imposed with respect to the Common Area; and the maintenance of adequate public liability and property insurance with respect to the Common Area.

**Section 4. Exterior Maintenance.** The Association has no duty of exterior maintenance with respect to any Lot; and, as more particularly provided in Article II, Section 10 herein above, each Owner must maintain such Owner's Lot, including any appurtenant driveways, in a safe, sanitary and reasonably attractive condition. If:

- (a) any Owner refuses or fails to make any repairs, maintenance, or replacements required by Article II, Section 10, above; and
- (b) as a result, any condition on or adjoining such Owner's Lot becomes a hazard or nuisance to any other Owner, or diminishes or impairs the value or marketability of any other Lot, or is visually objectionable to persons lawfully upon the Properties; and
- (c) at least a majority of the members of the Board present and voting find that the Owner was provided reasonable notice of the failure of repair, maintenance or replacement and the Board's consideration thereof, and was given an opportunity to be heard by the Board;

then, upon the occurrence of all of the foregoing, the Association may make or perform such repairs, maintenance, or replacements as reasonably are necessary to correct such condition and assess all costs so incurred against such Owner's Lot as provided in Article V, Section 4, below. Declarant hereby grants to the Association an easement over the exterior portions of all Lots for the purpose of carrying out the actions permitted under this Section.

**Section 5. Services.** The Association may obtain and pay for the services of any person to manage its affairs to the extent the Board deems advisable, as well as such other personnel as the Board determines are necessary or desirable for the proper operation of the Properties, whether such personnel are furnished or employed directly by the Association or by any person with whom it contracts. Without limitation, the Board may obtain and pay for legal and accounting services necessary or desirable in connection with the operation of the Properties or the enforcement of this Declaration, or the Articles, By-Laws, rules and regulations.

**Section 6. Rules and Regulations.** As provided in the Bylaws, the Association, from time to time may adopt, alter, amend, rescind and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Properties, consistent with the rights and duties established by this Declaration. The Association's procedures for enforcing its rules and regulations at all times must provide the affected Owner with reasonable prior notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard, in person, or through representatives of such Owner's choosing, or both.

**Section 7. Capital Improvements.** Except for replacement or repair of items installed by Declarant, if any, and except for any personal property related to the Common Area, the Association may not authorize capital improvements to the Common Area without the prior approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Association Members present and voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly convened for such purposes as provided in Article VIII, Section 2, below.

**Section 8. Amplification.** The provisions of this Declaration may be amplified by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Suncoast Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc., but no such amplification shall alter or amend substantially any of the rights or obligations of the Owners set forth in the Declaration, or any Supplemental Declaration. The Declarant intends that the provisions of this Declaration and any Supplemental or Amended Declaration, on the one hand, and the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws on the other hand, be interpreted, construed and applied to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results. If such conflict necessarily results, however, Declarant intends that the provisions of this Declaration, or any Supplemental or Amended Declaration, control anything to the contrary in the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws.

**Section 9. Termination of Association.** If the Association ceases to exist, all of the Owners shall be jointly and severally responsible for operation and maintenance of the Surface Water Management System facilities in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Resource Permit, unless and until an alternate entity assumes responsibility.

## **ARTICLE V ASSESSMENTS**

**Section 1. Assessments Established.** For each Lot, Declarant covenants, and each Owner of a Lot by acceptance of a deed thereto, whether or not it is so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree, to pay to the Association:

- A. An annual assessment, as provided in Section 2 of this Article; and
- B. Special assessments, as provided in Section 3 of this Article; and
- C. Specific assessments; as provided in Section 4 of this Article; and
- D. All excise taxes, if any, that from time to time may be imposed by law upon all or any portion of the assessments established by this Article; and
- E. Interest and costs of collection of such assessments, including reasonable attorney's fees, as provided in this Declaration; and

All of the foregoing are a continuing charge on the Lot and secured by a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made, as provided in Section 7, below. Each such assessment, together with excise taxes (if any), interest and all costs and expenses of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees, also is the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot when such assessment became due. Such personal obligation will not pass to an Owner's successors in title unless assumed expressly in writing, however.

The annual or special assessments on Lots owned by the Declarant shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the corresponding assessments for Lots owned by other Owners. As an alternative in lieu of such assessments, Declarant may, at its sole option, pay the excess expenses of the Association, excluding reserves, which exceed the amounts collected from Class A lot assessments.

**Section 2. Annual Assessment.** The annual assessment shall be due on January 1 of each year. The annual assessment shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the Owners and Occupants, including (i) the operation, management, maintenance, repair, servicing, renewal, replacement and improvements of the Common Area required to be maintained by the Association, including the Surface Water Management System Facilities, monitoring and maintenance of any wetland mitigation areas until the Southwest Florida Water Management District determines that the area is successful in accordance with the Environmental Resource Permit, and the establishment of reserve accounts for all such items; and (ii) the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and, supervision of the Common Area required to be maintained by the Association; and (iii) all other general activities and expenses of the Association.

**Section 3. Special Assessments for Working Capital Fund, Nonrecurring Maintenance and Capital Improvements.** In addition to the annual assessment authorized above, the Association may levy special assessments as follows:

- i. Upon sale of a Lot by the Declarant to a third party, a special assessment for a working capital fund, equal to three (3) months' estimated regular assessment may be assessed which shall be due and payable upon conveyance of each Lot to a third party. The aggregate working capital fund established by such special assessment shall be accounted for separately, and shall be available for all necessary expenditures of the Association.
- ii. In an assessment year, a special assessment (in addition to the annual assessment or the assessment provided in subsection (a) above) which is applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any nonrecurring maintenance, or the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area required to be maintained by the Association, including fixtures and personal property related thereto may be assessed. The Association shall separately account for the proceeds of such special assessments and proceeds shall be used solely and exclusively to fund the nonrecurring maintenance or improvements in question, provided such assessment first is approved by a majority of the Members present and voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly convened for such purpose. Any such special assessment shall be due on the date fixed by, and may be payable in one or more installments (with or without interests), as the Board determines.

**Section 4. Specific Assessments.** Any and all accrued, liquidated indebtedness of any Owner to the Association arising under the provision of this Declaration, or by contract expressed or implied, or because of any act or omission of any Owner or person for whom such Owner is responsible, also may be assessed by the Association against such Owner's Lot after such Owner fails to pay it within thirty (30) days after written demand.

**Section 5. Amount.** Until the close of the first fiscal year following Declarant's conveyance of the first Lot, and subject to the provisions of the paragraph below, the annual assessment will not exceed \$360.00 per Lot. At least thirty (30) days before the end of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare and distribute to each Owner a proposed budget for the Association's operations during the next ensuing fiscal year. If such budget requires an annual assessment of one hundred fifteen percent (115%) or less of the annual assessment for the fiscal year then ending, the assessment so proposed shall take effect at the commencement of the next ensuing fiscal year without further notice to any Owner. However, if such budget requires an annual assessment that is more than one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the annual assessment then in effect, the Board shall call a membership meeting on not less than fifteen (15) days prior notice for the purpose of approving such increase. A majority of the votes, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2, of those Members present and voting is sufficient for such approval, and the assessment approved will take effect at the commencement of the next ensuing fiscal year without further notice to any Owner. If the proposed assessment is disapproved, a majority of the Members voting shall determine the annual assessment for the next ensuing fiscal year, which may be in any amount not exceeding that stated in the meeting notice. Each annual assessment may be payable in such number of installments, with or without interest, as the Board determines. In the absence of any action by the Board or the membership to the contrary prior to the commencement of any fiscal year, the annual assessment then in effect automatically will continue for the ensuing year.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the assessment may increase an amount greater than fifteen percent without a vote of the Members if such additional increase is due solely to maintenance costs of amenities or recreational features which have been added by the Declarant or Association since the preparation of the last budget and assessment. If any such amenities or recreational features are added, the initial year's assessment and subsequent assessments shall be adjusted by the Board to cover the additional maintenance costs.

**Section 6. Commencement.** The assessments provided by this Article shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of the first month following Declarant's first conveyance of title to any Lot to a third party and shall be prorated on the basis of the number of months then remaining in the Association's fiscal year.

**Section 7. Assessment Lien.** All sums assessed to any Lot, together with interest and all costs and expenses of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees, are secured by a continuing lien on such Lot in favor of the Association. Such lien is subject and inferior to the lien for all sums

secured by any First Mortgage encumbering such Lot, but all other lienors acquiring liens on any Lot after this Declaration is recorded are deemed to consent that such liens are inferior to the lien established by this Declaration, whether or not such consent is set forth in the instrument creating such lien. The recordation of this Declaration constitutes constructive notice to all subsequent purchasers and creditors, or either, of the existence of the Association's lien and its priority. The Association may, but is not required to, from time to time, record a Notice of Lien to further evidence the lien established by this Declaration.

**Section 8. Association Remedies.** Any assessment not paid within thirty (30) days after its due date shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest from its initial due date at the maximum rate of interest allowed by law. The Association may sue the Owner personally obligated to pay such assessment for a money judgment, or it may foreclose its lien against such Owner's Lot, or both. A suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid assessments may be maintained without foreclosing, waiving, or otherwise impairing the security of the Association's lien, or its priority. No Owner may waive or escape liability for the Association's assessments by non use of the Common Area or by abandonment of such Owner's Lot.

**Section 9. Foreclosure.** The lien for sums assessed pursuant to this Article may be enforced by a judicial foreclosure in the same manner in which mortgages on real property from time to time may be foreclosed in the State of Florida. In such foreclosure, the Owner is required to pay all costs and expenses of foreclosure including reasonable attorney's fees. All such costs and expenses are secured by the lien foreclosed. Such Owner also is required to pay to the Association all assessments against the Lot that become due during the period of foreclosure, which also are secured by the lien foreclosed and will be accounted and paid as of the date the Owner's title is divested by foreclosure. The Association has the right and power to bid at the foreclosure sale, or to acquire such Lot by deed or other proceeding in lieu of foreclosure, and thereafter to hold, convey, lease, rent, use and otherwise deal with such Lot as its Owner for purposes of resale only. If any foreclosure sale results in a deficiency, the Association may petition the Court having jurisdiction of the foreclosure to enter a personal judgment against the Owner for such deficiency.

**Section 10. Exempt Lots.** Any and all Lots from time to time owned by the Association are exempt from the assessments established by this Article during the period of such ownership. This Association may not own or otherwise acquire Lots except pursuant to foreclosure of the Association's lien.

**Section 11. Lien Subordination.** The Association's lien established by the Declaration is subordinate to the lien of any First Mortgage. Sale or transfer of any Lot does not affect the assessment lien, except that the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to a judicial sale upon foreclosure of any First Mortgage, or any deed in lieu thereof, extinguishes the Association's lien as to payments that became due prior to such judicial sale or deed in lieu of foreclosure, without prejudice, however, to the Association's right to collect such amounts from the Owners personally liable for their



payment. No such sale or transfer relieves such Lot from liability for assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof. Any lien holder may pay, but is not required to pay, any amount secured by the lien created by this Article; and, upon such payment, such lien holder will be subrogated to all rights of the Association with respect to such lien, including priority.

**Section 12. Homestead.** By acceptance of a deed thereto, each Owner of each Lot is deemed to acknowledge conclusively that (i) the assessments established by this Article are for the improvement and maintenance of any homestead thereon; an (ii) the Association's lien for such assessments has priority over any such homestead; and (iii) such Owner irrevocably waives the benefit of any homestead exemption otherwise available with respect to all amounts secured by such lien.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE**

**Section 1. Creation and Composition.** The "Architectural Committee" shall mean, as follows: Until all the Lots in Suncoast Pointe have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, the Architectural Committee shall mean the Declarant, and shall not be a committee of the Association. At such time as all of the Lots in Suncoast Pointe have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, the Declarant shall notify the Association and all the Owners of Lots in Suncoast Pointe to that effect, and, thereupon, the Declarant's rights and obligations as the Architectural Committee shall forthwith terminate. Thereafter, the Association shall have the right, power, authority, and obligation to establish a successor Architectural Committee as a committee of the Association in accordance with the Association Documents and prescribe rules and regulations pursuant to which such Committee shall act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if additional property is annexed and subjected to this Declaration in accordance with Article VIII, Section 9, then, as to the Lots in each subsequent phase, Declarant shall be the Architectural Committee until such time as all such Lots have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, after which the Architectural Committee established by the Association shall take over.

**Section 2. Design Standards.** The Architectural Committee shall from time to time, subject to this Declaration and the Association Documents, adopt, promulgate, amend, revoke, and enforce guidelines, hereinafter referred to as the "Design Standards" for the purposes of:

- (i) governing the form and content of plans and specifications to be submitted to the Architectural Committee for approval pursuant to this Declaration;
- (ii) governing the procedure for such submission of plans and specifications; and

(iii) establishing guidelines with respect to the approval and disapproval of design features, architectural styles, exterior colors and materials, details of construction, location and size of any Structure, and all other matters that require approval by the Architectural Committee pursuant to this Declaration.

(iv) establishing guidelines for approval of landscaping changes and maintenance of structures, including roof replacement.

Generally, exterior modifications to the Structures constructed by Declarant are discouraged and will not be approved. In reviewing any particular application, the Committee shall consider whether its action will: (i) assure harmony of external design, materials and location in relation to surrounding buildings and topography within the Property; and (ii) preserve the value and desirability of the Property as a residential community; and (iii) be consistent with the provisions of this Declaration; and (iv) be in the best interest of all Owners in maintaining the value and desirability of the Property as a residential community.

**Section 3. Review and Approval of Plans.** No exterior change shall be commenced, erected, or maintained on any Lot, nor shall any exterior addition to or alteration thereof be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of the same shall have been submitted to the Architectural Committee for written approval (i) as to conformity and harmony of external design and general quality with the existing standards of the neighborhood and with the standards of Suncoast Pointe, (ii) as to the size, height, and location of the Structure in relation to surrounding Structures and topography and finished ground elevation, and (iii) shall be consistent with the provisions of this Declaration. No landscaping may be added to the front yard of any Lot without approval of the Architectural Committee. In the event the Architectural Committee fails to approve or disapprove such design and location within forty-five (45) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted in writing, the proposal shall be deemed to be disapproved by the Architectural Committee. The Committee may impose a fee for the costs involved with such approval.

Such plans and specifications shall be in such form and shall contain such information as may be reasonable required by the Architectural Committee.

Upon approval by the Architectural Committee of any plans and specifications submitted pursuant to this Declaration, a copy of such plans and specifications, as approved, shall be deposited for permanent record with the Architectural Committee and a copy of such plans and specifications bearing such approval, in writing, shall be returned to the applicant submitting the same. Approval for use in connection with any Lot or Structure of any plans and specifications shall not be deemed a waiver of the Architectural Committee's right, in its discretion, to disapprove similar plans and specifications or any of the features or elements included therein if such plans, specifications, features or elements are subsequently submitted for use in connection with any other Lot or

Structure. Approval of any such plans and specifications relating to any Lot or Structure, however, shall be final as to that Lot or Structure and such approval may not be reviewed or rescinded thereafter, provided that there has been adherence to, and compliance with, such plans and specifications, as approved, and any conditions attached to any such approval.

It shall be the responsibility of each Owner at the time of construction of any structure on the Owner's Lot, to comply with all applicable Laws, including without limitation compliance with the construction plans for the surface water management system pursuant to Chapter 40D-4, F.A.C., approved and on file with the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Architectural Committee may request changes in any plans and specifications, or Structures, that are completed or being built, if required by Law, and neither the Declarant nor the Architectural Committee shall be liable for damages.

In regards to any plans and specifications approved by the Architectural Committee neither Declarant, nor any member of the Architectural Committee, shall be responsible or liable in any way for any defects in any plans or specifications, nor for any structural defects in any work done according to such plans and specifications nor for the failure of the plans and specifications to comply with any Law. Further, neither Declarant, nor any member of the Architectural Committee shall be liable in damages to anyone by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence, misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications or the exercise of any other power or right the Architectural Committee provided for in this Declaration. Every Person who submits plans or specifications to the Architectural Committee for approval agrees, by submissions of such plans and specifications, and every Owner of any Lot agrees, that he will not bring any action or suit against Declarant, or any member of the Architectural Committee, to recover for any such damage.

Prior to the issuance of a certificate as set out in section 4 below, any employee or agent of the Architectural Committee may, after reasonable notice, at any reasonable time, enter upon any Lot and Structure thereon for the purpose of ascertaining whether the installation, construction, alteration, or maintenance of any Structure or the use of any Lot or Structure is in compliance with the provisions of this Declaration; and neither the Architectural Committee, nor any such agent shall be deemed to have committed a trespass or other wrongful act by reason of such entry or inspection.

**Section 4. Certification by Architectural Committee.** At the request of any Owner, the Association from time to time will issue, without charge, a written certification that the improvements, landscaping, and other exterior items situated upon such Owner's Lot have been approved by the Architectural Committee, if such is the case.

**Section 5. Violations.** If any Structure shall be erected, placed, maintained, or altered upon any Lot, otherwise than in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the

Architectural Committee pursuant to the provisions of this Article, such erection, placement, maintenance, or alteration shall be deemed to have been undertaken in violation of this Article and without the approval required herein. If in the opinion of the Architectural Committee such violation shall have occurred, the Architectural Committee shall notify the Board of the Association. If the Board of the Association shall agree with the determination of the Architectural Committee with respect to the violation then the Board shall provide written notice to the Owner by certified mail, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the violation and the specific action or actions required to remedy the violation. If the Owner shall not have taken reasonable steps toward the required remedial action within thirty (30) days after the mailing of the aforesaid notice of violation, then the Association shall have and be entitled to, in addition to any other rights set forth in this Declaration, all rights and remedies at law or in equity. Actions of the Board are final.

**Section 6. Partial Delegation to Association.** At any time prior to the termination of Declarant's responsibilities as provided in Section 1 above, Declarant may delegate to a committee of the Association the responsibilities of the Architectural Committee with regard to any activities on individual Lots which have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents. The Declarant may then retain all other duties of the Architectural Committee with regard to new construction.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**GENERAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS**

The following covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements are herewith imposed on the Property:

**Section 1. Signs.** No sign of any kind will be displayed to public view within the Property except (i) customary name and address signs on each Lot, (ii) one (1) Lot sign of not more than six (6) square feet in size, placed in the front yard only, advertising a Lot for sale or rent, or (iii) no trespassing, no solicitation, beware of dog or such similar signs affixed to the front of a Dwelling, not to exceed one-half (1/2) square foot in size, and approved by the Association as to color and content. No sign shall be lighted. No advertising or third-party signs shall be permitted except as provided in (ii) above. All signs permitted by this subsection are subject to the Association's rules and regulations, provided however that these restrictions shall not apply to signs used by Declarant or its designee to advertise the Property during the promotion and construction of Dwellings and sale of Lots.

**Section 2. General Prohibitions.** No activity is permitted, nor may any object or substance be kept, stored, or permitted anywhere within the Property in violation of law. No Owner shall cause or permit any unreasonable or obnoxious noises or odors or waste and no obnoxious, destructive, illegal, or offensive activity that constitutes a nuisance to any Owner or to any other person lawfully residing within the Property is permitted anywhere within the Property. This provision shall not

apply to the activities of Declarant in construction, maintenance or sale of Dwellings.

**Section 3. Use of Lots.** Each Lot may be improved and used for residential purposes only and only one residence, approved in accordance with Article VI, may be constructed thereon. No trade, business, or profession of any kind may be conducted on any Lot except for the business of the Declarant and its transferees in developing the Property or a home occupation as approved by Pasco County.

**Section 4. Animals.** No animals, livestock, or poultry may be raised, bred or kept anywhere within the Property, except that no more than four (in the aggregate) dogs, cats or other conventional household pets may be kept upon any Lot so long as they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. Each Owner shall have the responsibility to clean up the waste produced by his or her pet immediately. No pet shall be permitted to run at large outside a Lot. Each Owner and Occupant shall insure that his pet shall not disturb other Owners and Occupants with excessive or repetitive noise. All pets outside a Dwelling shall be properly leashed or shall be kept within an approved fence, shall be otherwise controlled in whatever manner is most practical on or off a Lot, and shall be subject to all applicable local ordinances existing from time to time. No outside animal pen, cage or shelter shall be constructed without approval of the Architectural Committee. No fenced dog runs are permitted.

**Section 5. Trash.** Except for regular curbside collection and disposal, no rubbish, trash, garbage or other waste material or accumulations may be kept, stored or permitted anywhere within the Property, except inside a Dwelling, or in sanitary containers completely concealed from view. No trash containers shall be placed at curbside for pickup more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled pickup.

**Section 6. Appurtenances.** No porch, deck, patio, fence, screened enclosure, carport or other attached or detached structure (whether free-standing, structural or non-structural and whether in the front, side or rear of a Dwelling), shall be constructed without the approval of the Architectural Committee. No permanent outdoor clothes lines may be installed or maintained on any Lot except that portable rotary type or reel type clothes lines may be permitted in the rear yard only and said clothes lines must be stored when not in use. On corner Lots, such clothes lines shall not be placed within twenty (20) feet of a side street line. No storm doors or screen doors are permitted on the front door of a Dwelling. No above-ground swimming pools, screening of front porches or garages, antennas or solar collectors are permitted on any Lot. Notwithstanding the above, each lot may have one commercially manufactured storage shed in the rear yard behind a fence.

Notwithstanding the above provision, each Lot shall be permitted to install and maintain one (1) satellite dish antenna of not more than one meter in diameter, and one solar collector, at a location and in a manner as may be approved by the Architectural Committee. The satellite dish antenna shall not be visible from the street.

**Section 7. Storage of Vehicles, Water Craft, Machinery or Equipment.** Except as specifically permitted hereinafter, no vehicle (motorized or non-motorized, licensed or not), no water craft (motorized or non-motorized) and no trailer of any kind (licensed or not), or any other machinery or equipment (whether mobile, licensed or not) shall be parked or stored on any Lot, sidewalk, public or private right-of-way within the Property, or any portion of the Common Area. Except and to the extent that it is parked temporarily and is in use for construction, repair or maintenance of a Lot or Dwelling or the Common Areas, the foregoing prohibition shall include all of the foregoing items which are of a commercial character.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, "permitted vehicles" may be parked in driveways. A "permitted vehicle" shall mean a licensed motor vehicle which is (i) a passenger automobile or van (including a high-top conversion van or sport vehicle with oversized tires, but excluding a motor-home or recreational vehicle), (ii) a motorcycle, or (iii) a pickup truck, whether or not the bed has been enclosed, and provided in each instance that any such vehicle has a current license tag and is in daily use as a motor vehicle on public rights-of-way. None of the foregoing items which are inoperative or abandoned shall be permitted on any Lot for a period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours unless such item is entirely within a garage. No major repairs shall be performed on any such items on any Lot except within a garage and under no circumstances shall such repairs be performed if they result in the creation of an unsightly or unsafe condition as determined by the Board. Unless specifically designated by the Board for parking, no temporary parking shall be permitted on any Common Area.

**Section 8. Dwellings.** Only one Dwelling may be constructed on any Lot. The minimum square footage of each Dwelling shall be 800 square feet of air conditioned living space. No trailer, manufactured home, manufactured building, mobile home, tent, shack, garage, barn, storage shed, structure of a temporary character, or other outbuilding shall be constructed or parked on any Lot at any time, except for a construction shack, security trailer, temporary structure or temporary toilet during construction of a Dwelling by Declarant or its transferees. Any Dwelling constructed on a Lot shall be in accord with the front yard and rear yard setback requirements set forth in the Pasco County Zoning Regulations. No structural or non-structural additions shall be permitted without written permission of the Architectural Committee. All driveways and sidewalks shall be constructed, reconstructed or repaired with the materials and in the manner in which they were originally constructed, and no colors, coatings, pavers, epoxies or similar treatments shall be permitted.

**Section 9. Access By Association.** The Association has a right of entry onto each Lot (but not inside a Dwelling) to the extent reasonably necessary to discharge its rights or duties of exterior maintenance, if any, or for any other purpose reasonably related to the Association's performance of any duty imposed, or exercise of any right granted by this Declaration. Such right of entry shall be exercised in a peaceful and reasonable manner at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice whenever circumstances permit. Entry into any Dwelling shall not be made without the consent of

its Owner or Occupant for any purpose, except pursuant to Court order or other authority granted by Law. No Owner shall withhold consent arbitrarily to entry upon a Lot by the Association for the purpose of discharging any duty or right of exterior maintenance if such entry is upon reasonable notice, at a reasonable time, and in a peaceful and reasonable manner. The Association's right of entry may be exercised by its agents, employees and contractors.

**Section 10. Fences.**

- a. No fences shall be erected or maintained on any Lot which shall be in excess of six feet (6') in height.
- b. No chain link fences are permitted, except that the Declarant may erect a vinyl-covered chain link fence along any common area, which fence shall be maintained by the Association.
- c. No hedges or shrubbery shall exceed a height of eight feet (8').
- d. Fences located in front of the front setback line are prohibited, except temporary fences erected by Declarant prior to sale of a Dwelling.
- e. The Architectural Committee shall adopt and promulgate standards for fences. All fences shall comply with County regulations and shall be subject to review by the Architectural Committee for compliance with the adopted standards of the Architectural Committee, unless the Architectural Committee waives such requirements based on special circumstances.
- f. A fence located along a retention pond, or located along a drainage easement adjacent to a retention pond, may be constructed in accordance with the adopted standards of the Architectural Committee, and shall be subject to review by the Architectural Committee. Such fence shall not exceed four feet (4') in height, unless otherwise approved.

**Section 11. Replacement.** In the event a Dwelling is damaged or destroyed by casualty, hazard or other loss, then within twelve (12) months after such incident, the Owner shall either rebuild or repair the damaged Dwelling or promptly clear the damaged improvements and re-sod and landscape the Lot in a sightly manner.

**Section 12. Mailboxes.** The Architectural Committee may approve a standard mailbox design for use throughout the Property. No mailboxes shall be installed which do not meet the adopted standard, if any, or are approved by the Architectural Committee.

**Section 13. Use of Waterways and Recreational Areas.** No Owner, Occupant or invitee shall permit the use of any water craft, motorized or non-motorized, on any lake or ponds in the

Property, or permit the construction or maintenance of any dock, or permit any storage of any items on the banks of such lakes or ponds. The Association shall, by rule, adopt regulations for the control of fishing and recreational areas within the Property.

**Section 14. Maintenance of Entry Wall and Fencing.** Any entry wall and fencing adjacent to the subdivision entrance shall be maintained by the Association on the exterior of such wall or fence and any structural repair or reconstruction shall be the responsibility of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VIII GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Enforcement.** The Association, or any Owner, has the right to enforce, by any appropriate proceeding, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, easements, reservations, rules, regulations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by, or pursuant to, the provisions of this Declaration. If any Owner or the Association is the prevailing party in any litigation involving this Declaration, then that party also has the right to recover all costs and expenses incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees for all trial and appellate proceedings, if any. If the Association employs an attorney to enforce the provisions of this Declaration against any Owner, regardless of whether suit is brought, the costs and expenses of such enforcement, including reasonable attorneys' fees, may be assessed against such Owner's Lot as provided in Article V, Section 4. Failure by the Association or any Owner to enforce any provisions contained in this Declaration does not constitute a waiver of the right to do so at any time. Declarant also has the right to enforce all provisions of this Declaration relating to the use, maintenance, and preservation of the Properties; and, if Declarant is the prevailing party in any litigation involving this Declaration, to recover all of Declarant's costs and expenses incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District has the right to take enforcement measures, including a civil action for injunction and penalties, against the Association to compel it to correct any outstanding problems with the Surface Water Management System Facilities.

The Association may impose fines against any Member, occupant, tenant, guest, or invitee, for violation of the provisions of this Declaration or the standards of the Architectural Committee. For occupants, tenants, guests or invitees, the Member responsible for such person's presence shall be responsible for any fine. Such fines shall not exceed \$50 per violation, and may be imposed only after a hearing before a committee of three members appointed by the Board who are not related to officers, directors, or employees of the Association, with 14 days notice to the person sought to be fined.

**Section 2. Meeting Requirements.** Wherever any provision of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, or the By-Laws requires any action to be approved by two-thirds (2/3) or more of the votes, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2, of membership at a meeting duly convened for



such purpose, written notice of such meeting must be given to all Members not less than fifteen (15) days in advance, setting forth its purpose. At such meeting the presence in person or by proxy of Members entitled to cast at least fifty percent (50%) of the votes, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, outstanding constitutes a quorum.

**Section 3. Rights of Mortgagees.** By agreement between any Owner and the holder of any mortgage on such Owner's Lot, any and all membership rights of such Owner may be assigned to, and exercised by, such Mortgagee as collateral or additional security for performance of the obligations secured by such mortgage; but no such assignment or delegation will bind the Association until the Association has received written notice thereof.

**Section 4. Approval of FHA/VA.** Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, any amendment to this Declaration, the Articles, or the By-Laws; or any annexation of additional property; or any merger or consolidation of the Association or any dissolution of the Association; or any mortgaging, sale or dedication of any Common Area, must be approved by the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration as long as there is a Class "B" member.

**Section 5. Severability.** Invalidation of any particular provision of this Declaration by judgment or court order will not affect any other provision, all of which will remain in full force and effect provided, however, any court of competent jurisdiction is hereby empowered, to the extent practicable, to reform any otherwise invalid provision of this Declaration when necessary to avoid a finding of invalidity which otherwise effectuate Declarant's intent of providing a comprehensive plan for the use, development, sale and beneficial enjoyment of the Properties.

**Section 6. Amendment.** The provisions of this Declaration will run with and bind the Properties, and will inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association for so long as the Properties are used in whole or in part as a residential community, and in all events, for at least twenty-five (25) years following the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten years. This Declaration may be amended by an instrument signed by members entitled to cast not less than two thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of membership pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 hereof. No amendment shall be effective which shall impair or prejudice the rights or priorities of the Declarant, or any Institutional Mortgagee without the specific written approval of the Declarant or Institutional Mortgagee affected thereby. Any amendment affecting the Surface Water Management System Facilities or the operation and maintenance of the Surface Water Management System Facilities shall have the prior written approval of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. During the first two years after execution hereof, Declarant may amend this Declaration by recording an instrument stating such amendment, for the sole purpose of complying with requirements of the Federal Housing Administration, Veterans Administration, or Southwest Florida Water Management District.

**Section 7. Easements for De Minimis Unintentional Encroachments.** Where necessary and appropriate, Declarant and/or the Association, whichever is in control of the particular portion of the Properties at the time, may grant easements for de minimis unintentional encroachments.

**Section 8. Interpretation.** Unless the context expressly requires otherwise, the use of the singular includes the plural, and vice versa; the use of the terms "including" or "include" is without limitation; the terms "Common Area", "Lot", and "Properties" include both any portion applicable to the context and any and all improvements, fixtures, trees vegetation, and other property from time to time situated thereon; and use of the words "must", "will" and "should" is intended to have the same legal effect as the word "shall". This Declaration should be construed in favor of the party seeking to enforce its provisions to effectuate its purpose of protecting and enhancing the value, marketability, and desirability of the Properties as a residential community by providing a common plan for their development and enjoyment.

**Section 9. Annexation.** Within ten years of the date of execution of this Declaration, either Declarant may add contiguous lands to the Property, by the filing of a supplemental declaration declaring such annexed lands to be subject to the provisions hereof, with such modifications and additions as may be applicable to such annexed lands. Upon the filing of such a supplemental declaration, the Lots and lands annexed thereby shall become subject to this Declaration, to the assessment provisions hereof, and to the jurisdiction of the Architectural Committee and the Association. For purposes of Article IV, Section 2, the Lots in the annexed lands shall be considered to have been part of the Property since the filing of this Declaration. Within ten (10) years of the date of execution of this Declaration, Declarant may remove any lands from the Property by the filing of a Supplemental Declaration declaring the same, if such lands have not been made part of any residential plat or subdivision or otherwise developed for residential purposes.

**Section 10. Rights of Declarant.** The following actions shall require the approval of the Declarant, as long as the Declarant shall own a Lot: Amendment of this Declaration, Annexation of Additional Properties, and establishment of any assessment or yearly assessment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Declarant has executed this Declaration the date first stated above.

WITNESSES:

Patricia Dean

PATRICIA DEAN  
Please Print Name

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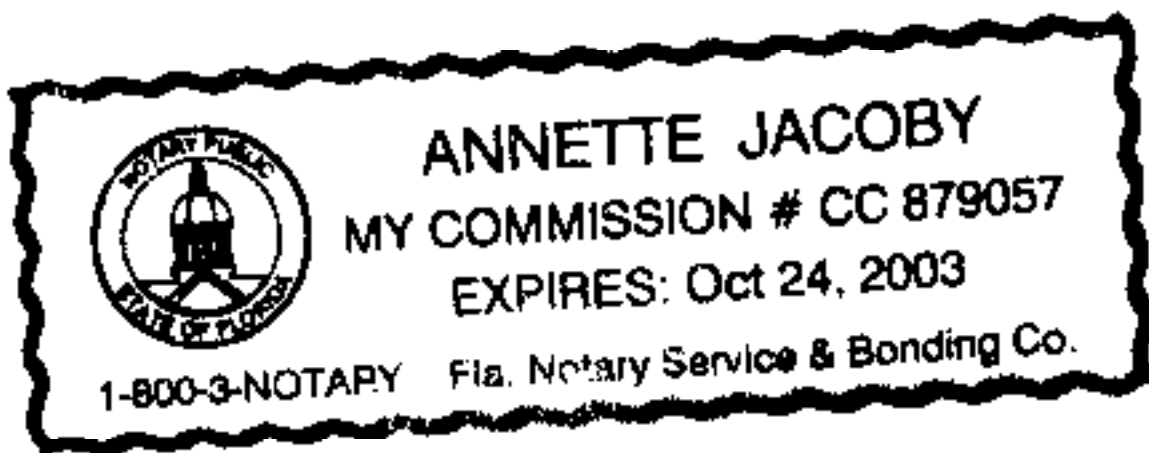
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HPAR Development, LLC,  
a Delaware Limited Liability Company,  
By: Haydon-Rubin Development Inc.,  
a Florida corporation, its managing member

By: [Signature]  
Rogers K. Haydon, Jr.  
as President

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 11<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL, 2003, by Rogers K. Haydon, Jr., as President of Haydon-Rubin Development Inc., a Florida corporation, the managing member of HPAR Development, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, on behalf of the company. He is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.



Annette Jacoby  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Name: ANNETTE JACOBY  
Serial #: CC 879057  
My Commission Expires: 10/24/2003


**EXHIBIT "A"**

SUNCOAST POINTE VILLAGES 1A AND 1B, a subdivision of land lying within Section 20 and 29, Township 26 South, Range 18 East, Pasco County, Florida and being further described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 19 for a POINT OF BEGINNING said point also being the Northeast corner of Section 30; thence along the westerly boundary of Section 20, N00°35'31"E, a distance of 608.74 feet; thence departing said westerly boundary, N89°59'26"E, a distance of 164.17 feet, to a point of curve to the right; thence easterly 52.55 feet along the arc of said curve, having a radius of 1,000.00 feet, a central angle of 03°00'39" and a chord bearing and distance of S88°30'14"E, 52.54 feet; thence S09°13'36"W, a distance of 97.37 feet; to a point of curve to the left; thence southerly 201.02 feet along the arc of said curve, having a radius of 185.00 feet, a central angle of 62°15'29" and a chord bearing and distance of S21°54'09"E, 191.28 feet; thence S50°44'13"E, a distance of 287.77 feet; thence N68°52'02"E, a distance of 339.41 feet; thence S00°12'17"W, a distance of 2,015.63 feet; thence N86°45'45"W, a distance of 823.45 feet to a point on the easterly boundary of Section 30; thence along the easterly boundary of Section 30, N00°22'46"E, a distance of 1,695.12 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 1,681,704 square feet or 38.607 acres, more or less.

# State of Florida



## Department of State

### Exhibit B

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of SUNCOAST POINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, filed on January 7, 2003, as shown by the records of this office.

I further certify the document was electronically received under FAX audit number H03000009020. This certificate is issued in accordance with section 15.16, Florida Statutes, and authenticated by the code noted below

The document number of this corporation is N03000000155.

Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of Florida,  
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the  
Eighth day of January, 2003

Authentication Code: 103A00000964-010803-N03000000155-1/1



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*Ken Detzner*  
Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**SUNCOAST POINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

A Florida Corporation Not For Profit

The undersigned incorporator, a resident of the State of Florida and of full age, hereby makes, subscribes, acknowledges and files with the Department of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this corporation is Suncoast Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit. (hereinafter called the "Association" in these Articles.)

**ARTICLE II**

**OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

This Association's registered office is 325 South Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33606 Hillsborough County, Florida, and its registered agent is Judith L. James, who maintains a business office at 325 South Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33606. Both this Association's registered office and registered agent may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors as provided by law.

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE**

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for the maintenance, preservation and architectural control of all common areas and other residence lots within that certain tract of property (hereinafter called the Property) in Pasco County, Florida and more particularly described as Suncoast Pointe.

Judith L. James  
Molloy & James  
325 S. Blvd., Tampa, FL 33606  
(813) 254-7157 FL Bar #275166

ARTICLE IV  
POWERS

Without limitation this Association is empowered to:

- (a) Declaration. Exercise all rights, powers, privileges and perform all duties, of this Association set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereinafter called the Declaration) applicable to the property and recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of Pasco 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 in full;
- (b) Property. In any lawful manner, acquire, own, hold, improve, manage, operate, maintain, repair, replace, operate, convey, sell, lease, transfer, assign, and otherwise dispose of property of any nature whatsoever, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible. in connection with this Association's affairs, specifically including the surface water management system facilities, including all inlets, ditches, swales, culverts, water control structures, retention and detention areas, ponds, lakes, floodplain compensation areas, wetlands and any associated buffer areas, and wetland mitigation areas.
- (c) Assessments. Fix, levy, collect, and enforce by any lawful means all charges or assessments established by, or pursuant to, the Declaration; and to use and expend the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties hereunder.
- (d) Costs. Pay all costs, expenses, and obligations lawfully incurred in connection with this Association's affairs including, without limitation, all licenses, taxes, or other governmental charges levied or imposed against this Association's property; and contract for services, such as to provide for operation and maintenance of facilities including surface water management system facilities.
- (e) Borrowing. Borrow money and, with the approval of two-thirds of each class of members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, hypothecate, assign, grant security interests in, or otherwise transfer any or all of its property as security for money borrowed, debts incurred, or any of its other obligations.

(f) Dedications. With the approval of three-fourths of the members, dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of its property to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes, and subject to such conditions, as seventy-five percent (75%) of the members determine.

(g) Mergers. With the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members, participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for similar purposes.

(h) Rules. From time to time adopt, alter, amend, rescind, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Lots, Common Area, and Corporate Property consistent with the rights and duties established by the Declaration and these Articles and governing Members' responsibilities.

(i) General. Have and exercise all common law rights, powers, and privileges and those that a corporation not for profit may now or hereafter have or exercise under the laws of the State of Florida, together with all other rights, powers, and privileges reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right, power, or privilege so granted, or granted by the Declaration or these Articles, or reasonably necessary to effectuate the exercise of any right, power, or privilege so granted.

(j) Enforcement. To enforce by legal means the obligations of the members of the corporation; the provisions of the Declaration, and the provisions of a dedication or conveyance of the Corporate Property to the corporation with respect to the use and maintenance thereof; to sue and be sued.

#### ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Every person who from time to time holds the record fee simple title to, or any undivided fee simple interest in, any Lot that is subject to the provisions of the Declaration is a member of this Association, including contract sellers, but excluding all other persons who hold any interest in any Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation. An Owner of more than one Lot is entitled to one membership for each Lot owned. Membership is appurtenant to, and may not be



separated from, ownership of at least one Lot that is subject to the provisions of the Declaration, and membership may not be transferred other than by transfer of title to such Lot. Each membership is transferred automatically by conveyance of title of a Lot.

## ARTICLE VI VOTING RIGHTS

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

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

Class B. The Class B member shall be the Declarant, 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 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 the anniversary date ten years from the date when the first Lot is conveyed to an individual purchaser.
- (c) on a date when Declarant shall record a notice terminating its Class B membership status.

## ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. This Association's affairs are managed by a Board of Directors initially composed of three Directors. The number of Directors from time to time may be changed by amendment to this Association's By-Laws, but at all times it must be an odd number of three or more but not to exceed five (5). The initial Directors named below shall serve until this Association's first annual

meeting. The term of office for all Directors is one year. Before any such annual meeting, all vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors, if any, will be filled by majority vote of the remaining Directors, even if less than a quorum. Any Director may succeed himself or herself in office. All Directors will be elected by ballot. Each member may cast as many votes for each vacancy as such member has; and the person receiving the largest number of votes cast for each vacancy is elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted. Directors need not be Association members.

Section 2. The names and addresses of the persons who will serve as Directors until their successors have been duly elected and qualify, unless they sooner die, resign, or are removed, are:

Name: Rogers K. Haydon , Jr.  
15500 Roosevelt Blvd., Suite 303  
Clearwater, Florida 33760

Name: Robert Allison  
Lance Ponton  
Address: 3802A Gunn Highway  
Tampa, Florida 33624

ARTICLE VIII  
INCORPORATOR

The name and residence of the incorporator is:

Name: Judith L. James  
Address: 325 South Boulevard  
Tampa, Florida 33606

ARTICLE IX  
DISSOLUTION

This Association may be dissolved in the manner from time to time provided by the laws of the State of Florida and with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members. Upon dissolution of this Association in any manner other than incident to a merger or consolidation, all of this Association's assets including the control or right of access to the property containing the surface water management system facilities, must be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. If dedication is refused, such assets must be granted, conveyed, and assigned to any nonprofit corporation, association, trust, or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes. In no event, however may any assets inure to the benefit of any member or other private individual.

ARTICLE X  
DURATION

This Association exists perpetually.

ARTICLE XI  
BY-LAWS

This Association's By-Laws initially will be adopted by the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the By-Laws may be altered, amended, or rescinded with the approval of a majority of each class of members, except as to those provisions for Amendment to the By Laws which are provided in the Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration in which case those provisions shall control such Amendments.

ARTICLE XII  
AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles may be proposed and adopted in the manner from time to time provided by the laws of the State of Florida, provided that each such amendment must have the approval in writing of two thirds (2/3) of the entire membership, except as to those provisions for Amendment which are provided in the Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration in which case those provisions shall control such Amendments.

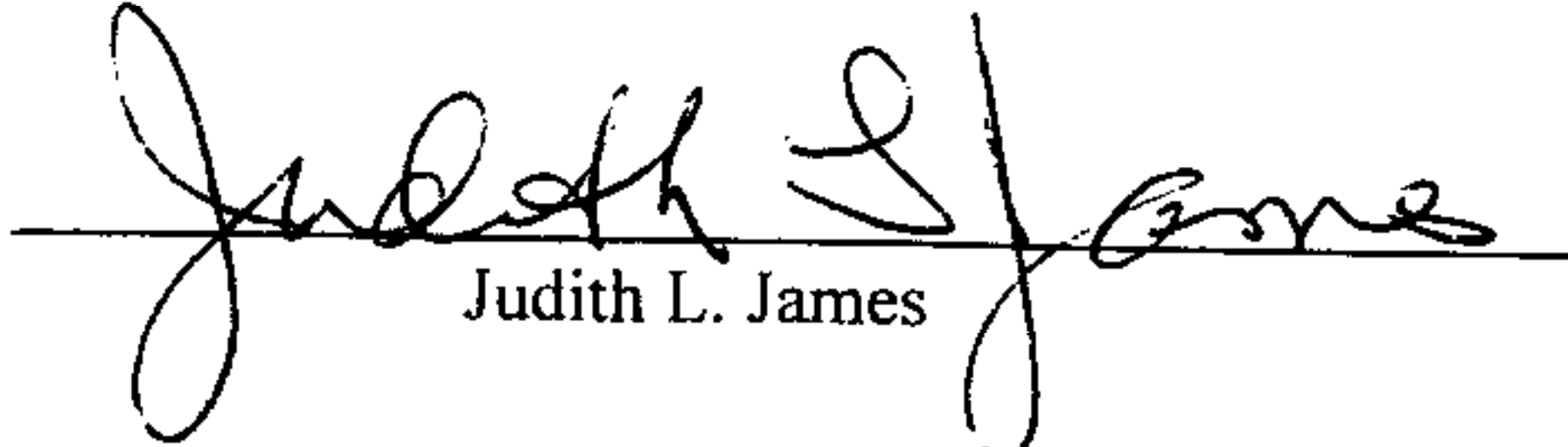
ARTICLE XIII  
INTERPRETATION

Express reference is made to the Declaration where necessary to interpret, construe, and clarify the provisions of the Articles. Without limitation, all terms defined in the Declaration have the same meaning where used in these Articles. By subscribing and filing these Articles, the incorporators intend its provisions to be consistent with the provisions of the Declaration and to be interpreted, construed, and applied with those of the Declaration to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results.

ARTICLE XIV  
FHA/VA APPROVAL

As long as there is a Class B membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration: annexation of additional properties, mergers and consolidations, mortgaging of Common Area, dedication of Common Area, dissolution and amendment of these Articles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, I, the undersigned, constituting the incorporator of this Association, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 7 day of January, 2003.

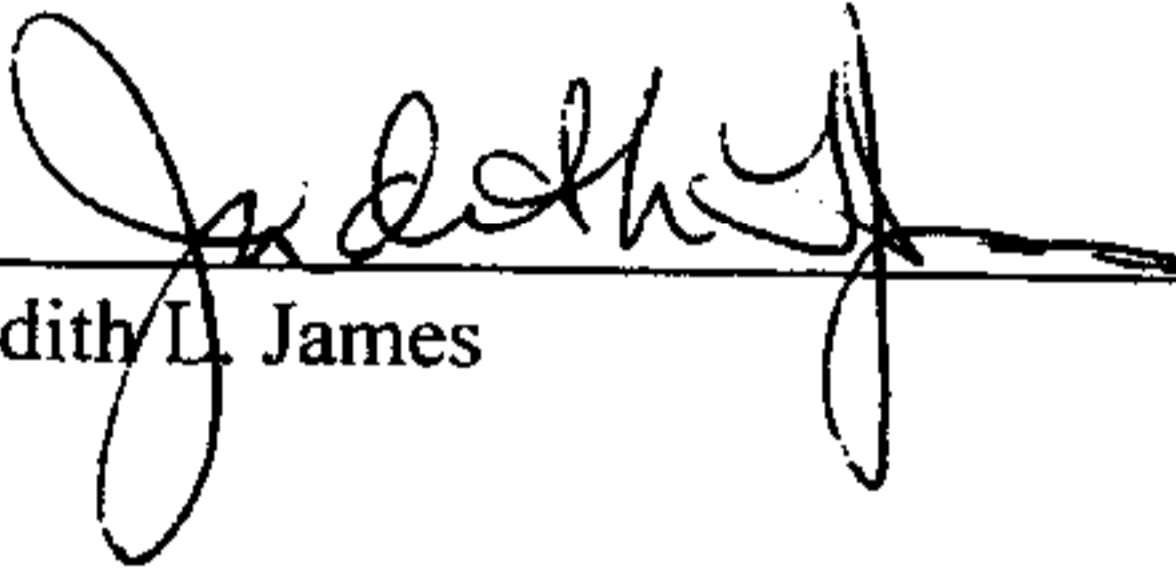
  
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Judith L. James

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND NAMING THE REGISTERED AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

Suncoast Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, as a corporation not for profit with its principal office, as indicated in its Articles of Incorporation, at 325 South Boulevard Tampa, Florida 33606, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida, has named Judith L. James, whose business offices is 325 South Boulevard, Tampa Florida 33606, as its registered agent to accept service of process within Florida.

ACCEPTANCE

Having been named to accept service of process for the foregoing 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, including the duties and obligations imposed by Section 617.0503, relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

  
Judith L. James

Date: 1/7/2003

**BY-LAWS**  
**OF**  
**SUNCOAST POINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ARTICLE I  
NAME AND LOCATION.

The name of the corporation is Suncoast Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 15500 Roosevelt Boulevard, Suite 303, Clearwater, Florida 33760, or at such other place as is designated by the Board of Directors, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within Pasco County, Florida as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II  
DEFINITIONS

The definitions as set out in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Suncoast Pointe (Declaration) are hereby incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE III  
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one year from the date of incorporation of the Association, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held during the last quarter of the fiscal year, as established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the president or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the members who are entitled to vote one-fourth (1/4) of all of the votes of the Class A membership.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the members shall be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least 15 days before such meeting to each member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the member's address last appearing on the books of the Association,

or supplied by such member to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast, or of limited or general proxies entitled to cast, one-tenth (1/10) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be represented. Unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation or Declaration, decisions shall be made by a majority of the voting interests represented at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 5. Proxies. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by limited proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the secretary. Every proxy shall be effective only for the specific meeting for which originally given and any lawfully adjourned meeting thereof. A proxy is not valid for a period longer than 90 days after the date of the first meeting for which is was given. A proxy is revocable at any time at the pleasure of the Owner who executes it. Limited proxies may also be used for votes taken to amend the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws or for any matter that requires or permits a votes of the Owner.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION: TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by an initial board of three (3) directors, consisting of Rogers Haydon, Robert Allison, and Lance Ponton. Thereafter the Board of Directors shall consist of a least three (3) members.

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office for all directors is one year. The initial directors of the Association set forth in the Articles of Incorporation shall hold office until the first annual meeting.

Section 3. Removal. Any director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 4. Compensation. No director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Association. However, any director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

## ARTICLE V

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among members or non-members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by written ballot. At such election the members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

Section 3. Use of Proxy. For election of members of the Board of Directors, homeowners shall vote in person at a meeting of the homeowners or by a proxy ballot that the homeowner personally casts under procedures established by the Board of Directors.



ARTICLE VI  
MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be on a regular basis at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by Resolution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the president of the Association, or by any two directors, after not less than three (3) days notice to each director. Said notice may be waived prior to such meeting by unanimous consent of the Board.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

Section 4. Action Without a Meeting. Any action which may be required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken is signed by all the members of the Board of Directors; such consent shall be placed in the minute book of the Association with the minutes of the Board of Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

Section 5. Notice to Members. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all members, and notices of meetings shall be posed in a conspicuous place on the Association property at least 48 hours in advance, except in an emergency. Notice of any meeting in which assessments against parcels are to be established shall specifically contain a statement that assessments shall be considered and a statement of the nature of such assessments.

ARTICLE VII  
POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Association, by and through its Board of Directors, shall have power to:

- (a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities, and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) suspend the voting rights and right to use of the Common Areas of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for infraction of published rules and regulations;
- (c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;
- (d) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and
- (e) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties.

Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Association, by and through its Board of Directors, to:

- (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the members at the annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by one-fourth (1/4) of the Class A members who are entitled to vote, at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting or special meeting;
- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
- (c) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:
  - (1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period; and
  - (2) send written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period; and

- (3) foreclose the lien against any property for which assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same.
- (4) collect at first closing on the Lot the balance of the assessment owing for the remaining portion of the year.
- (d) issue or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. Reasonable charges may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;
- (e) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;
- (f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;
- (g) cause the Common Area to be maintained;
- (h) establish prior to the beginning of the fiscal year and prior to setting the assessments for the coming year, an annual budget for the Association, including maintenance of Common Areas, and establish reserve accounts for replacement of those parts of the common elements which have a limited useful life span.

## ARTICLE VIII

### OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Offices. The officers of this Association shall be a president and vice-president, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the members.

Section 3. Term. The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Special Appointments. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the president or the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaced.

Section 7. Multiple Offices. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

Section 8. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

President

(a) The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall sign all checks and promissory notes.

Vice-President

(b) The vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board.

Secretary

(c) The secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the members; keep appropriate current records showing members of the Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

Treasurer

(d) The treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year if requested by the Board of Directors; and shall prepare or have prepared an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the members. All checks shall require the signatures of two officers.

ARTICLE IX  
COMMITTEES

The Association shall appoint an Architectural Control Committee, as provided in the Declaration, and a Nominating Committee, as provided in these By-Laws. In addition, the Board of Directors shall appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

ARTICLE X  
BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 1. The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any member. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

Section 2. Minutes of all meetings of members and of the Board of Directors shall be kept in a businesslike manner and shall be available for inspection by members, or their authorized representatives, and Board Members at reasonable times. Subsequent to transfer of control of the Association to owners other than the declarant, the Association shall retain these minutes for at least 7 years.

Section 3. Subsequent to transfer of control of the Association to owners other than the declarant, the Association shall maintain each of the following items, when applicable, which shall constitute the official records of the Association:

- a. A copy of the plans, permits, and warranties for the improvements to the Common Area, but not including the construction drawings of the individual homes and lots.
- b. A copy of the By-Laws of the homeowner's association and of each amendment to the By-Laws.
- c. A certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the homeowner's association, or other documents creating the homeowner's association, and of each amendment thereto.
- d. A copy of the current rules of the homeowner's association.
- e. A book or books that contain the minutes of all meetings of the homeowner's association, of the Board of Directors and of members, which minutes shall be retained for a period of not less than 7 years.
- f. A current roster of all members and their mailing addresses, parcel identifications, and, if known telephone numbers.
- g. All current insurance policies of the homeowner's association or a copy thereof.
- h. A current copy of any management agreement, lease, or other contract to which the homeowner's association is a party for under the homeowner's association or the parcel owners have an obligation or responsibility.
- i. Accounting records for the homeowners' association and separate accounting records for each parcel, according to generally accepted accounting principles. All accounting records shall be maintained for a period of not less than 7 years. The accounting records shall be open to inspection by members or their authorized representatives at reasonable times. The failure of the homeowners' association to permit inspection of its accounting records by member or their authorized representatives, entitles any person prevailing in an enforcement action to recover reasonable attorney's fees from the person in control of the books and records who, directly or indirectly, knowingly denied access to the books and records for inspection. The accounting records shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Accurate, itemized, and detailed records of all receipts and expenditures.
2. A current account and a periodic statement of the account for each member of the homeowners' association, designating the name of the member, the due date and amount of each assessment, the amount paid upon the account, and the balance due.
3. All audits, reviews, accounting statements, and financial reports of the homeowners' association.
4. All contracts for work to be performed. Bids for work to be performed shall also be considered official records and shall be maintained for a period of 1 year.

ARTICLE XI  
ASSESSMENTS

As more fully provided in the Declaration each member is obligated to pay to the Association all assessments as listed in the Declaration, which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the assessment is made. Any assessments which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest at the highest rate permitted by law, and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property, and interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment, provided however, in no event shall this interest rate exceed the maximum allowable by law. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

ARTICLE XII  
CORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: Suncoast Pointe Homeowners Association, Inc. and within the center the word "Florida".

ARTICLE XIII  
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. 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, except that the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration shall have the right to veto amendments while there is Class B membership.

Section 2. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XIV  
MISCELLANEOUS

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.

ARTICLE XV  
RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO PEACEFULLY ASSEMBLE

All common areas serving any homeowner's association shall be available to members and their invited guests for the use intended for such common areas. The entity or entities responsible for the operation of the common areas may adopt reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to the use of such common areas. No entity or entities shall unreasonably restrict any member's right to peaceably assemble or right to invite public officers or candidates for public office to appear and speak in common areas.