

**NOTE: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OF ENTIRE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. FOR PRESENT TEXT SEE EXISTING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SABAL DUNES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Articles of Incorporation of Sabal Dunes Neighborhood Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit, which was originally incorporated under the same name on November 12, 1991, are hereby amended, and restated in their entirety as amended. All amendments included herein have been adopted pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and there is no discrepancy between the corporation's Articles of Incorporation as heretofore amended and the provisions of these Amended and Restated Articles other than the inclusion of amendments adopted pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and the omission of matters of historical interest. The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Sabal Dunes Neighborhood Association, Inc., shall henceforth be as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME:** The name of the corporation, herein called the "Association" is Sabal Dunes Neighborhood Association, Inc., and its address is located in Lee County, Florida as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE II**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE:** The principal office of the corporation shall be located in Lee County, Florida as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE AND POWERS:** The Association is organized and shall exist on a non-stock basis as a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, and this Association will not permit pecuniary gain or profit nor distribution of its income to its members, officers or Directors. It is a nonprofit corporation formed for the purpose of establishing a corporate residential community homeowners' association which, subject to a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions originally recorded in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida, at O.R. Book 2262 at Page 2146 *et seq.*, as amended, has the powers described herein. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a Florida corporation not for profit consistent with these Articles, the Bylaws of the corporation, and with said Declaration of Covenants, Conditions

and Restrictions, and shall have all of the powers and authority reasonably necessary or appropriate to the operation and regulation of a residential community, subject to said recorded Declaration, as it may from time to time be amended, including but not limited to the power:

- (A) To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means all charges, assessments, or liens pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the corporation, including all license fees, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property or the corporation;
- (B) To make, amend and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Areas and the operation of the Association;
- (C) To sue and be sued, and to enforce the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, and the Bylaws of the Association;
- (D) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Association and to delegate any powers and duties of the Association in connection therewith except such as are specifically required by the Declaration to be exercised by the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association;
- (E) To employ accountants, attorneys, architects, and other professional personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of the Properties;
- (F) To borrow money, and with the prior approval of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the voting interests present in person or by proxy and voting at any annual or special meeting called for the purpose to mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- (G) To maintain, repair, replace and provide insurance for the Association.
- (H) To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise) own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association;
- (I) To exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapters 720 and 617 of Florida Statutes may now or hereafter have or exercise; subject always to the Declaration as amended from time to time; and

All funds and the title to all property acquired by the Association shall be held for the benefit of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

**MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS:** Membership and Voting Rights shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE V**

**TERM; DISSOLUTION:** The term of the Association shall be perpetual. Under Chapter 720 of Florida Statutes, the Association may be dissolved with the consent given in writing and signed by 100% of unit owners and their lenders (if any) to support that decision. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, its assets, both real and personal, shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was formed. In the event there is a refusal to accept such dedication, then such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust, or other organization which is devoted to purposes similar to those of this Association.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

**BYLAWS:** The Bylaws of the Association may be altered, amended, or rescinded in the manner provided therein.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

##### **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:**

- (A) The affairs of the Association shall be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the number of Directors determined by the Bylaws, but not less than three (3) Directors, and in the absence of such determination shall consist of three (3) Directors.
- (B) Directors of the Association shall be elected by the members in the manner determined by the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- (C) The business of the Association shall be conducted by the officers designated in the Bylaws. The officers shall be elected each year by the Board of Directors at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the members of the Association, and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

## ARTICLE VIII

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

- (A) Proposal. Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed by a majority of the Board or upon petition of one-fourth (1/4th) of the voting interests and shall be submitted to a vote of the members not later than the next annual meeting.
- (B) Vote Required. Except as otherwise required by Florida law, these Articles of Incorporation may be amended if the proposed amendment is approved by at least a majority of the voting interests who are present and voting, in person or by proxy, at any annual or special meeting, or by a majority of the voting interests in writing without a meeting, provided that notice of any proposed amendment has been given to the members of the Association, and that the notice contains a fair statement of the proposed amendment.
- (C) Effective Date. An amendment shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and recording a certified copy in the Public Records of Lee County, Florida with the same formalities as are required in the Declaration for recording amendments to the Declaration.

## ARTICLE IX

**INDEMNIFICATION:** To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, the Association shall indemnify and hold harmless every Director and every officer of the Association against all expenses and liabilities including attorney's fees, actually and reasonably incurred by or imposed on him in connection with any legal proceeding (or settlement or appeal of such proceeding) to which he may be a party because of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not apply to:

- (A) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association, in a proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgement in its favor.
- (B) A violation of criminal law, unless the Director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful or had reasonable cause to believe his action was lawful.
- (C) A transaction from which the Director or officer derived an improper personal benefit.

- (D) Wrongful conduct by Directors or officers, in a proceeding brought by or on behalf of the Association.

In the event of a settlement, the right to indemnification shall not apply unless a majority of the disinterested Directors approve the settlement as being in the best interest of the Association. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of all other rights to which a Director or officer may be entitled.