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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Of

## THE WATERMARK CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes, the undersigned, who is a resident of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and is of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, does hereby make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and does hereby certify:

# ARTICLE I Name

The name of the corporation is The Watermark Condominiums Association, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Association").

## **ARTICLE II**

## **Duration**

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

# ARTICLE III <u>Applicable Statute</u>

The corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

# ARTICLE IV Principal and Registered Office and Agent

The principal and registered office of the Association is located at 1355 Greenwood Cliff, Suite 400, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina 28204, and the initial registered agent of the Association is Ray S. Farris, III.

# ARTICLE V Purposes and Powers

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or benefit, direct or indirect, to its members. In way of explanation and not of limitation, the purposes for which it formed are:

(a) to be and constitute the Association to which reference is made in the Declaration of Condominium for The Watermark Condominiums, as amended (hereinafter the "Declaration") recorded or to be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to perform all obligations and duties of the Association and to exercise all rights and powers of the Association, as specified therein, in the Bylaws, and as provided by law; and

(b) to provide an entity for the furtherance of the interests of the owners of units in the development.

In furtherance of its purposes, the Association shall have the following powers, which, unless indicated otherwise by the Declaration or Bylaws, may be exercised by the Executive Board of the Association:

- (A) all the powers conferred upon non-profit corporations by common law and the Statutes of the State of North Carolina in effect from time to time;
- (B) all the powers necessary or desirable to perform the obligations and duties and to exercise the rights and powers set out in these Articles, the Bylaws, or the Declaration, including without limitation the following:
  - (i) to fix and to collect assessments or other charges to be levied against the properties;
  - (ii) to manage, control, operate, maintain, repair and improve the common elements, and any property subsequently acquired by the Association, or any property for which the Association, by rule, regulation, Declaration, or contract, has a right or duty to provide such services;
  - (iii) to enforce covenants, conditions, or restrictions affecting any property to the extent the Association may be authorized to do so under the Declaration or Bylaws;
  - (iv) to engage in activities which will actively foster, promote and advance the common interests of all owners of units in the condominium;
- (v) to enter into, make, perform, or enforce contracts of every kind and description and to do all other acts necessary, appropriate or advisable in carrying out any purpose of the Association, with or in association with any other Association, corporation, or other entity or agency, public or private;
- (vi) adopt, alter, and amend or repeal such Bylaws as may be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Association; provided, however, such Bylaws may not be inconsistent with or contrary to any provisions of the Declaration;
  - (vii) provide any and all supplemental municipal services as may be necessary or proper; and

(viii) the foregoing enumeration of powers shall not limit or restrict in any manner the exercise of other and further rights and powers which may now or hereafter be allowed or permitted by law; and the powers specified in each of the paragraphs of this Article V are independent powers, not to be restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other paragraph or provisions of this Article V.

### **ARTICLE VI**

## **Membership**

The Association shall be a membership corporation without certificates or shares of stock. All unit owners, by virtue of their ownership of units in the Association, are members of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

## ARTICLE VII Executive Board

The affairs of this Association s hall be managed by an initial Executive Board of three (3) directors appointed by Declarant, who need not be members of the Association. The number of directors may be changed by amendment of the Bylaws of the Association. The names and addresses of the persons who will serve as initial members of the Executive Board until the selection of their successors are:

Name	<u>Address</u>
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Ray S. Farris, III 1355 Greenwood Cliff, Suite 400

Charlotte, NC 28203

Keith Brunnemer, Sr. 214 N. Tryon Street, Suite 2350

Charlotte, NC 28202

Keith Brunnemer, Jr. 214 N. Tryon Street, Suite 2350

Charlotte, NC 28202

The method of election and term of office, removal and filling of vacancies shall be as set forth in the Bylaws. The Executive Board may delegate such operating authority to such companies, individuals, or committees as it, in its discretion, may determine.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

## **Dissolution**

Unless otherwise provided in the Declaration or Bylaws of the Association, upon dissolution, the Association's assets shall be distributed as follows:

- (a) Assets held by the Association upon condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirement; and
- (b) Any other assets shall be dedicated to a public body or conveyed to a non-profit organization with similar purposes.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Amendments**

These Articles may be amended as provided by the provisions of Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

## **ARTICLE X**

## **Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator as follows:

Jeanne A. Pearson Johnston, Allison & Hord, P.A. 610 East Morehead Street Charlotte, NC 28202 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina I, the undersigned, being the Incorporator of this Association, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 3rd day of October, 2006.

Jeanne A. Pearson, Incorporator

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### **COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG**

I, Sue W. Beutler, a Notary Public for Gaston County, North Carolina do hereby certify that Jeanne A. Pearson personally appeared before this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

I certify that the following person appeared before me this day, acknowledging to me that he or she voluntarily signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein and in the capacity indicated: <u>Jeanne A. Pearson</u>

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this 3rd day of October, 2006.

**Notary Public** 

Print Name: Sue W. Beutler

My Commission Expires:

