

EXHIBIT "C"

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
NAUTICA ISLES WEST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(A Florida Corporation Not-For-Profit)**

In order to form a corporation not for profit under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 617 and 720 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned hereby incorporates this corporation not for profit for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter set forth and, to that end, the undersigned, by these Articles of Incorporation, certifies as follows:

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS**

The following words and phrases when used in these Articles of Incorporation (unless the context clearly reflects another meaning) shall have the following meanings:

1. "Articles" means these Articles of Incorporation and any amendments hereto.
2. "Assessments". means the assessments for which all Owners are obligated to the Association and includes "Individual Lot Assessments" and "Special Assessments" (as such terms are defined in the Declaration) and any and all other assessments which are levied by the Association in accordance with the Nautica Isles West Documents.
3. "Association" means Nautica Isles West Homeowners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not for profit.
4. "Association Property" means the property more particularly described in Article II of the Declaration.
5. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association.
6. "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the Association and any amendments thereto.
7. "County" means Palm Beach County, Florida.
8. "Declarant" means G.L. Homes of Palm Beach Associates III, Ltd., a Florida limited partnership, and any successors or assigns thereof to which G.L. Homes of Palm Beach Associates III, Ltd. specifically assigns all or part of the rights of Declarant under the Declaration by an express written assignment, whether recorded in the Public Records of the County or not. The written assignment may give notice as to which rights of Declarant are to be exercised and as to which portion of the "Property" (as defined in the Declaration). In any event, any subsequent declarant shall not be liable for any default or obligations incurred by any prior declarant, except as may be expressly assumed by the subsequent declarant.
9. "Declaration" means the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Nautica Isles West, which is intended to be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County, and any amendments thereto

10. "Director means a member of the Board.

11. "Home" means a residential dwelling unit constructed within Nautica Isles West which is designed and intended for use and occupancy as a single-family residence.

12. "Lot" means and refers to any parcel of land within Nautica Isles West as shown on the Plat or any "Additional Plat" (as such term is defined in the Declaration) upon which a Home is permitted to be constructed, together with the improvements thereon and any portion of the land within Nautica Isles West that is declared to be a Lot by a Supplemental Declaration and is not subsequently withdrawn from the provisions of the Declaration by a Supplemental Declaration. For purposes of Individual Lot Assessments, a Lot is either a Completed Lot or an Incomplete Lot.

13. "Member" means a member of the Association.

14. "Operating Expenses" means the expenses for which Owners are liable to the Association as described in the Nautica Isles West Documents and includes, but is not limited to, the costs and expenses incurred by the Association in owning, administering, operating, maintaining, financing, repairing, managing or leasing, but not reconstructing, replacing or improving, the Association Property or any portion thereof and the improvements thereon, and all costs and expenses incurred by the Association in carrying out its powers and duties as set forth in the Nautica Isles West Documents.

15. "Owner" means and refers to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot within Nautica Isles West, and includes Declarant for so long as Declarant owns fee simple title to a Lot, but excluding therefrom those having such interest as security for the performance of an obligation.

16. "Plat" means the plat of Nautica Isles West - Plat One recorded or to be recorded in the Public Records of the County. In the event, an Additional Plat is recorded among the Public Records of the County, then the term "Plat" as used herein shall also mean the Additional Plat.

17. "Nautica Isles West" means the planned residential development located in Palm Beach County, Florida, which encompasses the Property and is initially intended to comprise approximately five hundred two (502) Homes and the Association Property, but subject to change in accordance with the Declaration.

18. "Nautica Isles West Documents means, in the aggregate, the Declaration, these Articles, the Bylaws, the Plat and Additional Plat, if any, and all of the instruments and documents referred to or incorporated therein including, but not limited to, any "Amendment(s)" and "Supplemental Declaration(s)" (as such terms are defined in the Declaration).

Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms defined in the Declaration are incorporated herein by reference and shall appear in initial capital letters each time such terms appears in these Articles.

ARTICLE II  
NAME

The name of this corporation shall be NAUTICA ISLES WEST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, whose principal address and

mailing address is 1401 University Drive, Suite 200, Coral Springs, Florida 33071-6039.

**ARTICLE III**  
**PURPOSES**

The purpose for which the Association is organized is to take title to, administer, operate, maintain, finance, repair, replace, manage and lease the Association Property in accordance with the terms of, and purposes. set forth in, the Nautica Isles West Documents and to carry out the covenants and enforce the provisions of the Nautica Isles West Documents.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**POWERS**

The Association shall have the following powers and shall be governed by the following provisions:

A. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit.

B. The Association shall have all of the powers granted to the Association in the Nautica Isles West Documents. All of the provisions of the Declaration and Bylaws which grant powers to the Association are incorporated into these Articles.

C. . The Association shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. To perform any act required or contemplated by it under the Nautica Isles West Documents.

2. To make, establish, amend, abolish (in whole or in part) and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Association Property.

3. To make, levy and collect Assessments for the purpose of obtaining funds from its Members to pay Operating Expenses and other costs defined in the Declaration and costs of collection, and to use and expend the proceeds of Assessments in the exercise of the powers and duties of the Association.

4. To own, administer, operate, maintain, finance, repair, replace, manage, lease and convey the Association Property in accordance with the Nautica Isles West Documents.

5. To enforce by legal means the obligations of the Members and the provisions of the Nautica Isles West Documents.

6. To employ personnel, retain independent contractors and professional personnel, and enter into service contracts to provide for the administration, operation, maintenance, financing, repairing, replacing, management and leasing of the Association Property and to enter into any other agreements consistent with the purposes of the Association, including,

but not limited to, agreements with respect to professional management of the Association Property and to delegate to such professional manager certain powers and duties of the Association.

7. To enter into the Declaration and any amendments thereto and instruments referred to therein.

8. To provide, to the extent deemed necessary by the Board, any and all services and do any and all things which are incidental to or in furtherance of things listed above or to carry out the Association mandate to keep and maintain Nautica Isles West in a proper and aesthetically pleasing condition and to provide the Owners with services, amenities, controls, rules and regulations, and enforcement which will enhance the quality of life at Nautica Isles West.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Association shall be required to obtain the approval of three-fourths (3/4) of all Members (at a duly called meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present) prior to the engagement of legal counsel by the Association for the purpose of suing, or making, preparing or investigating any lawsuit, or commencing any lawsuit other than for the following purposes:

- (a) the collection of Assessments;
- (b) the collection of other charges which Owners are obligated to pay pursuant to the Nautica Isles West Documents;
- (c) the enforcement of any applicable use and occupancy restrictions contained in the Nautica Isles West Documents;
- (d) dealing with an emergency when waiting to obtain the approval of the Members creates a substantial risk of irreparable injury to the Association Property or to Member(s) (the imminent expiration of a statute of limitations shall not be deemed an emergency obviating the need for the requisite vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Members); or
- (e) filing a compulsory counterclaim.

ARTICLE V  
MEMBERS AND VOTING

The qualification of Members of the Association, the manner of their admission to membership, the manner of the termination of such membership and the manner of voting by Members shall be as follows:

A. Until such time as the first deed of conveyance of a Lot from Declarant to an Owner is recorded amongst the Public Records of the County ("First Conveyance"), the membership of the Association shall be comprised solely of the Declarant.

. B. Upon the First Conveyance, Declarant shall be a Member. as to each of the remaining Lots until each such Lot is conveyed to another Owner, and thereupon and thereafter each and every Owner, including Declarant as to Lots owned by Declarant, shall be a Member and exercise all of the rights and privileges of a Member.

C. Membership in the Association for Owners other than Declarant shall be established by the acquisition of ownership of fee simple title to a Lot as evidenced by the recording of an instrument of conveyance amongst the Public Records of the County. Where title to a Lot is acquired by conveyance from a party other than Declarant by means of sale, gift, inheritance, devise, bequest, judicial decree or otherwise, the person, persons or entity thereby acquiring such Lot shall not be a Member unless or until such Owner shall deliver a true copy of a deed or other instrument of acquisition of title to the Association.

D. The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

1. "Class A Members" shall be all Members, with the exception of Declarant while Declarant is a Class B Member, each of whom shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned.

2. "Class B Members" shall be Declarant, who shall be entitled to three times the total number of votes of the Class A Members plus one. Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership upon the earlier to occur of the following events ("Turnover Date"):

(i) Three (3) months after the conveyance of ninety percent (90%) of the "Total Developed Lots" (as defined in Article X.C hereof) by Declarant, as evidenced by the recording of instruments of conveyance of such Lots amongst the Public Records of the County; or.

(ii) At such time as Declarant shall designate in writing to the Association.

On the Turnover Date, Class A Members, including Declarant, shall assume control of the Association and elect not less than a majority of the Board.

E. The designation of different classes of membership are for purposes of establishing the number of votes applicable to certain Lots, and nothing herein shall be deemed to require voting solely by an individual class on any matter which requires the vote of Members, unless otherwise specifically set forth in the Nautica Isles West Documents.

F. No Member may assign, hypothecate or transfer in any manner his membership in the Association except as an appurtenance to his Lot.

G. Any Member who conveys or loses title to a Lot by sale, gift, inheritance, devise, bequest, judicial decree or otherwise shall, immediately upon such conveyance or loss of title, no longer be a Member with respect to such Lot and shall lose all rights and privileges of a Member resulting from ownership of such Lot.

H. There shall be only one (1) vote for each Lot, except for the Class B Members as set forth herein. If there is more than one Member with respect to a Lot as a result of the fee interest in such Lot being held by more than one person, such Members collectively shall be entitled to only one (1) vote. The vote of the Owners of a Lot owned by more than one natural person or by a corporation or other legal entity shall be cast by the person named ("Voting Member") in a certificate signed by all of the Owners of the Lot, or, if appropriate, by properly designated

officers, partners or principals of the respective legal entity, and filed with the Secretary of the Association, and such certificate shall be valid until revoked by a subsequent certificate. If such a certificate is not filed with the Secretary of the Association, the Owners of such Lot shall lose their right to vote until such a certificate is filed with the Secretary of the Association, but the Lot shall be considered for purposes of establishing a quorum.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, whenever any Lot is owned by a husband and wife they may, but shall not be required to, designate a Voting Member. In the event a certificate designating a Voting Member is not filed by the husband and wife, the following provisions shall govern their right to vote:

1. When both are present at a meeting, each shall be regarded as the agent\_ and proxy of the other for purposes of casting the vote for each Lot owned by them. In the event they are unable to concur in their decision upon any topic requiring a vote, they shall lose their right to vote on that topic at that meeting, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.

2. When only one (1) spouse is present at a meeting, the person present may cast the Lot vote without establishing the concurrence of the other spouse, absent any prior written notice to the contrary by the other spouse. In the event of prior written notice to the contrary to the Association by the other spouse, the vote of said Lot shall not be considered, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.

3. When neither spouse is present, the person designated in a "Proxy" (as defined in the Bylaws) signed by either spouse may cast the Lot vote, when voting by Proxy is allowed, absent any prior written notice to the contrary to the Association by the other spouse or the designation of a different Proxy by the other spouse. In the event of prior written notice to the contrary to the Association or the designation of a different Proxy by the other spouse, the vote of said Lot shall not be considered, but shall count for purposes of establishing a quorum.

I. Unless some greater number is provided for in the Nautica Isles West Documents, a quorum shall consist of persons entitled to cast at least thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes of the Members.

## ARTICLE VI TERM

The term for which this Association is to exist shall be perpetual. In the event of dissolution of the Association (unless same is reinstated), other than incident to a merger or consolidation, all of the assets of the Association shall be conveyed to a similar homeowners association or a public agency having a similar purpose, or any Member may petition the appropriate circuit court of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties in the place and stead of the dissolved Association and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association and its properties.

## ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of these Articles are:

Richard A. Costello  
1401 University Drive, Suite 200  
Coral Springs, Florida 33071

ARTICLE VIII  
OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the President of the Association, assisted by the Vice President(s), Secretary and Treasurer, and, if any, by the Assistant Secretary(ies) and Assistant Treasurer(s), subject to the directions of the Board. Except for officers elected prior to the Turnover Date, officers must be Members, or the parents, children or spouses of Members.

The Board shall elect the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall, from time to time, determine. The President shall be elected from amongst the membership of the Board, but no other officer need be a Director. The same person may hold two offices, the duties of which are not incompatible; provided, however, the office of President and a Vice President shall not be held by the same person, nor shall the office of President and Secretary or Assistant Secretary be held by the same person.

ARTICLE IX  
FIRST OFFICERS

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of officers by the Board are as follows:

President	Jill Mergler
Vice President	Marcie Deplaza
Secretary/Treasurer	Richard A. Costello

ARTICLE X  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The number of Directors on the first Board of Directors of the Association ("First Board") and the "Initial Elected Board" (as hereinafter defined) shall be three (3). The number of Directors elected by the Members subsequent to the "Declarant's Resignation Event" (as hereinafter defined) shall be not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7), as the Board shall from time to time determine prior to each meeting at which Directors are to be elected. Except for Declarant-appointed Directors, Directors must be Members or the parents, children or spouses of Members. Each Director shall have only one (1) vote.

B. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors on the First Board are as follows:

NAMES

ADDRESSES

Jill Mergler

1401 University Drive,  
Suite 200 Coral Springs,  
Florida 33071

Marcie Deplaza

1401 University Drive,  
Suite 200 Coral Springs,  
Florida 33071

Richard A. Costello

1401 University Drive,  
Suite 200 Coral Springs,  
Florida 33071

Declarant reserves the right to replace and/or designate and elect successor Directors to serve on the First Board for so long as the First Board is to serve, as hereinafter provided.

C. Declarant initially intends that Nautica Isles West, if and when ultimately developed, will contain an aggregate of five hundred two (502) Lots with a Home constructed on each Lot ("Developed Lots"). For purposes of this paragraph, "Total Developed Lots" shall mean the five hundred two (502) Developed Lots which Declarant presently intends to develop in Nautica Isles West. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant has reserved the right in the Declaration to modify its plan of development for Nautica Isles West and to add land to and withdraw land from Nautica Isles West and, therefore, the total number of Lots and Homes within Nautica Isles West, and thus the term "Total Developed Lots," may refer to a number greater or lesser than five hundred two (502).

D. Upon the Turnover Date, the Members other than Declarant ("Purchaser Members") shall be entitled to elect not less than a majority of the Board. The election of not less than a majority of the Board by the Purchaser Members shall occur at a special meeting of the membership to be called by the Board for such purpose ("Initial Election Meeting"). The First Board shall serve until the Initial Election Meeting.

E. The Initial Election Meeting shall be called by the Association, through the Board, within sixty (60) days after the Purchaser Members are entitled to elect a majority of Directors as provided in Paragraph D hereof. A notice of meeting shall be forwarded to all Members in accordance with the Bylaws; provided, however, that the Members shall be given at least fourteen (14) days prior notice of such meeting. The notice shall also specify the number of Directors which shall be elected by the Purchaser Members and the remaining number of Directors designated by Declarant.

F. At the Initial Election Meeting, Purchaser Members, who shall include all Members other than Declarant, the number of which may change from time to time, shall elect two (2) of the Directors, and Declarant, until the Declarant's Resignation Event, shall be entitled to designate one (1) Director (same constituting the "Initial Elected Board"). Declarant reserves and shall have the right, until the Declarant's Resignation Event, to name the successor, if any, to any Director it has so designated.

G. The Board shall continue to be so designated and elected, as described in Paragraph E above, at each subsequent "Annual Members' Meeting" (as defined in the Bylaws), until the Annual Members' Meeting following the Declarant's Resignation Event or until a Purchaser Member-elected Director is removed in the manner hereinafter provided.

A Director (other than a Declarant-appointed Director) may be removed from office upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting interests of Purchaser Members for any reason deemed to be in the best interests of the Purchaser Members. A meeting of the Purchaser Members to so remove a Director (other than a Declarant-appointed Director) shall be held upon the written request of ten percent (10%) of the Purchaser Members.

H. Upon the earlier to occur of the following events ("Declarant's Resignation Event"), Declarant shall cause all of its designated Directors to resign:

1. When Declarant no longer holds at least five percent (5%) of the Total Developed Lots for sale in the ordinary course of business and all Lots sold by Declarant have been conveyed as evidenced by the recording of instruments of conveyance of such Lots amongst the Public Records of the County; or

2. When Declarant causes the voluntary resignation of all of the Directors designated by Declarant and does not designate replacement Directors.

Upon Declarant's Resignation Event, the Directors elected by Purchaser Members shall elect a successor Director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation or removal of Declarant's designated Director. This successor Director shall serve until the next Annual Members' Meeting and until his successor is elected and qualified. In the event Declarant's Resignation Event occurs prior to the Initial Election Meeting, the Initial Election Meeting shall be called in the manner set forth in Paragraph G of this Article X, and all of the Directors shall be elected by the Purchaser Members at such meeting.

I. At each Annual Members' Meeting held subsequent to Declarant's Resignation Event, all of the Directors shall be elected by the Members. At the first Annual Members Meeting held after the Initial Election Meeting, a "staggered" term of office of the Board shall be created as follows:

1. a number equal to fifty percent (50%) of the total number of Directors rounded up to the nearest whole number is the number of Directors whose term of office shall be established at two (2) years and the Directors serving for a two (2) year term will be the Directors receiving the most votes at the meeting; and

2. the remaining Directors' terms of office shall be established at one (1) year.

At each Annual Members' Meeting thereafter, as many Directors of the Association shall be elected as there are Directors whose regular term of office expires at such time, and the term of office of the Directors so elected shall be for two (2) years, expiring when their successors are duly elected and qualified.

J. The resignation of a Director who has been designated by Declarant or the resignation

of an officer of the Association who has been elected by the First Board shall be deemed to remise, release, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge such Director or officer of and from any and all manner of action(s), cause(s) of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever,, in law or in equity, which the Association or Purchaser Members had, now have or will have or which any personal representative, successor, heir or assign of the Association or Purchaser Members hereafter can, shall or may have against said Director or officer for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the day of such resignation, except for such Director's or officer's willful misconduct or gross negligence.

#### ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION

Each and every Director and officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all costs, expenses and liabilities, including attorney and paralegal fees at all trial and appellate levels and postjudgment proceedings, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any negotiation, proceeding, arbitration, litigation or settlement in which he becomes involved by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, and the foregoing provision for indemnification shall apply whether or not such person is a Director or officer at the time such cost, expense or liability is incurred. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of a settlement in connection with any of the foregoing, the indemnification provisions provided in this Article XI shall not be automatic and shall apply only when the Board approves such settlement and reimbursement for the costs and expenses of such settlement as being in the best interest of the Association, and in the event a Director or officer admits that he is or is adjudged guilty of willful misconduct or gross negligence in the performance of his duties, the indemnification provisions of this Article XI shall not apply. The foregoing right of indemnification provided in this Article XI shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of any and all rights of indemnification to which a Director or officer of the Association may be entitled under statute or common law.

#### ARTICLE XII BYLAWS

The Bylaws shall be adopted by the First Board, and thereafter may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided for in the Bylaws. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of these Articles and the provisions of the Bylaws, the provisions of these Articles shall control.

#### ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

A. Prior to the First Conveyance, these Articles may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by the Declarant and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

B. After the First Conveyance, and prior to the Turnover Date, these Articles may be amended solely by a majority vote of the Board, without the prior written consent of the Members, at a duly called meeting of the Board.

C. After.,the Turnover Date, these Articles may be amended in the following manner:

1. (a) The Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members, which may be at either the Annual Members' Meeting or a special meeting. Any number of proposed amendments may be submitted to the Members and voted upon by them at one meeting.

(b) Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Member within the time and in the manner provided in the Bylaws for the giving of notice of meetings.

(c) At such meeting, a vote of the Members shall be taken on the proposed amendment(s). The proposed amendment(s) shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of Members in the Association.

2. An amendment may be adopted by a written statement (in lieu of a meeting) signed by all Members and all members of the Board setting forth their intention that an amendment to the Articles be adopted.

D. These Articles may not be amended without the written consent of a majority of the members of the Board.

E. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Article XIII to the contrary, these Articles shall not be amended, in any manner which shall prejudice the rights of any "Institutional Mortgagee" (as such term is defined in the Declaration) without the prior written consent of such Institutional Mortgagee.

F. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article XIII to the contrary, no amendment to these Articles shall be adopted which shall abridge, prejudice, amend or alter the rights of Declarant without the prior written consent of Declarant, including, but not limited to, Declarant's right to designate and select members of the First Board or otherwise designate and select Directors as provided in Article X above, nor shall any other amendment be adopted or become effective without the prior written consent of Declarant for so long as Declarant holds either a leasehold interest in or title to at least one (1) Lot.

G. Any instrument amending these Articles shall identify the particular article or articles being amended and shall provide a reasonable method to identify the amendment being made. A. certified copy of each such amendment shall be attached to any certified copy of these Articles, and a copy of each amendment certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County.

#### ARTICLE XIV REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Association is 1401 University Drive, Suite 200, Coral Springs, Florida 33071 and the initial registered agent of the Association at that address shall be Richard A. Costello.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has hereunto affixed his signature, as of the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

Richard A. Costello

The undersigned hereby accepts the designation of Registered Agent as set forth in Article XIV of these Articles of incorporation, and acknowledges that he is familiar with and accepts the obligations imposed upon registered agents under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

Richard A. Costello

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2001

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
  SS:  
COUNTY OF BROWARD )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged . before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001 by Richard A. Costello, the person described as the Incorporator of these Articles who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, who is personally known to me.

Notary Public

Printed, Typed or Stamped Notary  
Name

My Commission Expires:

**BYLAWS  
OF  
NAUTICA ISLES WEST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Section 1. Identification of Association

These are the Bylaws of Nautica Isles West Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Association") as duly adopted by its Board of Directors ("Board"). The Association is a corporation not for profit, organized pursuant to Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes.

1.1. The office of the Association shall be for the present at 1401 University Drive, Suite 200, Coral Springs, Florida 33071-6039 and thereafter may be located at any place designated by the Board.

1.2. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.

1.3. The seal of the Association shall bear the name of the Association, the word "Florida" and the words "Corporation Not For Profit."

Section 2. Explanation of Terminology

The terms defined in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association ("Articles") as well as in the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for Nautica Isles West ("Declaration") are incorporated herein by reference and shall appear in initial capital letters each time such terms appear in these Bylaws.

Section 3. Membership; Members' Meetings; Voting and Proxies

3.1. The qualification of Members, the manner of their admission to membership in the Association, the manner of termination of such membership and the voting by Members shall be as set forth in the Articles.

3.2. The Members shall meet annually ("Annual Members' Meeting"). The Annual Members' Meeting shall be held at the office of the Association or at such other place in the County as the Board may determine and on such day and at such time as designated by the Board in the notice of such meeting commencing with the year following the year in which the Articles are filed with the Secretary of State. The purpose of the Annual Members' Meeting shall be to hear reports of the officers, elect members of the Board (when that shall be appropriate as determined by the provisions of the Articles) and transact any other business authorized to be transacted at such Annual Members' Meeting.

3.3. Special meetings (meetings other than the Annual Members' Meeting) of the Members shall be held at any place within the County whenever called by the President or Vice President or by a majority of the Board. A special meeting must be called by such President or Vice President upon receipt of a written request from Members having the right to vote at least one third (1/3) of the total number of votes entitled to be cast by Members at any such special meeting.

3.4. Except as otherwise provided in the Articles, a written notice of each Members' meeting, whether an Annual Members' Meeting or a special meeting (collectively "Meeting"), shall be given to each Member entitled to vote thereat at his last known address as it appears on the books of the Association and shall be mailed to the said address not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Meeting. Proof of such mailing shall be given by the affidavit of the person giving the notice. Any notice given hereunder shall state the time and place of the Meeting and the purposes for which the Meeting is called. The notices of all Annual Members' Meetings shall, in addition, specify the number of Directors of the Association to be designated by Declarant and the number of Directors to be elected by the Members, if applicable. Notwithstanding any provisions hereof to the contrary, notice of any Meeting may be waived before, during or after such Meeting by a Member or by the person entitled to vote for such Member by signing a document setting forth the waiver of such notice.

3.5. The Members may, at the discretion of the Board, act by written response in lieu of a Meeting provided written notice of the matter or matters to be agreed upon is given to the Members or duly waived in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. Unless some greater number is required under the Nautica Isles West Documents and except as to the election of Directors, which shall be accomplished by plurality vote, the decision of a majority of the votes cast by Members as to the matter or matters to be agreed or voted upon shall be binding on the Members provided a quorum is either present at such Meeting or submits a response if action is taken by written response in lieu of a Meeting, as the case may be. The notice with respect to actions to be taken by written response in lieu of a Meeting shall set forth the time period during which the written responses must be received by the Association.

3.6. (a) A quorum of the Members shall consist of Members entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes of the Members. A quorum of any class of Members shall consist of Class Members of such class entitled to cast thirty percent (30%) of the total number of votes of the class. Limited "Proxies" and general "Proxies" (as hereinafter defined in Paragraph 3.10) maybe used to establish a quorum.

(b) When a quorum is present at any Meeting and a question which raises the jurisdiction of such Meeting is presented, the holders of a majority of the voting rights present in person or represented by written Proxy shall be required to decide the question. However, if the question is one upon which a vote other than the majority vote of a quorum is required by express provision of the Nautica Isles West Documents or by law, then such express provision shall govern and control the required vote on the decision of such question.

3.7. At any Annual Members' Meeting when elections of Directors are to occur, written ballots are to be supplied to Members for such purposes. Members may not vote for Directors by Proxy, but may vote by absentee ballot. Furthermore, at any Annual Members' Meeting at which Directors are to be elected, the "Chairman" (as hereinafter defined in Paragraph 7.2) shall appoint an "Election Committee" consisting of three (3) Members to supervise the election, count and verify ballots, disqualify votes if such disqualification is justified under the circumstances and certify the results of the election to the Board. The Election Committee. shall be able to determine questions within its jurisdiction by plurality vote of all three (3) members, but matters resulting in deadlocked votes of the Election Committee shall be referred to the entire Board for resolution.

3.8. If a quorum is not in attendance at a Meeting, the Members who are present,

either in person or by Proxy, may adjourn the Meeting from time to time until a quorum is present with no further notice of such adjourned Meeting being required unless otherwise determined by the Board.

3.9. Minutes of all Meetings shall be kept in a businesslike manner and be available for inspection by the Members and Directors at all reasonable times. The Association shall retain minutes for at least seven (7) years subsequent to the date of the meeting the minutes reflect.

3.10. Voting rights of Members shall be as stated in the Articles with respect to the election of all Boards other than the First Board. Such votes may be cast in person or by absentee ballot. Proxies may be used to vote on other agenda items at meetings at which Directors are to be elected, and may also be used to establish a quorum. "Proxy" is defined to mean an instrument containing the appointment of a person who is substituted in the place and stead of the person or authorized representative of an entity entitled to vote. Proxies shall be in writing signed by the person or authorized representative of an entity giving the same and shall be valid only for the particular Meeting designated therein and, if so stated in the Proxy, any adjournments thereof, provided, however, any proxy automatically expires ninety (90) days after the date of the meeting for which it was originally given. A Proxy must be filed with the Secretary of the Association before the appointed time of the Meeting in order to be valid. Any Proxy may be revoked prior to the time a vote is cast in accordance with such Proxy.

3.11. The voting on any matter at a Meeting shall be by secret ballot upon request of the holders of ten percent (10%) of the votes represented at such Meeting and entitled to be cast on such matter, if such request is made prior to the vote in question.

#### Section 4. Board; Directors' Meetings

4.1. -The business and administration of the Association shall be by its Board.

4.2. The election and, if applicable, designation of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with the Articles. Except for Declarant-appointed Directors, Directors must be Members or the parents, children or spouses of Members.

4.3. (a) Any person elected or designated as a Director shall have all the rights, privileges, duties and obligations of a Director of the Association.

(b) The term of a Director's service shall be as stated in the Articles and, if not so stated, shall extend until the next Annual Members' Meeting and thereafter until his successor is duly elected and qualified or until he resigns or is removed in the manner elsewhere provided.

4.4. The organizational meeting of a newly elected Board shall be held within ten (10) days of its election at such place and time as shall be fixed by the Directors at the meeting at which they were elected. Provided the organizational meeting is held directly following the Annual Members' Meeting, no further notice of the organizational meeting shall be necessary; if not, however, notice of the organizational meeting shall be given in accordance with Section 720.303(2) of the Florida Statutes.

4.5. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such times and places in the County as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors. Special meetings of the Board may be called at the discretion of the President or the Vice President. Special meetings must be called by the Secretary at the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Directors. Any such special meeting may be held in the County at such time and place as determined by the Directors requesting such meeting or in such other place as all of the Directors shall agree upon.

4.6. Notice of the time and place of regular and special meetings of the Board, or adjournments thereof, shall be given to each Director personally or by mail, telephone or telegraph at least three (3) days prior to the day named for such meeting unless such notice is waived before, during or after such meeting. Any Director may waive notice of the meeting in writing before, during or after a meeting and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the receipt of notice by such Director.

4.7 Notice of all Board meetings shall be given to the members in accordance with Section 720.303(2) of the Florida Statutes.

4.8. A quorum of the Board shall consist of the Directors entitled to cast a majority of the votes of the entire Board. Matters approved by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the official acts of the Board, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law, by the Articles or elsewhere herein. If at any meeting of the Board there shall be less than a quorum present, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present. At any meeting that takes place on account of a previously adjourned meeting, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called may be transacted. In the case of the adjournment of a meeting, no further notice of the adjourned meeting need be given unless otherwise determined by the Board.

4.9. The presiding officer at all Board meetings shall be the President. In the absence of the President, the Directors shall designate any one of their number to preside.

4.10. Directors' fees, if any, shall be determined by the Members.

4.11. Minutes of all meetings of the Board shall be kept in a businesslike manner and be available for inspection by Members and Directors at all reasonable times.

4.12. The Board shall have the power to appoint an "Executive Committee(s)" of the Board consisting of not less than three (3) Directors. An Executive Committee(s) shall have and exercise such powers of the Board as may, be delegated to such Executive Committee(s) by the Board.

4.13. Meetings of the Board shall be open to all Members on such terms as the Board may determine. The Board may also hold closed meetings to the extent permitted by applicable law, including, by way of example but not by way of limitation, when the discussion at a meeting is governed by attorney-client privilege. If a meeting is open, unless a Member serves as a Director or unless he has been specifically invited by the Directors to participate in the meeting, no Member shall be entitled to participate in the meeting, but shall only be entitled to act as an observer. In the event a Member not serving as a Director or not otherwise invited by the

Directors to participate in a meeting attempts to become more than a mere observer at the meeting or conducts himself in a manner detrimental to the carrying on of the meeting, then any Director may expel said Member from the meeting by any reasonable means which may be necessary to accomplish said Member's expulsion. Also, any Director shall have the right to exclude from any meeting of the Board any person who is not able to provide sufficient proof that he is a Member or a duly authorized representative, agent or proxy holder of a Member, unless said person has been specifically invited by any of the Directors to participate in such meeting.

4.14. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Directors maybe taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, specifically setting forth the action to be taken, shall be signed by all the Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Directors, provided, however, whenever assessments are to be considered, they may be considered only at a meeting of the Directors properly noticed in accordance with Section 720.303(2) of the Florida Statutes.

#### Section 5. Powers and Duties of the Board

5.1. All of the powers and duties of the Association shall be exercised by the Board. Such powers and duties of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, all powers and duties set forth in the Nautica Isles West Documents, as well as all of the powers and duties of a director of a corporation not for profit not inconsistent therewith.

5.2. The Association may employ a manager to perform anyy of the duties, powers or functions of the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association may not delegate to the manager the power to conclusively determine whether the Association should make expenditures for capital additions or improvements chargeable against the Association funds. The members of the Board shall not be personally liable for any omission or improper exercise by the manager of any duty, power or function delegated to the manager by the Association.

#### Section 6. Late Fees

An Owner who fails to timely pay any Assessment shall be charged a late charge of TwentyFive Dollars (\$25) by the Association for such late Assessment. Owners shall be responsible to pay all legal fees (including, but not limited to, attorney and paralegal fees and court costs) incurred in connection with the collection of late Assessments whether or not an action at law to collect said Assessments and foreclose the Association's lien has been commenced. The Board has authorized the following initial schedule of fees for such circumstances:

(a) One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) for <sup>a</sup>s Claim of Lien plus recording costs and sending of Notice of Intention to Foreclose;

(b) One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for a Satisfaction of Lien plus recording costs;

and

(c) Any further action would require an hourly computation of attorney and/or paralegal time spent pursuing collection of such unpaid Assessments.

## Section 7. Officers of the Association

7.1. Executive officers of the Association shall be the President, who shall be a Director, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Board. Any officer may be removed without cause from office by vote of the Directors at any meeting of the Board. The Board may, from time to time, elect such other officers and assistant officers and designate their powers and duties as the Board shall find to be required to manage the affairs of the Association. One person may hold any two offices simultaneously, except when the functions of such offices are incompatible, but no person shall hold the office of President and any of the following offices simultaneously: Vice President, Secretary or Assistant Secretary.

7.2. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall have all of the powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of the President of an association or a corporation not for profit, including, but not limited to, the power to appoint such committees from among the Members at such times as he may, in his discretion, determine appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association. If in attendance, the President ("Chairman") shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the Members; provided, however, that the President may appoint a substitute.

7.3. In the absence or disability of the President, a Vice President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President. If there is more than one (1) Vice President, the Board shall designate which Vice President is to perform which duties. The Vice President(s) shall also generally assist the President and exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Board. In the event there shall be more than one Vice President elected by the Board, then they shall be designated "First," "Second," *etc.*, and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the presidency in such order.

7.4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board and the Members, which minutes shall be kept in a businesslike manner and be available for inspection by Members and Directors at all reasonable times. The Secretary shall have custody of the seal of the Association and affix the same to instruments requiring such seal when duly authorized and directed to do so. The Secretary shall be custodian for the corporate records of the Association, except those of the Treasurer, and shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of Secretary of the Association as may be required by the Board or the President. The Assistant Secretary, if any, shall perform the duties of the Secretary when the Secretary is absent and shall assist the Secretary under the supervision of the Secretary.

7.5. The Treasurer shall have custody of all of the monies of the Association, including funds, securities and evidences of indebtedness. The Treasurer shall keep the assessment rolls and accounts of the Members and shall keep the books of the Association in accordance with good accounting practices and he shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall perform the duties of the Treasurer when the Treasurer is absent *and* shall assist the Treasurer under the supervision of the Treasurer.

7.6. The compensation, if any, of the officers and other employees of the Association shall be fixed by the Board. This provision shall not preclude the Board from hiring a Director as an employee of the Association *or* preclude contracting with a Director or a party affiliated with a Director for the management or performance of contract services for all or any

part of Nautica Isles West.

#### Section 8. Resignations

Any Director or officer may resign his post at any time by written resignation, delivered to the President or Secretary, which shall take effect upon its receipt unless a later date is specified in the resignation, in which event the resignation shall be effective from such date unless withdrawn. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be required to make it effective. The conveyance of all Lots owned by any Director or officer (other than appointees of Declarant) shall constitute a written resignation of such Director or officer.

#### Section 9. Accounting Records; Fiscal Management

9.1. The Association shall use the cash basis method of accounting and shall maintain accounting records in accordance with good accounting practices, which shall be open to inspection by Members and Institutional Mortgagees or their respective authorized representatives at reasonable times. Such, authorization as a representative of a Member must be in writing and signed by the person giving the authorization and dated within sixty (60) days of the date of the inspection. Such records shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a record of all receipts and expenditures; (ii) an account for each Lot within Nautica Isles West which shall designate the name and address of the Owner thereof, the amount of Individual Lot Assessments and all other Assessments, if any, charged to the Lot, the amounts and due dates for payment of same, the amounts paid upon the account and the dates paid, and the balance due; (iii) any tax returns, financial statements and financial reports of the Association; and (iv) any other records that identify, measure, record or communicate financial information.

9.2. The Board shall adopt a Budget (as defined and provided for in the Declaration) of the anticipated Operating Expenses for each forthcoming calendar year (the fiscal year of the Association being the calendar year) at a special meeting of the Board ("Budget Meeting") called for that purpose to be held during the month of November of the year preceding the year to which the Budget applies. Prior to the Budget Meeting, a proposed Budget for the Operating Expenses shall be prepared by or on behalf of the Board. Within thirty (30) days after adoption of the Budget, a copy thereof shall be furnished to each Member, upon request, and each Owner shall be given notice of the Individual Lot Assessment applicable to his Lot(s). The copy of the Budget, if requested, shall be deemed furnished and the notice of the Individual Lot Assessment shall be deemed given upon its delivery or upon its being mailed to the Owner shown on the records of the Association at his last known address as shown on the records of the Association.

9.3. In administering the finances of the Association, the following procedures shall govern: (i) the fiscal year shall be the calendar year; (ii) any monies received by the Association in any calendar year may be used by the Association to pay expenses incurred in the same calendar year; (iii) there shall be apportioned between calendar years on a *pro rata* basis any expenses which are prepaid in any one calendar year for Operating Expenses which cover more than such calendar year; (iv) Assessments shall be made quarterly in amounts no less than are required to provide funds in advance for payment of all of the anticipated current Operating Expenses and for all unpaid Operating Expenses previously incurred; and (v) items of Operating Expenses incurred in a calendar year shall be charged against income for the same calendar year regardless of when the bill for such expenses is received. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Assessments for Operating Expenses and any periodic installments thereof shall be of sufficient magnitude to insure an adequacy and availability of cash to meet all budgeted expenses in any

calendar year as such expenses are incurred in accordance with the cash basis method of accounting.

9.4. Individual Lot Assessments shall be payable as provided in the Declaration.

9.5. No Board shall be required to anticipate revenue from Assessments or expend funds to pay for Operating Expenses not budgeted or which shall exceed budgeted items, and no Board is required to engage in deficit spending. Should there exist any deficiency which results from there being greater Operating Expenses than monies from Assessments, then such deficits shall be carried into the next succeeding year's Budget as a deficiency or shall be the subject of a Special Assessment or an upward adjustment to the Individual Lot Assessment.

9.6. The depository of the Association shall be such bank or banks' as shall be designated from time to time by the Board in which the monies of the Association shall be deposited. Withdrawal of monies from such account shall be only by checks signed by such persons as are authorized by the Board.

9.7. A report of the accounts of the Association shall be made annually by an accountant and a copy of the report shall be furnished to each Member who requests same in writing no later than the first day of April of the year following the year for which the report is made. The report shall be deemed to be furnished to the Member upon its delivery or mailing to the Member at his last known address shown on the records of the Association.

#### Section 10. Rules and Regulations

The Board may at any meeting of the Board adopt rules and regulations or amend, modify or rescind, in whole or in part, then existing rules and regulations for the operation of Nautica Isles West; provided, however, that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the terms or provisions of the Nautica Isles West Documents. Copies of any rules and regulations promulgated, amended or rescinded shall be mailed or delivered to all Members at the last known address for such Members as shown on the records of the Association at the time of such delivery or mailing and shall not take effect until forty-eight (48) hours after such delivery or mailing, or, in the event both forms of notification are used, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when rules and regulations are to regulate the use of a specific portion of the Association Property, same shall be conspicuously posted at such facility and such rules and regulations shall be effective immediately upon such posting. Care shall be taken to insure that posted rules and regulations are conspicuously displayed and easily readable and that posted signs or announcements are designed with a view toward protection from weather and the elements. Posted rules and regulations which are torn down or lost shall be promptly replaced.

#### Section 11. Parliamentary Rules

The then latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Members and the Board; provided, however, if such rules of order are in conflict with any of the Nautica Isles West Documents, Robert's Rules of Order shall yield to the provisions of such instrument.

#### Section 12. Roster of Owners

Each Owner shall file with the Association a copy of the deed or other document showing his ownership interest in Nautica Isles West. The Association shall maintain such information.

The Association may rely on the accuracy of such information for all purposes until notified in writing of changes therein.

### Section 13. Amendment of the Bylaws

13.1. These Bylaws may be amended as hereinafter set forth in this Section 13.

13.2.. After the Turnover Date, any Bylaw of the Association may be amended or repealed, and any new Bylaw of the Association may be adopted by either:

(i) a majority vote of the Members at any Annual Members' Meeting or any special meeting of the Members called for that purpose or by majority action of the Members who have acted by written response in lieu of a Meeting as permitted by these Bylaws; or

(ii) by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in office at any regular meeting of the Board or at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose or by written instrument signed by all of the Directors as is permitted by these Bylaws, provided that the Directors shall not have any authority to adopt, amend or repeal any Bylaw if such new Bylaw or such amendment or the repeal of a Bylaw would be inconsistent with any Bylaw previously adopted by the Members.

13.3. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this Section 13 to the contrary, until the Turnover Date, all amendments or modifications to these Bylaws and adoption or repeal of Bylaws shall only be made by action of the First Board as described in the Articles, which First Board shall have the power to amend, modify, adopt and repeal any Bylaws without the requirement of any consent, approval or vote of the Members.

13.4. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 13, there shall be no amendment to these Bylaws which shall abridge, prejudice, amend or alter the rights of (i) Declarant, without the, prior written consent thereto by Declarant; or (ii) any Institutional Mortgagee without the prior written consent of such Institutional Mortgagee; nor shall any other amendment to these Bylaws be adopted or become effective without the prior written consent of Declarant for so long as Declarant holds either a leasehold interest in or title to at least one (1) Lot.

13.5. Any instrument amending, modifying, repealing or adding Bylaws shall identify the particular section or sections affected and give the exact language of such modification, amendment or addition or of the provisions repealed. A copy of each such amendment, modification, repeal or addition attested to by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Association shall be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County.

### Section 14. Interpretation

In the case of any conflict between the Articles and these Bylaws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Declaration shall control; and in the event of any conflict between the Articles and the Declaration, the Declaration shall control.

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