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These are the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Southmont Cove at Lexington Condominium Association, Inc., originally filed with the Florida Department of State the 25th day of July 1997, under Charter Number N97000004231. Amendments included have been added pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (2014).

For historical reference, the names of the original incorporator, and his addresses at the time of incorporation, was Jeff Darragh, 17380 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33908. The street address of the initial registered office was 17380 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33908 and the name of the initial registered agent was Jeff Darragh. The name and address of the current registered agent/office is Leslie King, Lexington Country Club, 16257 Willowcrest Way, Fort Myers, Florida 33908. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, change the designation of the principal office, the mailing address of the corporation, the registered office and the registered agent, in the manner provided by law.

1. NAME. The name of the corporation is SOUTHMONT COVE AT LEXINGTON CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. For convenience, the corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the “Association”, the Declarations of Condominium as “Declarations”, these Articles of Incorporation as the “Articles”, and the Bylaws of the Association as the “Bylaws”.

2. PURPOSE. The purpose for which the Association is organized is to manage, operate and maintain five (5) Condominiums known as Southmont Cove at Lexington Condominium No. 1, Southmont Cove at Lexington Condominium No. 2, Southmont Cove at Lexington Condominium No. 3, Southmont Cove at Lexington Condominium No. 4 and Southmont Cove at Lexington Condominium No. 5. Said Condominiums shall be operated on a not-for-profit basis for the mutual use, benefit, enjoyment and advantage of the individual residents of said Condominiums; to make such improvements, additions and alterations to said Condominiums as may be necessary or desirable from time to time as authorized by the respective Declarations of said Condominiums and the Bylaws of the Association; to purchase and own real or personal property; and to conduct and transact all business necessary and proper in the management, operation and maintenance of said Condominiums; all as agents of the Owners of the Condominium Parcels of the said Condominiums.

3. DEFINITIONS. The terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meaning as those set forth in the Declarations and the Act, unless herein provided to the contrary, or unless the context otherwise requires.

4. **POWERS.** The powers of the Association shall include the following:

4.1 General. The Association shall have all of the common-law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit under the Laws of Florida that are not in conflict with the provisions of the Declarations, these Articles or of the Act.

4.2 Enumeration. The Association shall have all the powers set forth in the Act except as limited by the Declarations, these Articles, and the Bylaws (all as amended from time to time), and all of the powers reasonably necessary to operate the Condominiums, including but not limited to the following:

4.2.1 To make and collect Assessments and other Charges against Members as Unit Owners, and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties.

4.2.2 To buy, own, operate, lease, sell, and trade both real and personal property as may be necessary or convenient in the administration of the Condominiums or Association Property.

4.2.3 To maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to, and operate the Condominium Property, Association Property and any other property acquired or leased by the Association.

4.2.4 To purchase insurance upon the Condominium Property and insurance for the protection of the Association, its Officers, Directors, Committee Members, and Members as Unit Owners.

4.2.5 To make and amend reasonable Rules and Regulations for the maintenance, conservation and use of the Condominium Property and for the recreation, comfort, and welfare of the Unit Owners, and the administration of the Association.

4.2.6 To approve or disapprove the leasing, transfer, mortgaging, ownership, and possession of Units as may be provided by the Declarations.

4.2.7 To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Act, other applicable laws, the Declarations, these Articles, the Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations, and the policies of the Association.

4.2.8 To contract for the management of the Condominiums and the Association and any facilities used by the Unit Owners, and to delegate to the party with whom such contract has been entered into all of the powers and duties of the Association except those which require specific approval of the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association.

4.2.9 To employ personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of the Condominiums and the Association.

4.2.10 To make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the Board may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any

of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, Assessments, Special Assessments, income or rights.

4.3 Condominium Property. All funds and the titles of all properties acquired by the Association and their proceeds shall be held for the benefit and use of the Members in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Declarations, these Articles and the Bylaws.

4.4 Distribution of Income. The Association shall make no distribution of income to its Members, Directors or Officers. This provision shall not apply to the distribution of insurance proceeds as provided in the Declarations, nor the distribution of proceeds affiliated with termination or condemnation, as provided in the Declarations and the Act, nor reimbursement for expenses as may be authorized by the Board.

4.5 Limitation. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Declarations, these Articles, the Bylaws and the Act.

5. MEMBERS. The Members of the Association shall consist of all of the record Owners of Units in the Condominiums, and after termination of the Condominium or Condominiums shall consist of those who were Members at the time of the termination and their successors and assigns. If transfer of a Unit has occurred without approval of the Association in contravention of the provisions of the Declarations, the Association need not recognize a record Owner as the "Member", unless the Association chooses to ratify or waive its objection to the transfer of title.

5.1 Assignment. The share of a Member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated, pledged or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the Unit for which that share is held.

5.2 Voting. On all matters upon which the membership shall be entitled to vote, there shall be only one vote for each Unit, which vote shall be exercised or cast in the manner provided by the Bylaws. Any person or entity owning more than one Unit shall be entitled to one vote for each Unit owned. Those Members whose voting rights are suspended pursuant to the terms of the Condominium Documents and/or Florida Law shall not be entitled to cast the vote assigned to the Unit for which the suspension was levied during the period of suspension and such Voting Interests shall be subtracted from the required number of votes when calculating any required vote or quorum for the period during which such suspension exists.

5.3 Meetings. The Bylaws shall provide for an annual meeting of Members, and may make provision for regular and special meetings of Members other than the annual meeting.

6. TERM OF EXISTENCE. The Association shall have perpetual existence.

7. OFFICERS. The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the Officers designated in the Bylaws. The Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Association at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the Members of the Association and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The Bylaws may provide for the removal from office of Officers, for filling vacancies, and for the duties of the Officers.

8. DIRECTORS.

8.1 Number and Qualification. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board consisting of the number of Directors determined by the Bylaws, but which shall consist of not less than three (3) Directors.

8.2 Duties and Powers. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the Act, the Declarations, these Articles, the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations (all as amended from time to time) shall be exercised exclusively by the Board of Directors, subject only to approval by Members when such approval is specifically required.

8.3 Election; Removal. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of 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.

9. **BYLAWS.** The Bylaws of this Corporation may be altered, amended, or repealed in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

10. **AMENDMENTS.** These Articles may be amended in the following manner:

10.1 Proposal of Amendments. An amendment may be proposed by the President of the Association, the Directors, or by twenty-five percent (25%) of the entire Voting Interests.

10.2 Proposed Amendment Format. Proposals to amend existing Articles of Incorporation shall contain the full text of the Article to be amended. New words shall be underlined and words to be deleted shall be ~~lined through~~ with hyphens. If the proposed change is so extensive that this procedure would hinder rather than assist understanding, a notation must be inserted immediately preceding the proposed amendment saying, "SUBSTANTIAL REWORDING OF ARTICLE. SEE ARTICLE NUMBER ___ FOR PRESENT TEXT."

10.3 Notice. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which a proposed amendment is to be considered or in connection with documentation for action without a meeting.

10.4 Adoption of Amendments. A resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds ($2/3^{\text{rds}}$) of the Voting Interests of the Association present (in person or by proxy) and voting at a duly noticed meeting at which a quorum is present, or by the written agreement of two-thirds ($2/3^{\text{rds}}$) of the entire Voting Interests. Amendments correcting errors, omissions or scrivener's errors may be executed by the Officers of the Association, upon Board approval, without need for Association membership vote.

10.5 Effective Date. An amendment when adopted shall become effective after being recorded in the Lee County Public Records according to law and filed with the Secretary of State according to law.

10.6 Automatic Amendment. These Articles shall be deemed amended, if necessary, so as to make the same consistent with the provisions of the Declarations of Condominium. Whenever the Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes or other applicable statutes or administrative regulations, as amended from time to time, are amended to impose procedural requirements less stringent than set forth in these Articles, the Board may operate the Association pursuant to the less stringent requirements without the need to change these Articles. The Board of Directors without a vote of the Members, may also adopt by majority vote, amendments to these Articles of Incorporation as the Board deems necessary to comply with such operational changes as may be enacted by future amendments to Chapters 607, 617, and the Act, or such other statutes or administrative regulations as required for the operation of the Association, all as amended from time to time.

10.7 Proviso. Provided, however, that no amendment shall change the configuration of any Unit or the share in the Common Elements appurtenant to it, or increase the Owner's proportionate share of the Common Expenses, unless the record Owner of the Unit concerned and all record Owners of the mortgages on such Unit shall join in the execution of the amendment, and all other Unit Owners approve the amendment.

11. INDEMNIFICATION.

11.1 Indemnity. The Association shall indemnify any Officer, Director, or Committee Member who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or contemplated action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, Officer, or Committee Member of the Association, against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorney's fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, unless (i) a court of competent jurisdiction finally determines, after all appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed indemnitee, that he did not act in good faith or in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, and (ii) such court also determines specifically that indemnification should be denied. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person failed to act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. It is the intent of the membership of the Association, by the adoption of this provision, to provide the most comprehensive indemnification possible to their Officers, Directors, and Committee Members as permitted by Florida law. In the event of a settlement, the right to indemnification shall not apply unless the Board of Directors approves such settlement as being in the best interest of the Association.

11.2 Defense. To the extent that a Director, Officer, or Committee Member of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in Section 11.1 above, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees and appellate attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

11.3 Advances. Reasonable expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding shall be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the affected Director, Officer, or Committee Member to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized by this Article 11. However, if the Board, by majority vote, determines that the person seeking advancement did not act in good faith or in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, the Association shall not be obligated to pay for any expenses incurred prior to the final disposition of the subject action.

11.4 Miscellaneous. The indemnification provided by this Article 11 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any Bylaw, agreement, vote of Members, or otherwise, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, Officer, or Committee Member and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such person.

11.5 Insurance. The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, Officer, Committee Member, employee, or agent of the Association, or a Director, Officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Association would have the duty to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.