

# State of Florida



## Department of State

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of FISHHAWK RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, filed on July 11, 1997, as shown by the records of this office.

The document number of this corporation is N97000003970.

Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of Florida,  
at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this the  
Eleventh day of July, 1997



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*Sandra B. Mortham*

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Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
FISHHAWK RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The undersigned incorporator hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation under the "Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act."

ARTICLE I  
CORPORATE NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be FISHHAWK RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter called the "Association".

ARTICLE II  
DURATION

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III  
DEFINITIONS

The terms used in these Articles shall have the same definitions and meanings as those set forth in the Declaration of Restrictions, Covenants, Easements and Conditions of FISHHAWK RANCH SUBDIVISION to be recorded in the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, unless herein provided to the contrary, or unless the context otherwise requires.

ARTICLE IV  
COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The corporate existence of the Association shall commence at the time these Articles of Incorporation are filed by the Department of State of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE V  
PURPOSES AND POWERS

The Association is not organized for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of the Association's assets or income shall inure to the benefit of any Director, Officer or Member of the Association except as may be authorized by the Board of Directors in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Bylaws of the

Association with respect to the compensation of Directors, Officers or Members of the Association for the rendition of unusual or exceptional services to the Association.

The purposes for which the Association is formed, and the powers that may be exercised by the Board of Directors of the Association, are:

(a) To own, operate, maintain, preserve or replace, and to provide architectural control over, the Lots, Common Property located on that certain parcel of real property situate in Hillsborough County, Florida, known as Fishhawk Ranch Subdivision, and described in Exhibit "A" to the Declaration and to those Lots, Common Property that may be annexed to the Property from time to time pursuant to the Declaration; and

(b) To acquire by gift, purchase, or otherwise, and to own, build, improve, operate, repair, maintain and replace, lease, transfer, and otherwise dispose of, real property, buildings, improvements, fixtures and personal property in connection with the business and affairs of the Association; and

(c) To dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Property to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective without the consent of a majority of the Members to such dedication, sale or transfer, in writing or by vote at a duly called meeting of the Association, or without the prior written consent of Declarant so long as Declarant owns at least one (1) Lot; and

(d) To establish, levy, collect, and enforce payment of, all assessments and charges pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Declaration or Bylaws of the Association, and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties; and

(e) To pay all expenses in connection with and incident to the conduct of the business and affairs of the Association; and

(f) To borrow money and to pledge, mortgage or hypothecate any or all of the real or personal property owned by the Association as security for money borrowed or debts incurred by the Association; and

(g) To annex additional real property to the Property pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Declaration; provided, however, annexation of

additional properties, mergers and consolidations, mortgaging of Common Area, dissolution and amendment of the Articles, requires prior approval of HUD/VA as long as there is a Class B membership;

(h) To exercise such powers which are now or may hereafter be conferred by law upon an association organized for the purposes set forth herein, or which may be necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred; and

(i) To grant easements on or through the Common Property or any portion thereof; and

(j) To exercise all of the powers and privileges, and to perform all of the duties and obligations, of the Association as set forth in the Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time; and

(k) To promulgate and amend rules and regulations and enforce rules, regulations, bylaws, covenants, restrictions or agreements to effectuate the purposes for which the Association is organized; and

(l) To contract for the management of the Association and to delegate in such contract all or any part of the powers and duties of the Association, and to contract for services to be provided to Owners, including, but not limited to, trash removal and other utilities or services; and

(m) To perform all of the obligations and duties delegated to the Association by the Master Association, as more fully set forth in Article 18 of the Declaration; and

(n) To purchase insurance upon the Property or any part thereof and insurance for the protection of the Association, its Officers, its Directors and the Owners; and

(o) To approve or disapprove the leasing, transfer, ownership, or possession of any Lot, as may be provided by the Declaration; and

(p) To employ personnel to perform the services required for the proper operation of the Association.

The foregoing clauses shall be construed both as purposes and powers, and the enumeration of specific purposes and powers shall not be construed to limit or restrict in any way the purposes and powers of the Association that may be

granted by applicable law and any amendments thereto.

ARTICLE VI  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS. The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be no less than three (3) nor more than five (5). The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association, but in no event shall there be less than three (3) Directors. Directors need not be Members of the Association nor residents of the Lots if elected by the Declarant. All Directors not elected by the Declarant shall be members of the Association.

B. DUTIES AND POWERS. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board of Directors, its agents, contractors or employees, subject to approval by Owners only when such approval is specifically required.

C. ELECTION; REMOVAL. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Members in the manner determined by and subject to the qualifications set forth in the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

D. TERM OF INITIAL DIRECTORS. The Declarant shall appoint the members of the first Board of Directors and their replacements, who shall hold office for the periods described in the Bylaws.

E. INITIAL DIRECTORS. The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have taken office, as provided in the Bylaws are as follows:

W. Don Whyte  
15310 Amberly Drive, Suite 310  
Tampa, Florida 33647

Kevin Smith  
15310 Amberly Drive, Suite 310  
Tampa, Florida 33647

Joyce A. Smuder  
15310 Amberly Drive, Suite 310  
Tampa, Florida 33647

ARTICLE VII  
TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH DIRECTORS  
OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED

No contract or transaction between the Association and one or more of its Directors or Officers or between the Association and any other corporation, partnership, association or other organization in which one or more of its Officers or Directors are officers or directors shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason or solely because the Officer or Director is present at, or participates in, meetings of the board or committee thereof that authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because such Officer's or Director's votes are counted for such purpose. No Director or Officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that such Director or Officer may be interested in any such contract or transaction. Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee that authorized the contract or transaction.

ARTICLE VIII  
OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the Officers holding the offices 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 and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The Bylaws may provide for the removal of Officers, for the filling of vacancies and for the duties of the Officers. The names and addresses of the Officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

President	W. Don Whyte
Vice President	Kevin Smith
Secretary/Treasurer	

ARTICLE IX  
MEMBERSHIP

Every person or entity who is a record title owner of any Lot shall be a

Member of the Association and entitled to voting rights in the Association. Any person or entity who holds an interest in any Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member of the Association. Membership in the Association is appurtenant to a Lot and cannot be conveyed other than by conveyance of fee simple title to the Lot.

## ARTICLE X AMENDMENT

Amendments to these Articles shall be made in the following manner:

A. PROPOSAL. Notice of the subject matter for a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.

B. ADOPTION. The resolution for the adoption of a proposed amendment may be proposed by either a majority of the Board of Directors or by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Members. Directors and Members not present in person or by proxy at the meeting considering the amendment may express their approval in writing, provided that the approval is delivered to the Secretary at or prior to the meeting. The approval must be by not less than 2/3 of the votes of all the Members.

C. LIMITATION. No amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership, nor in the voting rights or property rights of Members, nor any changes in Article V or Article XIV of the Articles entitled "Powers" and "Indemnification," respectively, without the approval in writing of all Members and the joinder of all record owners of mortgages on Lots. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Declaration or Bylaws, nor shall any amendment make changes that would in any way affect the rights, privileges, powers or options herein provided in favor of, or reserved to, Declarant, or an affiliate of Declarant, unless Declarant shall join in the execution of the amendment. No amendment to this Paragraph C of Article X shall be effective.

D. DECLARANT'S AMENDMENT. The Declarant may amend these Articles consistent with the provisions of the Declaration allowing certain amendments to be effected solely by the Declarant.

E. RECORDING. A copy of each amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of applicable Florida law, and a copy certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded in the Public Records of

Hillsborough County, Florida.

ARTICLE XI  
BYLAWS

The first Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended, rescinded in the manner provided in the Bylaws and the Declaration.

ARTICLE XII  
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ADDRESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is 15310 Amberly Drive, Suite 310, Tampa, Florida 33647.

ARTICLE XIII  
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of the Association is:

Fishhawk Communities Limited Partnership, a Florida Limited  
Partnership  
15310 Amberly Drive, Suite 310  
Tampa, Florida 33647

ARTICLE XIV  
INDEMNIFICATION

A. INDEMNITY. The Association shall indemnify any person 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, employee, officer or agent of the Association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, unless (a) a court of competent jurisdiction determines, after all available 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 interests of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, and (b) such court further specifically determines that indemnification should be denied.

The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

B. EXPENSES. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Paragraph A above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees and appellate attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

C. ADVANCES. 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 the receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the affected director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this

D. MISCELLANEOUS. The indemnification provided by this Article 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, employee or agent, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such person.

E. INSURANCE. The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association, or is or was serving, at the request of the Association, as 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 power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

F. AMENDMENT. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the provisions of this Article XIV may not be amended without the prior written consent of all persons whose interest would be adversely affected by such amendment.

ARTICLE XV  
DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved by a vote of eighty percent (80%) of the Members entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting; provided, however, that the proposed action is specifically set forth in the notice of any such meeting, and that, so long as Declarant owns at least one (1) Lot, Declarant's written consent to the dissolution of the Association must first be obtained. Upon dissolution of the Association, the assets shall be dedicated to a public body, or conveyed to a nonprofit organization with similar purposes.

ARTICLE XVI  
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Association is 15310 Amberly Drive, Suite 310, Tampa, Florida 33647 and the name of the initial registered agent of the Association at said address is W. Don Whyte.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1997.

FISHHAWK COMMUNITIES  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,  
a Florida Limited Partnership

By: GENSTAR LAND COMPANY,  
a Delaware corporation

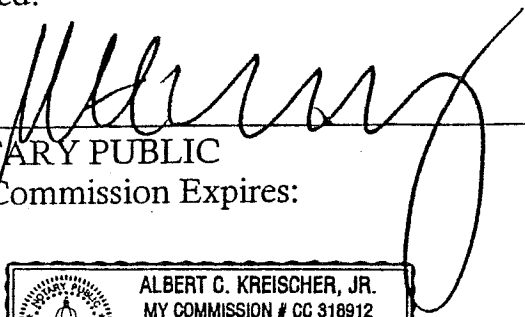
Its: General Partner

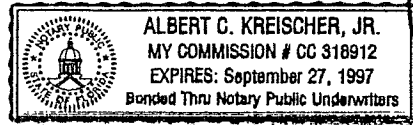
By: W. Don Whyte  
W. DON WHYTE  
Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Before me personally appeared W. DON WHYTE, as Vice President of GENSTAR LAND COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, as General Partner of FISHHAWK COMMUNITIES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Florida Limited

Partnership, to me well known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1997, and he acknowledged to and before me that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires:




CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE  
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING  
AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

That FISHHAWK RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, the corporation named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, has named W. Don Whyte, whose address is 15310 Amberly Drive, Suite 310, Tampa, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named statutory agent of said corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the same and agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

Dated this 10th day of July, 1997.



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W. DON WHYTE,  
Registered Agent

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

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