

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
THE GARDENS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION**

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, by and under the provisions of the statutes of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges and immunities of a corporation not for profit.

**ARTICLE I
NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of the Corporation shall be **THE GARDENS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business of this Corporation shall be 112 Lantana Lane, Parrish, Florida 34219 and mailing address of this Corporation shall be the same

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE AND POWERS**

The purpose for which the Association is organized as to provide an entity pursuant to Florida Corporation Not for Profit Act (Florida Statutes Chapter 617) for the operation of the Association and to engage in, conduct and carry on the business of operation of a mobile homeowner's association pursuant to Chapter 723, Florida Statutes, to engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, of which are incidental thereto or connected therewith and to transact any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Acts.

For the accomplishment of its purposes, the Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers and duties of a corporation not for profit except as limited or modified by these Articles and Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE IV
MEMBERS**

Membership in this Corporation shall be limited to mobile home owners or a family member of a mobile home owner within The Gardens Mobile Home Park who have satisfied the requirements for membership in the Corporation.

**ARTICLE V
VOTING INTERESTS**

Each member shall be entitled to one vote at Association meetings for each mobile

home owned by a mobile home owner within The Gardens Mobile Home Park. In event of a joint ownership of a mobile home, only one vote shall be cast representing the jointly owned mobile home.

ARTICLE VI INCOME DISTRIBUTION

No part of the income of this Corporation shall be distributed to its members, except as compensation for services rendered.

ARTICLE VII EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE VIII REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The registered office of the Corporation shall be c/o Sheryl A. Edwards, P.A., 1800 Second Street, Suite 720, Sarasota, Florida 34236 and the registered agent shall be Sheryl A. Edwards, Esquire.

ARTICLE IX NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The business of the Corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors which shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than ten (10) persons, as shall be designated by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The names and post office addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors all of whom shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Ronald R. Howinton	122 Alamanda Ln., Parrish, Florida 34219
Wayne E. Muffley	221 Bougainvillea Ln., Parrish, Florida 34219
Carol Hall	117 Alamanda Ln., Parrish, Florida 34219

Valerie D. Ogren

198 Tiger Lilly Dr., Parrish, Florida 34219

Fae Clark

127 Bougainvillea Terr., Parrish, Florida 34219

ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

All Officers and Directors shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees (including appellate proceedings) reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office. In no event, however, shall any Officer or Director be indemnified for his own willful misconduct or knowing violation of the provisions of the Florida Not for Profit Act, Chapter 617. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all Officers and Directors against any liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as Officers and Directors or arising out of their status as such.

ARTICLE XII BYLAWS

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

ARTICLE XV SUBSCRIBERS

The names and street addresses of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Ronald R. Howington

122 Alamanda Ln., Parrish, Florida 34219

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**ARTICLE XVI
AMENDMENTS**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation by a simple majority vote of all voting rights of all members of the Corporation and all rights conferred upon the members herein are granted subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, have hereunto set our hands and seals this ____ Day of January, 2003.

Ronald R. Howington
Ronald R. Howington

Wayne E. Muffley
Wayne E. Muffley

Carol Hall
Carol Hall

Valerie D. Ogren
Valerie D. Ogren

Fae Clark
Fae Clark

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ~~SARASOTA~~ Manatee

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th Day of January, 2003 by Ronald R. Howington, Wayne E. Muffley, Carol Hall, Valerie D. Ogren and Fae Clark, who are personally known to me or who has produced their Florida Driver's License as identification.

Karis Ann Sammons
Notary Public Karis Ann Sammons
My Commission Expires:



Karis Ann Sammons
MY COMMISSION # CC872166 EXPIRES
September 20, 2003
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC

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ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the designation as registered agent of the foregoing Corporation.

Sheryl A. Edwards

Sheryl A. Edwards, Esquire

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th Day of January, 2003 by Sheryl A. Edwards, Esquire, who is personally known to me or who has produced her Florida Driver's License as identification.



Shannon A Sanders
My Commission DD152587
Expires September 23, 2006

Shannon A. Sanders

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

Shannon A. Sanders