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Office of the Secretary of State
Corporations Division
148 W. River Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02904-2615

NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

PROTUNCT FOR SEASON

The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 7-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

	The name of the corporation is The Fifth Street Condomium Association, Inc.				
•	The period of its duration is (if perpetual, so state) Perpetual				
3.	The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:				
	The purpose for which the Association is organized is to operate and manage the Fifth Street Condominiums				
	a condominium to be created upon lands located in the City of Cranston, County of Providence, State of				
	Rhode Island. The Association is to undertake the performance of and to carry out the acts and duties				
	incident to the administration, operation and management of the Condominium in accordance with the				
	terms, provisions, conditions, and authorizations contained in these Articles of Incorporation and which	0			
	may be contained in the Declaration of Condominium of the Fifth Street Condominiums, to be recorded				
	in the Land Records of the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.				
4	Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:	of			
	See "Additional Provisions" attached (pages 1-5)	0			

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5.	The address of the initial registered	office of the corporation is	12 Roger Williams Circle (Street Address, <u>not</u> P.O. Box)		
	Cranston	•			
	(City/Town)	, RI 02905 (Zip Code)	, and the name of its initial registered agent at such		
	address is Ernest P. Ricci	(Name of A	gent)		
6.	The number of directors constituting and the names and addresses of the		(not less than three directors)		
	<u>Name</u> Erenst P. Ricci	12 Roger Williams (<u>Address</u> Circle, Cranston, RI 02905		
	Thomas Ricci	12 Roger Williams (Circle, Cranston, RI 02905		
	Brenda Ricci	12 Roger Williams C	12 Pages Williams Cirola Craneton PL 02005		
7.	The name and address of each inco Name Erenst P. Ricci		Address Circle, Cranston, RI 02905		
8.	Date when corporate existence is to	(not prior to, nor	more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)		
Da	te: <u>Delenh</u> 27, 200	have exa accompa	enalty of perjury, I/we declare and affirm that I/we amined these Articles of Incorporation, including any nying attachments and that all statements contained a true and correct.		
			Signature of each Incorporator		

FOURTH: ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- A. POWERS. The powers of the Association shall include the following provisions:
- 1. The Association shall have all the common law and statutory powers of a non-business corporation (Chapter 7-6), not for profit, which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles, the Declaration, the By-Laws or the Chapter 34-36.1 ("the Act").
- 2. The Association shall have all the powers and duties granted to a condominium unit owners' association by the terms of the Act. The Association shall have all the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association, and all of the powers granted to it in the Declaration after the Declaration is duly recorded. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have power:
- (a) To make and collect assessments, fees and other charges against members as Unit Owners, and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties;
- (b) to buy, own, operate, lease, sell, trade and mortgage both real and personal property as may be necessary or convenient in the administration of the Condominium;
- (c) to make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance, conservation and use of the Condominium Property and for the health, comfort, safety and welfare of the Unit Owners;
- (d) to approve or disapprove the leasing, transfer, mortgaging, ownership and possession of the Units as may be provided by the Declaration.
- (e) to contract for the management of the Condominium Property and to delegate to such contractors all powers and duties of the Association, except those which may be required by the Declaration to have approval of the Board of Directors or the Unit Owners as members of the Association;
- (f) to maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to and operate the Common Elements of the Condominium, and other property acquired or leased by the Association for use by the Unit Owners:
- (g) to purchase insurance upon the Condominium Property and insurance for the benefit and/or protection of the Association, its officers, directors, and members as Unit Owners;
- (h) to employ personnel to perform the service required for the proper operation of the Condominium.

- 3. All funds and the titles of all properties acquired by the Association, and any proceeds therefrom, shall be held for the benefit and use of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws.
- 4. The Association shall make no distribution of income to its members, directors or officers.
- 5. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions hereof and of the Declaration, the By-Laws and the Act.
- B. MEMBERS. The qualification of members, the manner of their admission to membership, termination of such membership, and voting by such members shall be as follows:
- 1. All Unit Owners shall be members of the Association. Membership shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Beneficial Interest which shall be issued for voting, purposes only.
- 2. Membership in the Association shall be established by recording in the Land Evidence Records of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, a deed or other instrument establishing a change of record title to a Unit in the Condominium, and the notification in writing to the Association of the recording information. The new record owner designated by such instrument thereby becomes a member of the Association. The membership of the prior owner shall thereby terminate.

The Declarant, to the extent of the ownership of Units, is a member of the Association, holding memberships equal to the number of Units it holds.

- 3. The share of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, pledged or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the Unit owned by the member.
- 4. Each member of the Association shall be entitled to one (1) vote, for each Unit the member owns. If the Unit is jointly owned by two or more persons (or by a corporation) the joint owners or the corporation, as the case may be, shall designate one person who shall exercise the right to vote permitted for each Unit owned. Voting rights will be exercised in the manner provided in the Declaration and by the By-Laws of the Association.
- 5. The By-Laws shall provide for an annual meeting of members, and may make provisions for regular and special meetings of members other than the annual meeting.

C. DIRECTORS.

- 1. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors ("Board"), consisting of the number of directors determined by the By-Laws, but not less than three (3) directors. Directors need not be members of the Association or owners of Units in the Condominium.
- 2. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the Act, the Declaration, these Articles and the By-Laws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board, its agents, contractors or employees, subject only to approval by Unit Owners, Institutional Mortgagees or the Developer, where such approval is specifically required by the terms of the Declaration.
- 3. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meetings of the members in the manner determined by the By-Laws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board shall hold office for the period described in the By-Laws.
- 4. The Developer of the Condominium shall appoint the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office for the period described in the By-Laws.

D. OFFICERS.

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the officers holding the offices designated in the By-Laws. The officers shall be elected by the Board at the first meeting following the annual meeting of the members of the Association, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The By-Laws may provide for the removal of officers, for filling vacancies, and for the duties of the officers.

E. INDEMNIFICATION.

1. 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, penalties, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, if he acted in good faith and 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, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

No indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for gross negligence, misfeasance or

malfeasance in the performance of his duty to the Association unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine, upon application, that despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses that such court shall deem proper.

The termination of any such acts, 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 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.

- 2. 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 Section 1 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.
- 3. Any indemnification under Section 1 above (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 above. Such determination shall be made by
- (a) the Board, by a majority vote of a quorum of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or
- (b) if such quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or
- (c) by a majority of the members of the Association.
- 4. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action suit or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board in the specific case, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of a director, officer, employee or agent to replay such amount, unless it shall ultimately be determined that s/he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article.
- 5. 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 By-Law, Agreement, vote of members or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity while holding such office 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.

- 6. 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 o 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. BYLAWS. The first By-Laws of the Association shall be those By-Laws appended to the Declaration, and may be altered or rescinded in the manner provided by the Declaration or said By-Laws by an affirmative unanimous consent of both Unit Owners in the Condominium.

G. AMENDMENTS.

- 1. For such time as the Declarant is entitled to control the Association as provided in the Declaration and in the Act, and subject to any restrictions as to subject matter contained in the Declaration and/or By-Laws, these Articles may be amended by the Declarant in its sole discretion, and in addition thereto, the proceedings of meetings of the Association shall have no effect unless approved by the Declarant as to the amendment of the Declaration or any other constituent document of the Condominium. This right is subject, however, to the provision that the Developer cannot make any substantial change in the purpose of the Association.
- 2. These Articles may also be amended in the following manner:
- (a) Notice of the subject matter of the proposed amendment shall be included in a notice of any regular and special meeting at which such proposed amendment is to be considered.
- (b) A resolution approving a proposed amendment may be proposed by either a majority of the Board or by unanimous consent of both Unit Owners representing of the units of the Condominium.
- (c) After being proposed and approved by one of said bodies, it must be submitted for approval and thereupon receive approval by the other body.
- (d) Such approval must be by an unanimous affirmative vote of the votes of the members of the Association, and by an unanimous affirmative vote of the members of the Board.
- 3. No amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership or in the voting rights or property rights of members, nor any changes in Section 3, 4, and 5 of Article III ("Powers") hereof, without the approval in writing of all members and the joinder of all record owners of mortgages upon Units. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Act, the Declaration or By-Laws nor shall any amendment make any changes which would in any way affect any of the rights, privileges, powers or options herein provided in favor of the Declarant, unless the Declarant shall join in the execution of the amendment.