# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

# ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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

First: The name of the corporation is CROWN COURT CONDOMINIUM CORPORATION

(hereinafter the Corporation or Association)

SECOND: The period of its duration (if perpetual, so state) shall be the life of the Condominium, unless terminated sooner by the unanimous action of its members.

THIRD: The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

The operation and management of the Condominium which is to be created upon improved lands located in Warwick, Rhode Island.

The Corporation is to undertake the administration of the operation and management of the Condominium in accordance with the terms, provisions, conditions, and authorizations contained in these Articles of Incorporation, and which may be contained in the Declaration which will be recorded among the Land Records of the City of Warwick, Rhode Island, and to own, maintain, manage, operate, lease, sell, trade and otherwise deal with such property, whether real or personal, as may be necessary and convenient in the administration of the Condominium.

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FOURTH: Provisions (if any) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, including provisions for the distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation, are:

(Note 1)

See Attached.

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FIFTH: The address of the initial regis	tered office of the corporation is 6828 Post	Road,
North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852		(add Zip Code),
and the name of its initial registered agent at	such address is: Richard G. Gelineau	•
SIXTH: The number of directors const and the names and addresses of the persons Name	tituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporate who are to serve as the intitial directors are:  Address	ion is3,
Richard G. Gelineau	6828 Post Road, North Kingstown,	RI 02852
Peter O. Masterson	P.O. Box 1211, East Greenwich, R	02818
Stephan G. Erinakes	11 Pricewood Drive, East Greenwic	ch, RI 02818
SEVENTH: The name and address of e  Name  Richard G. Gelineau	ach incorporator is:  **Address** 6828 Post Road, North Kingstown,	RI 02852
EIGHTH: Date when corporate existe incorporation): upon filing of	ence to begin (not more than 30 days after filing these Articles	SECRIBLE OF these articles of the
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Dated December 28 , 19 88	Fichard Gradien	20 A E
	Richard G. Gelineau	
	Incorporator(s)	

NOTE:

<sup>1.</sup> If no provision for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation or for the distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation are to be set forth, insert "None." In an appropriate case provisions relating to members, their qualifications and rights (Section 7-6-15) may be inserted here.

FOURTH: POWERS - The powers of the Association shall include the following provisions: 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 of Condominium, the By-Laws or the Act. The Association shall have all the powers and duties granted to the Association by Chapter 34-36.1, Rhode Island General 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 recorded among the Land Records of the City of Warwick, Rhode Island. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have power: 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. To buy, own, operate, lease, sell, trade, and mortgage real and personal property as may be necessary or convenient in the administration of the condominium. To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for

- (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 Owner.
- (d) To approve or disapprove the leasing, transfer, mortgaging, ownership and possesion 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 contrators 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 Condominium Property, and other property acquired or leased by the Association for use by the Unit Owner.
- (g) To purchase insurance upon the Condominium Property and insurance for the 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 their proceeds 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. The Association shall make no distribution of income to its members, directors, or officers. 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. MEMBER - The qualification of members, the manner of their admission to membership and termination of such membership and voting by such members shall be as follows: Membership shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Beneficial Interests which shall be issued for voting purposes only.

All Unit Owners shall be members of the Association.

Membership in the Association shall be established by recording in the Land Records of the City of Warwick, Rhode Island, a deed or other instrument establishing a change or 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 shall thereby terminate.

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

- 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 individual Unit.
- Members of the Association shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each residential Unit owned by such members. 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 resident Unit owned. There shall be a total of ten (10) votes comprising the vote of the Association. Voting rights will be exercised in the manner provided by the By-Laws of the Association.
- The By-Laws shall provide for an annual meeting of members, and may make provisions for regular and special meeting of members other than the annual meeting.

#### DIRECTORS

The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board consisting of the number of directors determined by the By-Laws, but which shall consist of 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 of Directors, its agents, contractors or employees, subject only to approval by Unit Owners, Institutional Mortgagees or the Developer which such approval is specifically required.
- 3. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members in the manner determined by the By-Laws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in this manner provided by 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. 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 of Directors of the Association at the first meeting following the annual meeting of the members of the Association and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The By-Laws may provide for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies and for the duties of the officers.

## E. INDEMNIFICATION

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 contemplating 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 interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, except that 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 or misfeasance or malfeasance in his 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 which such court shall deem proper. 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 or 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 expense (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 fourth in Section 1 above. Such determination shall be made by:
- (a) the Board of Directors 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 independant legal counsel in a written opinion, or 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 of Directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by and on behalf of a 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.
- 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 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. <u>BY-LAWS</u> - The first By-Laws of the Association shall be those By-Laws appended to the Declaration of Condominium and may be altered or rescinded in the manner provided by said By-Laws by affirmative vote of a majority of the Owners of Units.

## G. AMENDMENTS

Until such time as the Developer has completed and closed the sale of all of the Condominium Units in the Condominium for which this Association will operate, the Articles of Association may be amended as to any of the particulars contained herein by the Developer in its sole discretion, and in addition thereof, the proceedings of all meetings of the Association shall have no effect unless approved by the Developer as to the amendment of the Condominium documents. This right is subject, however, to the provisions that the Developer cannot make any substantial change in the purpose of the Association.