### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# SUNSET BAY AT BON SECOUR ISLAND VILLAS CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. AN ALABAMA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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The undersigned, acting as **Incorporator** does form a corporation under the **Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Act**, **Ala**. **Code 1975**, §10-3A-1, <u>et seq</u>., and the **Alabama Uniform Condominium Act of 1991**, **Ala Code 1975**, §35-8A-101, <u>et seq</u>., (collectively referred to in these **Articles of Incorporation** as the "**Acts**") and adopts the following **Articles of Incorporation**;

# Article One Name

The name of this Corporation shall be Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas Condominium Owners' Association, Inc. (the "Association").

# Article Two Definitions

All terms used in these **Articles of Incorporation** shall have the meaning given for each of them stated in the **Declaration of Condominium of Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium** (the "**Declaration**"), unless the context otherwise requires, and are incorporated by reference and made a part of these **Articles of Incorporation**. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the **Declaration**, **Articles of Incorporation** or **By-Laws**, the **Declaration** prevails, except to the extent the **Declaration** is inconsistent with the **Acts**.

# Article Three Period of Duration

The period of duration of the Association is perpetual unless and until legally dissolved.

# Article Four Not for Profit

The **Association** is not organized for pecuniary profit, and the **Association** shall pay no dividend, and shall distribute no part of the income of the **Association** to the **Members**, **Directors** or officers. Nevertheless, the **Association** may pay compensation in a reasonable amount to the **Members**, **Directors** and officers for services rendered, and the **Association** may confer benefits on the **Members** of the **Association** in conformity with the **Declaration** and for the purposes of the **Association**. On termination, the **Association** may make distributions to the **Members** of the **Association** as permitted by law, and no such payment, benefit or distribution shall be deemed to be a dividend or distribution of income. All funds and properties acquired by the **Association** and the proceeds from said funds and properties shall be held in trust for the **Members** of the **Association** in accordance with the provisions of the **Act**, the **Declaration** and the **By-Laws** of the **Association**. The **Members** of the **Association** shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the **Association**.

# Article Five Purposes

The **Association** is organized for the purpose of administering, maintaining, operating and managing **Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium** ("**Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium**"), located in **Baldwin County, Alabama**, according to the **Declaration** and to do all things incident, necessary, convenient, expedient, ancillary or in aid of the accomplishment of the foregoing.

### Article Six Powers

The **Association** shall have all the common law and statutory powers of a **Nonprofit Corporation** and shall have all the powers, duties and authority vested in the **Association** by the **Acts**, the **Declaration** or these **Articles of Incorporation**, including but not limited to the following:

- 1. To elect and remove officers of the **Association** as provided in the **By-Laws**;
- To administer the affairs of the Association and Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium:
- 3. To maintain bank accounts on behalf of the **Association** and to designate signatories required on said bank accounts;
- 4. To acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, subject to a **Security Interest**, or convey real, personal or mixed property, wherever situated, including with limits, **Units** in **Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas**, a **Condominium**;
- To pay the cost of all taxes and utilities assessed against Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium that are not assessed and billed to the Owners of individual Units;
- To borrow money on behalf of the Association when required in connection with the operation, care, upkeep and maintenance of the Common Elements, Provided, However, that the consent of at least two-thirds of the votes of the Members, obtained at a meeting duly called and held for such purpose in accordance with the provision of the By-Laws, shall be required for the borrowing of such money;
- 7. To estimate the amount of the annual budget and to make, levy, enforce and collect Assessments against Owners to defray the costs, expenses and losses of Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium, and to provide adequate remedies for failure to pay such Assessments;
- 8. To use the proceeds of **Assessments** in the exercise of the powers and duties of the **Association**:
- 9. To maintain, repair, replace and operate Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium, including the reasonable right of entry upon any Unit to make emergency repairs and to do other work reasonably necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium and the right to grant leases, permits, licenses and easements over the common areas for utilities, roads and other purposes reasonably necessary or useful for the proper maintenance or operation of Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium;
- 10. To purchase insurance on Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium, and to purchase insurance for the protection of the Association and the Members, and the Directors and officers of the Association;
- 11. To reconstruct Improvements after casualty and to further improve Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium;
- 12. To make and amend reasonable Rules and Regulations respecting the use of Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium and the operation of Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium;

- 13. To contract for the management of Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium and to delegate to such managing agent or contractor all powers and duties of the Association except such as are specifically required by the Declaration to have approval of the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association;
- **14.** To retain attorneys, accountants and other professionals;
- 15. To employ personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium;
- 16. To purchase a **Unit** in **Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium** for the purposes authorized in the **Declaration**;
- 17. To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Acts, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association, and the Rules and Regulations for the use of Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium or the property of the Association. To maintain a class action and to settle a cause of action on behalf of Owners with reference to the Common Elements and Limited Common Elements, the roof and structural components of a building or other Improvement, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing elements serving an Improvement or a building as distinguished from such elements serving only one Unit; and to bring an action and to settle the same on behalf of two or more of the Owners, as their respective interests may appear, with respect to any cause of action relating to the Common Elements or Limited Common Elements or more than one Condominium Unit; all as the Board of Directors deems advisable:
- 18. To procure such fidelity bonds, as the Board of Directors deems advisable, covering officers and employees of the Association handling and responsible for the funds and personal property of the Association, and to procure liability insurance for Directors and officers, if the Board of Directors deems it advisable, and the premiums of such bonds and insurance shall be paid by the Association as Common Expense;
- 19. The objects and purposes set forth in these **Articles of Incorporation** shall be construed as powers, as well as objects and purposes, and the **Association** shall have and may exercise such powers as if such powers were set forth in full in these **Articles of Incorporation**;
- 20. The Association shall have and may exercise all powers as shall enable the Association to do each and every thing necessary, suitable, convenient, expedient or proper for the accomplishment of any or all purposes and the attainment of any or all objects set forth in these Articles of Incorporation; and
- 21. The **Association** shall have and may exercise all powers set forth in any other **Article** of these **Articles of Incorporation**.

# Article Seven Membership and Voting Rights

The **Association** shall issue no shares of stock of any kind or nature whatsoever. Every **Person** or entity who is a record **Owner** of a fee simple interest or undivided fee interest in any **Unit** in **Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas**, a **Condominium** shall be a **Member** of the **Association**. The foregoing is not intended to include **Persons** or entities who hold a **Security Interest**, merely as security for the performance of an obligation, unless and until such holder of a **Security Interest** has acquired title to the **Unit** pursuant to foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure and the deed evidencing title has been duly and properly recorded at which time such holder of a **Security Interest** shall become a **Member** and the debtor's membership shall cease, regardless of whether or not there is an outstanding right of redemption to the **Unit**. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from the ownership of any **Unit**. The share of a **Member** in the funds or assets of the **Association** cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in

any manner, except as an appurtenance to the **Unit**. The **Members** shall enjoy such qualifications, rights and voting rights as may be fixed in the **Declaration** and in the **By-Laws** of the **Association**.

### Article Eight Board of Directors

The property, business and affairs of the **Association** shall be managed by a **Board of Directors** consisting of a number which is not less than three but not more than, from time to time, shall be determined and fixed by a vote of a **Majority** of the voting rights present at any annual or special meeting of the **Members**. Except as may otherwise be provided in the **Declaration** and in the **By-Laws**, each **Director** may be either a **Person** designated by the **Declarant** or a **Person** entitled to cast a vote in the **Association**. The **Directors** may be designated or elected and removed, and vacancies on the **Board of Directors** shall be filled as provided in the **Declaration** and in the **By-Laws**. All the duties and powers of the **Association** existing under the **Acts**, **Declaration**, these **Articles of Incorporation** and the **By-Laws** shall be exercised exclusively by the **Board of Directors** or the agents, contractors or employees of the **Board of Directors**, subject only to approval of the **Owners** when such approval is specifically required by the **Acts**, the **Declaration**, these **Articles of Incorporation** or the **By-Laws**.

The initial **Board of Directors** shall be composed of three **Directors**. The names and addresses of the three **Directors** of the initial **Board of Directors**, who shall hold office until election or appointment of their successors, are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	
Steve H. Bryan	779 Avery Boulevard North Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157	
John K. King	779 Avery Boulevard North Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157	
Greg Murphey	779 Avery Boulevard North Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157	

### Article Nine By-Laws

The **By-Laws** of the **Association** shall be adopted by the **Board of Directors** and may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided in the **By-Laws**.

# Article Ten Officers

The affairs of the **Association** shall be administered by the officers designated in accordance with the **By-Laws**. The names and the addresses of the officers who shall serve until the election or appointment of their successors in accordance with the **By-Laws** are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	Office	Address
Steve H. Bryan	President	779 Avery Boulevard North Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157
Greg Murphey	Secretary/ Treasurer	779 Avery Boulevard North Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157

### Article Eleven Indemnification and Limitation of Liability

Every **Director** and every officer of the **Association** shall be indemnified by the **Association** against all expenses and liabilities, or any settlement, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon each **Director** or officer in connection with any proceeding to which each **Director** or officer may be a party, or in which each **Director** or officer may become involved, by reason of said **Director** or officer being or having been a **Director** or officer of the **Association**, whether or not said **Director** is a **Director** or said officer is an officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the **Director** or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of the duties of said **Director** or officer; provided that in the event of a settlement, the indemnification provided for in these **Articles of Incorporation** shall apply only when the **Board of Directors** approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the **Association**. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such **Director** or such officer may be entitled.

A Director or officer shall not be liable to the Association or the Members of the Association for money damages for any action taken, or any failure to take action, as a Director or officer, except for (i) the amount of a financial benefit received by such Director or such officer to which such Director or such officer is not entitled; (ii) an intentional infliction of harm by such Director or such officer on the Association or the Members; (iii) a violation of the Ala. Code 1975, §10-2B-8.33 or any successor provision to such section; (iv) an intentional violation by such Director or such officer of criminal law; or (v) a breach of duty of lovalty by such Director or such officer to the Association or the Members. If the Alabama Business Corporation Act, or successor statute, is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of a Director or officer of a corporation, or to provide greater rights of indemnification for any officer, Director, agent or employee of a corporation, then the liability of a Director or officer of the Association, in addition to the limitations on liability provided for in these Articles of Incorporation, shall be limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Alabama Business Corporation Act as amended or any successor statute, and the rights of indemnification of such officer, Director, employer or agent shall be similarly enhanced to the fullest extent permitted. Any repeal or modification of this Article Eleven by the Members of the Association shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the liability or rights of indemnification of a Director or officer of the Association existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

### Article Twelve Incorporator

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

<u>Name</u>

Bon Secour Development, L.L.C., an Alabama Limited Liability Company

Address

779 Avery Boulevard Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157

# Article Thirteen <u>Declarant Control</u>

The **Declarant** shall retain control of the **Association** in accordance with the terms and conditions of the **Declaration**.

# Article Fourteen Registered Office and Agent

The location address of the initial registered office of the **Association** is **16850 County Road 6 Ext.**, **Gulf Shores**, **Alabama 36542** and the mailing address of the initial registered office of the **Association** is **16850 County Road 6 Ext.**, **Gulf Shores**, **Alabama 36542**. The name of the initial agent of the **Association** at such address is **Steve H. Bryan**.

### Article Fifteen Amendment

These **Articles of Incorporation** may be amended as provided in the **Acts**, provided that no amendment shall be in conflict with the **Declaration** and provided further that no amendment shall be effective to impair or dilute any rights of any **Members** that are governed by the **Declaration**.

# Article Sixteen Related Party Transactions

No contract or other transaction between the Association or any Person, firm, association or corporation and no other act of the Association shall, in the absence of fraud, be invalidated or in any way affected by the fact that any of the Directors or officers of the Association are directly or indirectly. pecuniarily or otherwise interested in such contract, transaction or other act, or are related to or interested in (either as Director, stockholder, officer, employee, member or otherwise) such Person, firm, association or corporation. Any Director or officer of the Association individually, or any firm or association of which any Director of officer may be a member, may be a party to, or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, any contract or transaction of the Association, provided that the fact that said Director or officer, individually, or such firm or association is so interested, shall be disclosed or known to the Board of Directors or a Majority of the members of the Board of Directors as shall be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee of Directors having the powers of the full Board of Directors, at which action upon any such contract, transaction or other act is taken, and if such fact shall be so disclosed or known, any Director or officer of the **Association** so related or otherwise interested may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum of any meeting of the Board of Directors or of such committee, at which action upon any such contract, transaction or act shall be taken, and may vote with respect to such action with like force and effect as if said Director or officer of the Association were not so related or interested. Any Director or officer of the Association may vote upon any contract or other transaction between the Association and any affiliated corporation without regard to the fact that said Director or officer is also a director of such affiliated corporation.

### Article Seventeen Dissolution

The Association shall be dissolved upon the termination of Sunset Bay at Bon Secour Island Villas, a Condominium in the manner provided in the Declaration and Acts. Upon dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association, if any, and all money received by the Association from the operations of the Association, after the payment in full of all debts and obligations of the Association of whatsoever kind and nature, shall be used and distributed solely and exclusively in the manner provided for in the Acts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed this 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2007.

Incorporator:

Bon Secour Development, L.L.C., an Alabama Limited Liability Company

Steve H. Brýàn Its: Managing Member

### **STATE OF ALABAMA**

#### **COUNTY OF BALDWIN**

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, personally appeared **Steve H. Bryan**, whose name as **Managing Member** of **Bon Secour Development, L.L.C., an Alabama Limited Liability Company**, is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is authorized to execute this instrument on behalf of the **Company** and that the facts contained in the above and foregoing **Articles of Incorporation** are true and correct.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before

mé this 23<sup>rd</sup> dáy of August, 2007.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

NOT ARY PUBLIC STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: Sept 28, 2010

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: Sam W. Irby

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