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DECLARATION OF UNIT OWNERSHIP
SEA OATS VILLAS CONDOMINIUMS
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Sea Oats Partnership, a general partnership, pursuant to Chapter 47A of the North Carolina General Statutes entitled "Unit Ownership Act" do hereby state and declare:

SECTION 1. Statement of Submission.

- A. Sea Oats Partnership is the record owner of the land hereinafter described and hereby declare and submit the same to the condominium form of ownership and use in accordance with Chapter 47A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled Unit Ownership Act.
- 1. The name by which the condominium is to be identified is "Sea Oats Villas Condominiums" located in the Town of Kill Devil Hills, Dare County, North Carolina.
- 2. The legal description of the land which is included in and submitted to condominium ownership is located in the Town of Kill Devil Hills, Atlantic Township, Dare County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located in the Eastern margin or right of way of U.S. 158 Business Highway, which highway has a 60 foot right of way at this point, and which point of beginning is located 100 feet on a course of North 20° 00' 00" . West along the said highway right of way from a concrete monument marking the Northwestern corner of property known as the Croatan Inn, formerly Russell A. Griggs property; and the said point of beginning being further located the following course and distances from a concrete monument marking the Southwest intersection of Landing Drive and U.S. 158 Business running through the Town of Kill Devil Hills: North 70° East 59.28 feet across U.S. 158 Business to a point in the Eastern margin thereof; thence South 20° 00' 00" East along the Eastern margin of U.S. 158 Business a distance of 261.29 feet to a point marking the Southwest corner of property now or formerly owned by Francis C. Cooper; thence continuing the same course as the preceding call a distance of 17 feet to the point of beginning. Running thence from the point of beginning a course of South 20° 00' 00" East along the Eastern right of way of U.S. 158 Business a distance of 100 feet to a concrete monument marking the Northwestern corner of the Croatan Inn property referenced above; thence turning and running North 70° 00' 00" East along the Croatan Inn North line a distance of 395.04 feet to an iron pipe which marks the South terminus point of a tie line referred to hereinafter, and which point is referred to herein as "Point A"; thence continuing the same course as the preceding call a distance of 247 feet more or less to the highwater mark of the Atlantic Ocean; thence turning and running North along the highwater mark of the Atlantic Ocean a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence turning and running South 70° 00' 00" West a distance of 247 feet more or less to a point, referred to herein as "Point B" and which point is located

the following course and distance along a tie line from "Point A" referred above; North 20° 00' 00" West a distance of 100 feet; thence running from the said "Point B" as established above a course of South 70° 00' 00" West a distance of 395.04 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Same being shown and delineated on a map or plat prepared by C. P. Lewis, Surveyor, dated August 11, 1980, entitled "Survey for Sea Oats Partnership", a copy of which plat is attached hereto and incorporated herein for a more particular description.

Same being the property conveyed to Sea Oats Partnership by deed of S. Curtis Gray, Jr., dated September 29, 1980, and filed for record in the Dare County Registry.

- SECTION 2. <u>Definitions</u>. All terms shall have the meaning as set out in Chapter 47A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and in addition thereto and for clarification, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- A. "Apartment Unit" means "condominium unit" or "unit" and is synonymous therewith as defined in N.C.G.S. 47A-3 (12).
- B. "Association" or "Association of Unit Owners" means all of the unit owners acting as a group in accordance with the By-Laws and Declaration. As to Sea Oats Villas Condominiums, this term means Sea Oats Villas Condominium Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina.
- C. "Articles" means the Articles of Incorporation of The Sea Oats Villas Condominiums Association, Inc.
- . D. "Building" means a building, or a group of buildings, each building containing one or more units, and comprising a part of the property; provided that the property shall contain not less than two units.
- E. "Common Areas" or "Common Elements" means all that portion of the condominium property which is not included in the individual condominium units and as further defined in N.C.G.S. 47A-3 (2), except those items listed in paragraphs 'h' therein, unless specifically set out in this section.
- F. "Common Expenses" means expenses for which the condominium unit owners are liable to the Association as defined in the North Carolina Unit Ownership Act and in the condominium documents and includes:
 - 1. All sums lawfully assessed against the unit owners by the association of unit owners;
 - Expenses of administration, maintenance, repair or replacement of the common areas and facilities, and association owned property;
 - Expenses agreed upon as common expenses by the association of unit owners;
 - 4. Expenses declared common expenses by the provisions of Chapter 47A of the General Statutes, or by the Declaration or the By-Laws;
 - 5. Hazard insurance premiums, if required.
- G. "By-Laws" means the by-laws of Sca Oats Villas Condominiums Association, Inc.

- H. "Common profits" means the balance of all income, rents, profits, and revenues from the common areas and facilities remaining after the deduction of the common expenses.
- I. "Condominium" means the ownership of single units as a multi-unit structure with common areas and facilities.
- J. "Declaration" means the instrument, duly recorded, by which the property is submitted to the provisions of Chapter 47A of the General Statutes, as hereinafter provided, and as such declaration from time to time may be lawfully amended.
- K. "Limited common areas and facilities" means and includes those common areas and facilities which are agreed upon by all the unit owners to be reserved for the use of a certain number of units to the exclusion of the other units, such as special corridors, stairways and elevators, sanitary services common to the units of a particular floor, and the like.
- L. "Majority" or "majority of unit owners" means the owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate interests in the common areas and facilities as established by the declaration, assembled at a duly called meeting of the unit owners.
- M. "Person" means individual, corporation, partnership, association, trustee, or other legal entity.
- N. "Property" means and includes the land, the buildings, all improvements and structures thereon and all easements, rights and appurtenances belonging thereto, and all articles of personal property intended to be submitted to the provisions of this chapter.
 - O. "Owners" means the Declarants, Sea Oats Villas Partnership.
- P. "Recordation" means to file of record in the office of the county register of deeds in the county where the land is situated, in the manner provided by law for recordation of instruments affecting real estate.
- Q. "Unit" or "condominium unit" means an enclosed space consisting of one or more rooms occupying all or part of a floor in a building of one or more floors or stories regardless of its designated use and shall include such accessory spaces and areas as may be described in the declaration, such as garage space, storage space, balcony, terrace or patio, provided it has a direct exit to a thoroughfare or to a given common space leading to a thoroughfare.
- R. "Unit designation" means the number, letter, or combination thereof designating the unit in the declaration.
- S. "Unit owner" means a person, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other legal entity, or any combination thereof, who owns a unit within the building.
- SECTION 3. <u>Building Description</u>. The condominium building constructed on the hereinabove described real property consists of three (3) floors in the building with each floor in the building containing five (5) units for a total of fifteen (15) condominium units. The buildings themselves are constructed upon foundations consisting of 12" diameter pilings being placed as per plans on center throughout. Each row of pilings support three (3) 2" x 12" girders which support the load bearing walls and

floors. The floors consist of 2" x 8" joists located 16' on centers with a 1/2" plywood subfloor located underneath a 5/8" partical board on which the carpet pad and carpet inside each unit is installed. The first floor has 6" insulation. All other floors have thermoply insulative sheathing with the ceiling consisting of 5/8" dry wall. The exterior walls are constructed by 2" x 4" studs located 16" on center with R-13 insulation, 5/8" dry wall inside and 1/2" plywood and 5/8" exterior T-111 plywood outside. The interior walls are 2" x 4" studs located 16" on center with 1/2" dry wall on each side. In addition the walls located between apartment units contain R-11 insulation in each wall. The roof consist of built up tar and gravel which is located on top of 1/2" Cox plywood sheathing supported by 2" x 8" rafters located 16" on center.

SECTION 4. Apartment Unit Designation and Description. There are fifteen (15) condominium unit apartments, five (5) on each floor of the condominium building, each apartment being designated by an alpha numerical figure. The first number being the building number and the second digit being a letter designating the apartment unit within the building. The first floor apartments in each building are designated 1A through 5A, the second floor apartments are designated 1B through 5B, and the third floor apartments are designated 1C through 5C. Apartment units A through C each have approximately 870 square feet of floor space.

Each of the condominium living units shall be known and designated by the number shown for each unit on the Foundation Plan, Floor Plans Sheet. Each unit shall consist of an enclosed space designated as a dwelling occupying part of a floor in a building as shown on the plats recorded in the Dare County Registry and lying between the unfinished surface of the floor and the unfinished surface of the ceiling of each floor or story of the building and between the interior finished surface on the inside of each unit. The balcony adjoining each unit shall be a part thereof and shall be bounded horizontally by vertical planes coinciding with the interior surface of the railings, and the exterior surface of the wall of the building, and extending vertically from the top of the unfinished floor of the balcony to a horizontal plane in an extension of the bottom of the unfinished ceiling of the unit.

Each condominium living unit shall include the exclusive right to all space and facilities located within the area above described for each such unit including, but not limited to, partitions, doors, windows, plumbing, heating, electric and other facilities located within that condominium unit, except such elements hereinafter described as general common elements.

Each apartment unit shall have access over a common area walkway leading to a stairwell.

SECTION 5. Common Elements, Areas and Expenses Related Thereto.

- A. The general common elements or areas located in Sea Oats Villas Condominiums shall be as follows:
 - 1. All of the land and the premises above described in Section 1 hereof, including all appurtenant rights thereto, shall be general common elements. All facilities located underground shall be general common elements, including any septic tank installation and associated pumps, pipes, tanks, drainfields and lines, and waste treatment facilities and systems associated therewith.
 - 2. At the ground level and extending thereupwards, all of the area of said premises not included in the condominium units as described in Section 4 hereof and all facilities not located in said condominium areas, shall be general common elements.

B. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be three and the names and address of the persons who are to serve as the first Board of Directors are as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Robert Gaither

Don Taylor

E. Paul Breaux

P. O. Box 1231, Elmwood Avenue Columbia, S.C. 29201 P. O. Box 1231, Elmwood Avenue

Columbia, S.C. 29201 P. O. Box S

Kill Devil Hills, N.C.

- C. The first election by the members of the Corporation for Directors shall not be held until after the Developer has relinquished control of the Association as described in Paragraph D of this Article VI. Thereafter, the election of Directors shall take place at the annual meeting of the membership as provided in the By-Laws. After the Developer has relinquished control, there shall be a special meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting and until new Directors are elected and qualified.
- D. For so long as the Owner owns four (4) condominium units in Sea Oats Villas Condominiums or until December 30, 1980, whichever is sooner, the Owners shall have the right to appoint, designate and elect all of the members of the initial Board. The Owners may, at any time, relinquish its right to appoint Directors and resign its Directorships. The Owners shall relinquish their right to appoint Directors and cause the initial Board to resign at the time hereinabove described in the first sentence of this paragraph. Provided further, upon completion of additional condominium buildings on adjacent property, the owners shall have an absolute right of veto over all matters, otherwise properly before the Board of Directors, which in any way affects the newly constructed condominium on the adjacent property, for so long as the developer owns four (4) units in that condominium, or until the last day of the calendar year next succeeding the calendar year in which the first unit in the newly developed condominium buildings is sold.

VII

TAX STATUS

The corporation shall have all the powers granted nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of North Carolina. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code. It is further provided that no distributions of income of the corporation are to be made to members, directors or officers of the corporation provided, however, that members of the corporation may receive a rebate of any excess dues and assessments.

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is: Starkey Sharp, P. O. Box 221, Kitty Hawk, N.C. 27949.

IN	TESTIMONY	WHEREOF,	I have	hereunto	se t	my	hand	and	seal.	this	the
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Starkey Sharp

- A. The members of the association shall be the condominium unit owners.
- B. The association shall be incorporated under the Articles of Incorporation in the form attached as Exhibit B, but the Articles of Incorporation may be amended as permitted by law without amending this Declaration.
- C. The initial By-Laws of the association shall be in the form attached as Exhibit C, but may be amended as therein provided or as permitted by law without amending this Declaration, except as required by law.
- D. The share of a member in the funds and assets of the association cannot be assigned, hypothecated, or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to such member's apartment unit.
- E. Whenever the decision of an apartment unit owner is required upon any matter, whether or not the subject of an association meeting, such decision shall be expressed by the same person, in person or by proxy who would cast the vote of such owner if in an association meeting. Where any unit is owned as a tenancy in common or as a tenancy by the entirety, said tenants may determine between or among themselves how the vote to which they are entitled shall be cast, but the chairman of the meeting of the association shall not accept any division of a vote that said owners would otherwise be entitled to cast if said tenants do no unanimously agree between or among themselves as how their vote would be cast.

SECTION 14. Insurance.

- A. Insurance policies upon the condominium property covering the items described in Paragraph B of this Section shal be purchased by the association for the benefit of the association and the apartment unit owners and their mortgagees as their interests may appear. Such policies and endorsements shall be issued in the name of and deposited with the Board of Directors of the association as trustee for each of the apartment unit owners in the percentages of interest of each apartment unit owner established in this Declaration in Section 5.
 - B. Insurance shall cover the following:
 - 1. All buildings and improvements upon the land and all personal property included in the common elements shall be insured in an amount equal to the maximum insurable replacement value without deduction for depreciation, as determined annually by the Board of Directors of the association. Such coverage shall afford protection against loss or damage by fire and other hazards covered by a standard extended coverage endorsement, including flood insurance and such other risks as are customarily covered with respect to buildings similar to the buildings on the land, such as vandalism and malicious mischief.
 - 2. Public liability insurance in such amounts and with such coverages as shall be required by the Board of Directors of the association, and with a cross liability endorsement to cover liabilities of the apartment unit owners as a group to an apartment unit owner.
 - Workmen's compensation as required by law.
 - 4. Such other insurance as the Board of Directors of the Association may determine from time to time to be desirable.
- C. Premiums upon insurance policies purchased by the association shall be paid by the association as a common expense.



- D. The Board of Directors of the association, acting on behalf of the apartment unit owners, is hereby irrevocably appointed agent for each apartment owner to adjust all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by the association, and to execute and deliver releases upon the payment of claims.
- E. All apartment unit owners and mortgagees of apartment unit owne shall be furnished copies of each insurance policy purchased by the association, showing the name of the insurance trustee, the name of the insurance company, the policy number, the effective date and the expiration date of the policy, the total amount of the policy and the name and address of the insurance agent issuing the policy. The copy shall also provide that the apartment unit owner and the mortgagee of each apartment unit owner shall be furnished notice of any change in or cancellation of the policy with thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of said change or cancellation.
- F. Each apartment unit owner shall have the right to insure his own apartment unit for his own benefit, though his provision will not alter or vary the requirement that the association purchase insurance on the building and improvements in the condominium. Any apartment unit owner that has made, or does make, permanent improvements within his apartment unit that have become or will become affixed to the realty, and who desires additional specific contingent insurance on such improvements, may request the association's insurance trustee to include this coverage as a separage item in the standard Improvements and Betterments clause of the association's policy, the premiums for said additional coverage to be paid in advance by the apartment unit owner so requesting the coverage at his own expense and said premiums shall not be a portion of the common expenses of the association. The association's insurance trustee may not unreasonably deny such a request, but it shall not be liable for failure to see that such additional insurance is properly issued.
- G. The association will not purchase or obtain insurance to cover the personal property of an apartment unit owner, nor will the association purchase or obtain insurance to cover the individual liability of an apartment unit owner for injuries and damages suffered by anyone or anything within an apartment unit if said injuries or damages are not a liability of the association.

SECTION 15. Repair and Replacement of Destroyed Property.

- A. Damage to or destruction of the building and improvements shall be promptly repaired and restored by the Board of Directors of the association using the proceeds of insurance for that purpose. If there is a deficiency in the proceeds of the insurance policies, the apartment unit owners shall be assessed, as a common expense, the difference between the amount of the insurance proceeds and the amount necessary to repair, rebuild or replace the damaged building or improvement to its original condition.
- B. All repairs or reconstruction shall be made substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications used for the original structures or buildings, which plans are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- C. If the building shall be more than two-thirds (2/3rds) destroyed by fire or other disaster and the owners of three-fourths (3/4ths) of the units duly resolve not to proceed with repair or restoration, then and in that event:
 - 1. The property shall be deemed to be owned as a tenancy in common by the unit owners;
 - 2. The undivided interests in the property owned by the unit owners as tenants in common which shall appertain to each unit owner shall be the percentage of undivided interest previously owned by such owner in the common areas and facilities:

- 3. Any liens affecting any of the units shall be deemed to be transferred in accordance with the existing priorities to the percentage of the undivided interest of the unit owner in the property as provided herein;
- 4. The property shall be subject to an action for sale for partition at the suit of any unit owner, in which event the net proceeds of sale, together with the net proceeds of insurance policies, if any, shall be considered as one fund and shall be divided among all the unit owners in proportion to their respective undivided ownership of the common areas and facilities, after first paying out of the respective shares of unit owners, to the extent sufficient for that purpose, all liens on the unit of each unit owner; and
- 5. All real property owned by the association itself shall be transferred by recordable instrument to the individual unit owners in the same proportions as their ownership in the common areas appears.
- D. Any proceeds remaining from any insurance policies after damages for which proceeds have been paid for repair or restoration, and such repaid or restoration has been completed, shall be paid to the association to be applied to common expenses.
- E. If damage occurs only to those parts of an apartment unit for which the responsibility of maintenance and repair is that of the apartment unit owner as provided in Section 10, then the apartment unit owner shall be responsible for construction and repair after casualty.

SECTION 16. Compliance and Default.

- A. Each apartment unit owner shall be governed by and shall comply with the terms of this Declaration, the By-Laws of the association and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and by such documents and regulations as the same may be amended from time to time. A violation or default shall entitle the association, or other apartment unit owners, to the relief described in Paragraph D of this Section in addition to the remedies provided by the Unit Ownership Act.
- B. An apartment unit owner shall be liable for the expense of any maintenance, repair or replacement rendered necessary by his act, neglect or carelessness or by that of any member of his family or his or their guests, tenants, employees, agents or lesses. This provision shall apply even though the maintenance, repair or replacement would otherwise be a common expense to be paid by the association. Such liability shall include any increase in fire insurance rates occasioned by use, misuse, occupancy or abandonment of an apartment unit or its appurtenances.
- C. The failure of the association or any apartment unit owner to enforce any covenant, restriction or other provision of this Declaration, the By-Laws of the association or the regulations adopted thereto, shall not constitute a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- D. Any unit owner, the manager, Board of Directors of the association or a combination of unit owners may invoke any appropriate civil remedy to enforce the terms of this Declaration, or the By-Laws of the association.
- SECTION 17. Amendments. This Declaration may be amended by the association in the following manner:
- A. Notice of the subject matter of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting of the members of the association at which a proposed amendment is to be considered.

- B. A resolution adopting a proposed amendment may be proposed by either the Board of Directors of the association or by any member of the association. Directors and members not present in person or by proxy at any meeting considering the amendment may express their approval in writing, providing such approval is delivered to the secretary at or prior to the meeting. Except as elsewhere provided, such approvals must be by not less than 75% of the entire membership of the association.
- C. No amendment shall discriminate against any apartment unit owner or against any apartment unit or class or group of apartment units unless the apartment unit owners so affected shall consent. No amendment shall change any apartment unit owner's share in the common elements appurtenant to his unit, nor increase the apartment unit owner's share of the common expenses, unless the record owner of the apartment unit and all record owners of liens thereon shall join in the execution of the amendment.
- If and in the event the owners, their heirs or assigns, develop a similar type condominium on adjoining property to the east of the Sea Oats Villas Condominiums property which is now owned by them, at their option, the condominium owner's association for those condominiums may be combined with this association so as to constitute one association for all condominiums located on Sea Oats Villas Condominiums property and the adjoining property. Within sixty (60) days of the filing of a Declaration of Unit Ownership for the adjoining new condominiums, the Board of Directors shall propose an amended Declaration of Unit Ownership for Sea Oats Villas Condominium, which amended Declaration and By-Laws shall be drafted so as to consolidate, in all respects, the new and old condominiums into one development and to bring the new condominium owners into membership into the association and submit all association owned property and common areas to unit ownership. The amended Declaration of Unit Ownership shall provide for a change in the undivided interests in the common areas and the proportionate shares in the funds and expenses of the Association at such time as the additional condominium property is added to the existing property in this Declaration. The proportionate share of each unit shall be a fraction in which the numerator is one (1) and the denominator is the total number of condominium units.
- E. A copy of each amendment shall be certified by the President and Secretary of the association as having been duly adopted and shall be effective when recorded in the office of the Dare County Register of Deeds.

SECTION 19. Agent for the Service of Process.

A. E. Paul Breaux, whose address is P. O. Box S, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina 27948, is hereby designated as the agent upon whom service of process may be made in any action or proceeding brought against the Condominium.

SECTION 20. Termination.

- A. This condominium may be terminated by all of the apartment unit owners executing an instrument for that purpose to be recorded in the Dare County Registry. Said instrument must also include the consent of all holders of liens on apartment units that his or its lien may be transferred to the percentage of the undivided interest of the apartment unit owner subsequent to termination.
- B. When a termination has been effected as herein provided, all the property previously subject to the Unit Ownership Act shall be deemed to be owned by all of the apartment unit owners as tenants in common, including those parcels of land over which an apartment unit is situated. And further, the association, prior to dissolution, shall convey to all

the unit owners, as tenants in common, all real property owned by the association by a duly executed deed of conveyance. Each tenant's undivided interest shall be that percentage of the undivided interest previously owned by such apartment unit owner in the common elements and facilities.

SECTION 20. Status of Owners.

- Upon initial creation of Sea Oats Villas Condominium Association, Inc., the Owners shall have control of and shall appoint the Board of Directors therefor. At such time as twelve (12) units are sold in the condominium buildings, the Owners within fifteen (15) days shall turn over and deliver control of the Condominium Association Board of Directors to the duly elected officers of Sea Oats Villas Condominiums Association, Inc., as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws.
- For as long as the Owners are the record owners of one or more condominium apartment units which remain unsold, the Owners shall be responsible for and pay their prorata portion of the common expenses as determined by the association.
- Until the Owners have sold all of the apartment units neither the condominium unit owners, nor the association, nor the use of the condominium property shall interfere with the completion of the contemplated inprovements and sale of the condominium units. The Owners' may make use of the unsold condominium apartment units and common areas as may facilitate completion of the construction thereof and sale, including but not limited to the maintenance of a sales office, model apartment, the showing of the property and displaying of advertising signs.

SECTION 21. Severability. If any provision of this Condominium Declaration or any of the condominium documents is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder of this Declaration and the other condominium documents shall not be affected thereby.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the partners of Sea Oats Partnership have hereunto set their hands and seals this the 27th day of February 1981.

> ONTS/PART NERSHIP: (SEAL) E. Taylo; Associates Realty Co, ATTEST: (SEAL) (SEAL) (SEAL)

North Carolina Dare County

I, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that Don E. Taylor, President of Don E. Taylor & Associates Realty Co., Inc., General Partner, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of when foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this the 27th day 35 February, 19 Notary Pub DARE CUCHIY WARE COCH ...

EXHIBIT 1

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SEA OATS VILLAS CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION, INC.

I, the undersigned, natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, do hereby make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a Non-Profit Corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Non-Profit Corporation Act", and the several amendments thereto, and to that end do hereby set forth:

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NAME

The name of the corporation is Sea Oats Villas Condominiums Association, Inc.

II

DURATION

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

III

PURPOSES AND POWERS

The purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

- (a) The operation and management of condominium apartment buildings known as SEA OATS VILLAS CONDOMINIUMS, which may be established in accordance with Chapter 47A of the General Statutes of North Carolina UNIT OWNERSHIP ACT and to that end shall have power and authority;
- (1) To undertake the performance of, and carry out the acts and duties incident to the administration of the operation and management of Sea Oats Villas Condominiums in accordance with the terms, provisions, conditions and authorization contained in these Articles and in the Declaration which shall be recorded in the Public Records of Dare County, North Carolina, at such time as portions of real property and the improvements thereon are submitted to a plan of unit ownership;
- (ii) To make, establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of condominium units, common elements, limited common elements, condominium property and real and personal property which may be owned by the Association itself;
- (iii) To make, levy and collect assessments against condominium unit owners; to provide the funds to pay for common expenses of the condominium as provided in the condominium documents and the Unit Ownership Act and, to use and expend the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of the powers and duties of the Association;
- (iv) To maintain, repair, replace and operate the condominium property, specifically including all portions of the condominium property to which the Association has the right and power to maintain, repair, replace and operate inaccordance with the condominium documents and the Unit Ownership Act;

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B. After the completion of the improvements including the common elements which are contemplated by this Declaration, there shall be a alteration or further improvement of the real property constituting to common elements without prior approval in writing by the owners of not less than 75% of the common elements and any such alteration or improvement shall not directly interfere with the rights of any unit owner, without first obtaining his written consent. There shall be no change in the shares and rights of any unit owner in the common elements which are altered or further improved, whether or not such unit owner contributes to the cost thereof, except by an Amended Declaration.

SECTION 12. Assessments.

- A. Assessments against apartment unit owners for common expenses shall be made pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 47A-12 and the By-laws of the association and shall be allocated as set forth in Section 5, paragraph B of this Declaration.
- B. Any sums assessed by the Association for the share of the common expenses chargeable to any unit, and remaining unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days or longer, shall constitute a lien on such apartment unit when filed for record in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dare County by the association under the provisions of Article 8 of Chapter 44 of the North Carolina General Statutes and any amendments or supplements thereto. The lien created herein shall be prior to all other liens except (a) liens for real estate taxes due and unpaid, (b) all sums unpaid on deeds of trust and other encumbrances recorded against the unit prior to the docketing of this lien, and (c) materialmen's and mechanics liens.
- C. A lien created pursuant to paragraph B above may be foreclosed by suit by the Board of Directors of the Association, acting on behalf of the apartment unit owners, in like manner as a foreclosure of a deed of trust or mortgage of real property. The Board of Directors of the Association, acting on behalf of the apartment unit owners, may maintain a suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid common expenses without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing said common expenses. The unit owner shall be responsible for all court costs, interest and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the collection, by foreclosure or otherwise, of said lien for common expenses. Except for purchasing at foreclosure as herein stated, the association shall not purchase or own a condominium unit.
- D. Any sum assessed by the association for the share of the common expenses due prior to the acquisition of title to an apartment unit pursuant to a foreclosure proceeding of a mortgage or deed of trust shall not be assessed against the mortgage of the mortgage or deed of trust of record who forecloses said mortgage or other purchaser of the apartment unit as a result of the foreclosure of a mortgage. Any sums assessed against the apartment unit which is the subject of a foreclosure of a mortgage shall be collectible out of the proceeds thereof or from the former owner, or if not collectible, from all apartment unit owners, including the purchaser at the foreclosure sale, in the proportions which their shares in the common elements bear to each other?
- E. No apartment unit owner may exempt himself from contributing toward the common expenses by waiver of the use or enjoyment of the common elements and facilities or by abandonment of the apartment unit belonging to him.

SECTION 13. Association. The operation of the condominium shall be by Sea Oats Villas Condominiums Association, Inc., hereinafter called the Association, a Non-Profit Corporation under the laws of North Carolina which shall be organized and shall fulfill its functions pursuant to the following provisions.

- B. Parking spaces may be separately transferred upon the following conditions:
 - 1. At anytime a parking space may be surrendered or transferred by a unit owner to the association.
 - 2. The use of a parking space may be transferred by a unit owner to any other unit owner within the condominium provided that written notice thereof, executed by the transferor and the transferee shall be submitted to the association which sall record such transfer in the assignment book.
 - 3. The association shall have the absolute right to assign parking spaces assigned or transferred to the association and requests for the assignment of parking spaces held by the association shall be considered by the association on a first come first served basis or on such other terms and conditions as may be adopted by the association.
- C. No trucks used for commercial purposes, or trucks over one-half ton capacity may be parked overnight. Only vehicles bearing current license and registrtion tags may be parked overnight. The association shall have the right to authorize the towing away of any violating vehicles with costs to be borne by the owner or operator thereof.

SECTION 10. Maintenance and Alteration of Apartments.

- A. The Association shall maintain, repair and replace all portions of the condominium building, except interior surfaces and walls, contributing to the support of the apartment building, which portions shall include but not be limited to the outside walls of the apartment building and all fixtures, including plumbing and electrical fixtures, on the exterior thereof; boundary walls of apartments; floor slabs and roofs; and load-bearing piers and load-bearing walls.
 - B. The responsibility of the apartment unit owner shall be:
 - 1. To maintain, repair and replace at his expense all portions of his apartment unit except the portions to be maintained, repaired and replaced by the association.
 - 2. Not to paint or otherwise decorate or change the appearance of any portion of the exterior of the condominium building.
 - 4. To repair any frozen pipes, repair any stopped sewer and sink lines, to repair any heating and air conditioning equipment, whether located within an apartment unit or on a limited common element, and to replace any broken window panes or doors that serve an individual apartment unit.
 - 4. To promptly report to the association any defect or need for repairs, the responsibility for which is that of the association.
- C. Neither a unit owner nor the Association shall make any alteration in the portions of an apartment unit or the building which is to be maintained by the Association, or remove any portion thereof, or make any additions thereto, or do anything which would jeopardize the safety or soundness of the building, or impair any easement, without first obtaining approval in writing of owners of all apartment units in the condominium building.

SECTION 11. Maintenance and Alterations of Common Elements and Association Property.

A. The maintenance and operation of the common elements, and property, real and personal, owned by the association shall be the responsibility and the expense of the association.

- C. The space within any of the condominium units and common elements shall not be further subdivided and any instrument, whether a conveyance, mortgage, deed of trust or otherwise, which describes only a portion of the space within any apartment shall be deemed to describe the entire apartment unit owned by the person, firm or corporation executing such instrument.
- D. No condominium unit owner shall show any sign, advertisement or notice on any of the common elements, windows, porches or balconies, or upon his condominium unit and shall erect no exterior antenna or antenna upon any portion or any part of his apartment or on any of the common elements.
- E. An individual condominium unit owner may keep a pet or pets in his unit, but only under the regulations as promulgated by the association from time to time, and no person may keep any other animals, livestock or poultry nor may any of the same be raised, bred or kept upon any portion of the condominium property, including the common elements, balconies and terraces. The association shall have the authority to declare any pet or pets a nuisance and may cause the owner thereof to remove the same from the condominium property.
- F. No apartment or unit owner shall permit or suffer anything to be done or kept in his unit which will increase the insurance rates on his unit or the common elements, or which will obstruct or interfere with the rights of other unit owners or the association, by unreasonable noises, odors or otherwise; nor shall an individual unit owner commit or permit any nuisance, immoral or illegal act in his unit, or on the common elements.
- G. No trailer, tent, storage shed, garage or other similar outbuilding or structure shall be placed on the property at any time, either temporarily or permanently, excepting that individual boat trailers, not exceeding the size of one parking space, may be permitted provided said parking space or area is properly assigned to the individual unit owner who owns the said boat trailer or with the express written consent of any other unit owner for the use of his assigned parking space therefor. This restriction shall not apply to the owners, their contractor, subcontractors, laborers or materialmen until such time as all apartment or condominium units have been constructed and sold in Sea Oats Villas Condominiums.
- H. No condominium unit owner shall make structural modifications or alterations in his unit or the permanent fixtures therein unless he has previously obtained approval therefor, in writing from the Board of Directors of the Association.
- I. Unit owners shall abide by and be subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the association and as may be set out herein or in the by-laws of the association as the same from time to time may be amended.

SECTION 9. Use and Transfer of Parking Spaces.

A. The Owners shall assign the use of two (2) particular parking spaces to a particular condominium unit at the time the unit is originally acquired from the Owners. The assignment of use shall be made by describing the particular parking space by reference thereto in a book entitled "Parking Space Assignments" which book shall be maintained by the Owners and at such time as the Owners transfer all authority to the association, the association, which said book shall be for the purpose of listing each assignee of each parking space and the transfer thereof. Each transfer shall be recorded in the book and the owner of the unit to which its use is assigned shall have the exclusive right to the use thereof. Upon a conveyance of or the passing of title to the condominium unit to which said parking space is assigned, the owner of the said unit making the conveyance shall deliver notice of transfer thereof to the association which shall thereupon cause to be executed a new assignment in

B. Encroachment Easement. The entire condominium property, including common areas and individual condominium units or apartments shall be subject to easements for encroachments which now exist or hereafter may exist, caused by the settlement or movement of the building, or caused by minor inaccuracies in construction or reconstruction, which encroachments shall be permitted to remain undisturbed and which said easement shall run in favor of each individual condominium unit owner, the association, and the Developer.

C. Easement for Recreation, Parking, Access, Egress and Ingress.

There is hereby conveyed and reserved a non-exclusive easement of access, egress and ingress to and from the condominium buildings and U.S. Highway 158 Business and the Atlantic Ocean and for other purposes herein expressed over, upon and across all of the lands dedicated to unit ownership and described in Section 1 of this declaration.

The herein conveyed easement shall be subject to such regulations and rules as to the use thereof as may be promulgated by the association from time to time, which said regulations may control and regulate, parking, assignment of parking spaces, walkways, driveways and passageways. The aforesaid easement is also subject to the right of the association and the owners to construct, build or place thereon such recreational facilities as, but not limited to, swimming pools, tennis courts, shuffleboard and badminton courts, as in the discretion of the owners or the association may seem desirable.

- D. Easement for Construction. There is retained, by the owners, a construction easement over, upon and across the common elements or areas and also, over, upon and across those lands set out and described in Paragraph C. of this Section for the purposes of constructing improvements on the properties now owned by the owners, said easement to run in favor of the owners, their heirs and assigns, their contractor and subcontractors, laborers and materialmen. This easement shall expire and become null and void upon completion of the permanent improvements on said properties.
- E. Easement for Utilities, Sewerage and Waste Treatment Facilities. There is conveyed hereby an easement of right of way in and to the lands described in paragraph C. of this Section, for the benefit of the condominium unit owners and the association, for the construction, operation and maintenance of all utility lines, and pipes, sewerage lines, septic tanks, waste treatment facilities, pumps, drain lines and facilities related thereto, which said easement shall also inure to the benefit of the owners, and all future property owners located or to be located in the tract owned by the owners.

SECTION 8. Statement of Purpose, and Restrictions as to Usek

- A. The Sea Oats Villas Condominiums are residence type condominiums and shall be used for single family residencies, vacation or resort living units by the unit owner, his family, servants and guests, or tenants and lessees, their servants and guests, and for no other purposes. No condominium unit may be used for a commercial, professional, or home business enterprise or as a hotel or motel, provided, however, that this section will not prevent any unit owner from renting or leasing his condominium unit either himself or through his agent.
- B. Each condominium unit is subject to alienation, mortgage or transfer as is any other real property located within the State of North Carolina, however, no condominium unit owner may mortgage or convey by deed of trust his apartment or condominium unit or convey the same as collateral, to any person, firm or corporation except as said conveyance, mortgage or deed of trust shall be a first lien deed of trust or first mortgage or a purchase money mortgage or deed of trust on the condominium unit, unless prior approval is obtained from the association.

- 3. Any lighting facilities, equipment and wiring installed to illuminate the above general common elements and all electric lines, both primary and secondary, leading to but exclusive of any individual unit electric meter, shall also be general common elements.
- 4. In addition, those items set out in N.C.G.S. 47A-3 (2), except as herein reserved or excepted, shall be general common elements.
- 5. Also included as general common elements are water supply lines to the individual common units, vent lines, plumbing facilities, saitary sewerage lines, waste pipes and vents, located outside the individual condominium units.
- B. Each condominium unit or apartment owner shall own a share in the common elements and in any surplus funds possessed by Sea Oats Villas Condominium Association, Inc., and shall be liable for the common expenses as follows:

UNIT	FAIR MARKET VALUE	PROPORTIONATE SHARE			
1A 1B 1C 2A 2B 2C 3A 3B 3C 4A 4B 4C 5A 5B 5C	\$76,500.00 \$77,500.00 \$73,500.00 \$76,000.00 \$82,000.00 \$78,000.00 \$78,500.00 \$74,500.00 \$75,500.00 \$76,000.00 \$80,000.00 \$81,000.00 \$76,500.00 \$72,500.00	1/15 (.06644) 1/15 (.0673) 1/15 (.06383) 1/15 (.0660) 1/15 (.07121) 1/15 (.06774) 1/15 (.06817) 1/15 (.0647) 1/15 (.06557) 1/15 (.0660) 1/15 (.06947) 1/15 (.06644) 1/15 (.06644) 1/15 (.06296) 1/15 (.06383)			
TOTAL 15	\$1,151,500.00	100%			

SECTION 6. Limited Common Elements or Areas.

There are no limited common elements or areas in Sea Oats Villas Condominiums.

SECTION 7. Easements.

A. Perpetual Non-Exclusive Easement in Common Areas. The common elements or areas shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be subject to a perpetual non-exclusive easement which easement is hereby created, in favor or all of the apartment or unit owners in the condominium for their use and for the use of their immediate families, guests, invitees and licensees, and for all proper and normal purposes, and for the furnishing of services and facilities for which the same are reasonably intended. In addition, this easement shall run in favor of the Developer, the condominium association, and all unit owners, and may be used for ingress and egress, for the providing of electric power, telephone, sewer, water and other utility services and lighting facilities, including but not limited to television transmission facilities, security services, and facilities connected therewith. The Owners, for themselves, their heirs and assigns and the association herein described reserve the right to impose upon the common elements henceforth and from time to time such easements and cross easements for any of the foregoing purposes as they deem to be in the best interest of and necessary and proper for, the owners of apartments and units in Sea Oats Villas Condominiums.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Executive Officers. The Board of Directors shall choos Section 1. President and a Vice President from among the directors, and a Secretary and a Treasurer who need not be directors. The Board of Directors may also choose an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer, none of whom need be a director. Any two of the above mentioned officers, except that of President and Vice President, may be held by the same person, but no officer shall execute, acknowledge or verify any instrument in more than one capacity if such instrument be required by statute, by the By-Laws or by resolution of the Board of Directors to be executed, acknowledged or verified by any two or more officers. Each such officer shall hold office until the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the annual meeting of owners next succeeding his election, and until his successors shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed. Any vacancy in any of the above officers may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the owners and of the Board of Directors at which he shall be present; he shall have general charge and supervision of the business of the Condominium; he may sign and execute, in the name of the Condominium, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the Condominium; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of President, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Vice President. The Vice President, at the request of the President or in his absence or during his inability to act, shall perform the duties and exercise the functions of the President, and when so acting shall have the powers of the President. The Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the owners and of the Board of Directors in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records of the Condominium; and in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the Condominium, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the Condominium, all monies or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall from time to time, be selected by the Board of Directors; he shall render to the President and to the Board of Directors, whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the Condominium, and, in general, he shall perform all duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the President.

Section 6. Assistant Officers. The Assistant Secretary, if any, shall have such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the Secretary. The Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall have such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the Treasurer.

Section 7. Compensation. The Board of Directors shall have power to fix the compensation of all officers of the Condominium Association.

Section 8. Removal. Any officer or agent of the Association may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Association will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contractural rights, if any, of the person so removed.

Section 9. Loans to Directors and Officers. No loans shall be made by the Association to any of its Directors or Officers. The Directors who vote or assent to the making of such loan, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Association for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

ARTICLE V

OBLIGATIONS OF THE OWNERS

Section 1. Assessments. Each owner is obligated to pay the assessments imposed upon him by the Condominium to meet general common element expenses, which shall include a liability insurance policy premium and shall include a fire and other hazard premium, including flood insurance. The assessments shall be made prorata according to the percentage interest owned as stipulated in the Declaration. Such assessments may include payments to a general operating reserve. Any such assessments levied upon the owner of a unit shall become a lien on said unit at the time assessed and until paid in full. Each regular assessment levied shall be due and payable annually, thirty (30) days after assessed. Any special assessment, designated as such by the Board of Directors shall be due and payable when assessed. There will be no declaration in trust for enforcement of said lien.

Section 2. Maintenance and Repair.

- (a) Every owner must perform promptly all maintenance and repair work within his own unit which, if omitted, would affect the general or limited common elements, or any other unit, such owner being expressly responsible for the damages and liabilities his failure to do so may engender.
- (V All the repairs of internal installations of the unit such as water, light, power, telephones, cable television, doors, windows, lamps and all other accessories belonging to the unit area shall be at the owner's expense.
- (c) An owner shall reimburse the Condomonium for any expenditures incurred in repairing or replacing any general or limited common element damaged through his fault, other than damage arising from an insured casualty.
- (d) During the period 1 November through 1 April of each year all owners must maintain heat within their respective unit at a minimum of fifty-five (55) degrees fahrenheit.

Section 3. Destruction of Buildings.

(a) In the event of the destruction of any part of the buildings of the Condominium, such destroyed part or parts shall be rebuilt unless such destruction amounts to more than two-thirds in value of the total value of both buildings. In such rebuilding the proceeds of any casualty insurance shall be used to the extent available, and as permitted and provided by the provisions of Section 2 of Article VI of these By-Laws, being allocated to the Units, general common elements and limited common elements, damaged or destroyed, in proportion to the cost of restoring each such improvement of facility. Costs in excess of such proceeds shall be paid, as to each Unit, by the owner thereof and, as to the general common elements and limited common elements, by assessment as for repairs to such elements.

- (b) In the event of the destruction of any part or all of the buildings of the Condominium amounting to more than two-thirds in value of the total value of both buildings, if three-fourths (3/4) of the owners of units shall duly resolve not to rebuild or restore the buildings at any owner's meeting called to consider the question of such restoration, the buildings shall not be restored, then and in that event:
- (1) The property shall be deemed to be owned as a tenancy in common by the unit owners;
- (2) The undivided interest in the proeprty owned by the unit owners as tenants in common which shall appertain to each unit owner shall be the percentage of undivided interest previously owned by such owner in the common areas and facilities;
- (3) Any liens affecting any of the units shall be deemed to be transferred in accordance with the existing priorities to the percentage of the undivided interest of the unit owner in the property as provided herein;
- (4) The property shall be subject to an action for sale for partition at the suit of any unit owner, in which event the net proceeds of sale, together with the net proceeds of insurance policies, if any, shall be considered as one fund and shall be divided among all the unit owners in proportion to their respective undivided ownership of the common areas and facilities, after first paying, out of the respective shares of unit owners, to the extent sufficient for that purpose, all liens on the unit of each unit owner; and
- (5) All real property owned by the Association itself shall be transferred by recordable instrument to the individual unit owners in the same proportions as their ownership in common area appears.
 - (c) In the event of partial or complete destruction of any waste water treatment facility or any appurtenance thereto, the same shall be immediately reconstructed to original specifications meeting with the approval of the Dare County Health Department and other appropriate governmental agencies, with the first proceeds of the insurance thereon, or in the event insurance proceeds are delayed, the same shall be reconstructed with capital improvement reserve funds and with common expense funds as may be necessary for said reconstruction. Provided, however, this provision shall not apply in the event the said condominium building itself is destroyed and the owners of units therein shall duly resolve not to rebuild or restore said buildings as provided in Section 3, Paragraph (b) hereinabove.
 - Section 4. Use of Condominium Units-Internal Changes. An owner shall not make structural modifications or alterations in his unit or installations located therein unless he has previously notified the Condominium in writing through the Prasident of the Board of Directors and received no objection thereto. The Condominium shall have the obligation to answer within thirty (30) days, and failure to do so within that time shall mean that there is no objection to the proposed modification or alteration.

Section 5. Use of General Common Elements. The rules pertaining to the use of common elements shall also pertain to those properties conveyed to or owned by the Association which, for the purposes of these By-Laws and for the determination of common expenses are treated as common elements. An owner shall not place or cause to be placed in the general common elements any furniture, packages or objects of any kind, except that he may temporarily place chairs, umbrellas or other beach paraphernalia in open areas. The remaining general common elements shall be used for no other purpose than for normal transit throughf them, or for such other restricted uses as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Right of Entry. An owner shall grant right of entry to any person authorized by the Board of Directors of the Condominium in case of any emergency originating in or threatening his Unit, whether the owner is present at the time or not.

Section 7. Rules of Conduct.

- (a) No resident of the Condominium shall post any advertisements or posters of any kind on the exterior of the Condominium or on common elements.
- (b) Residents shall exercise care about making noises or in the use of musical instruments, radios, televisions and amplifiers that may disturb other residents.
- (c) Clothing, towels and other items of personal property shall not be hung on exterior railings or on any other exterior part of the building.

ARTICLE VI

INSURANCE

- Section 1. Protective Policies. The Board of Directors, shall procure and maintain, in its name as agent or trustees for the benefit of the co-owners who shall be deemed parties insured, policies of insurance in stock insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of North Carolina, to the extent obtainable, as follows:
- (a) A policy or policies insuring the building against loss, damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, including lightning, windstorm, hail, explosion, riot, civil commotion, aircraft, vehicle, falling objects, smoke, malicious mischief, vandalism, collapse through weight of snow, ice or sleet, water, flood and other similar casualty, in an aggregate amount equal to the full insurable replacement value of the building, without regard to depreciation. The policy or policies, unless otherwise insuring the Condominium Units against loss, damage or destruction, shall have a contingent or conditional endorsement, with limits equal to the replacement value of the Condominium Units, providing for payment by the insurer of a sum sufficient for restoration of each unit to a tenantable condition, in the event that the owner thereof shall fail or refuse to restore his unit within a reasonable time after loss, damage or destruction of such unit, by fire or other casualty insured against. In lieu of the aforegoing insurance, the Board of Directors may procure and maintain such other insurance against loss, damage or destruction of the general common elements, limited common elements and the Condominium Units, as shall give substantially equal or greater protection to the co-owners, as their interests may appear.
- (b) Such insurance as will protect the owners, and each of them, from claims under workmen's compensation acts and other employee benefit acts.
- (c) Such insurance as will protect the Manager, the Board of Directors, the owners, and each of them, from claims for damage to the property, any or all of which may arise out of or result from ownership of any interest in the Condominium Project or the management or operation of said project, or because of any injury or damage sustained on or attributable to the property, including the ownership, maintenance and use of the parking areas outside the building. It is intended that the insurance described in this subparagraph be a comprehensive general liability policy endorsed to protect each co-owner against all liability arising out of or otherwise attributable to the property, including

operation of the premises, products liability, liability attributable twork or other act of an independent contractor, or let or sub-let work landlord-tenant liability, and contractual liability. Further, the insurance shall cover the liability of one or more co-owners, though parties insured. Such public liability insurances shall be in the li of at least \$100,000.00 for injuries or damages sustained by any one person, \$300,000.00 for injuries or damages sustained by two or more persons, \$300,000.00 for injuries or damages sustained by two or more persons in any one accident, and \$10,000.00 for property damage. The public liability insurance policy shall be so endorsed as to protect insured against liability imposed or assumed by any contract.

(d) In all events, each policy of insurance procured under this Section 1 of Article VI shall contain a waiver of the insurer's subrogation rights against each co-owner, and a waiver of any defense maintainable by the insurer by reason of any co-insurance provision of any policy or by reason of any act or neglect of any co-owner, whether before or after the loss, damage or destruction may occur. Further, each policy of insurance shall provide that any co-owner in his own right may procure other insurance, fire casualty, liability or otherwise, and that such other insurance shall in no wise serve to reduce, abate diminish or cause any proration in payment of the total loss by the insurer. Each policy of insurance procured under Paragraphs (a) or (b) of this Section If hall state that the exclusive right and authority to adjust losses under the policy shall be wested in the Board of Directors.

Nothing provided in this Article VI shall prejudice the right of any co-owner to insure his Condominium Unit on his account and for his own benefit, or to insure himself against liability to others. If the co-owners, however, shall procure fire or other casualty insurance covering his Condominium Unit or his interest in the Condominium Project, he shall file with the Board of Directors a duplicate of the insurance policy.

Section 2. Repairs and Replacement. Unless more than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the buildings are destroyed, the proceeds of any insurance policy procured under the provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 1 of this Article VI shall be applied to repair, restore and reconstruct the common elements destroyed by the casualty insured against and thereafter, if there be any surplus, to repair or restore the Condominium Units damaged by said casualty. If the proceeds of insurance are insufficient to cover the cost of any necessary repair, replacement or restoration of the common elements, such excess cost shall be paid by the co-owners as a common expense, upon special assessment therefor and levy thereof by the Board of Directors against each co-owner in accordance with his percentage interest factor.

Section 3. Disbursement of Insurance Proceeds. If more than twothirds (2/3rds) of the buildings are destroyed, then the disbursement of the proceeds of all insurance policies shall be paid in accordance with and governed by the provisions of Section 3 of Article V, supra.

Section 4. Application for Insurance. Each owner shall furnish such information and sign such application forms or other documents, if any, as may be required to obtain insurance as provided in this Article VI.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE

Section 1. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts and orders for the payment of money, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of the Condominium, shall be signed by officers, agents or manager of the condominium, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Annual Reports. There shall be prepared annually a full and correct statement of the affairs of the Condominium, including a balance sheet and a financial statement of operations for the proceeding fiscal year, which shall be audited by an independent public accountant and submitted at the annual meeting of the owners and filed within twenty (20) days thereafter at the principal office of the Condominium

Section 3. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Condominium shall be the calendar year, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. By-Laws. These By-Laws may be amended by the Condominium Association at any duly constituted meeting, provided the notice thereof shall specify the amendment to be voted on, and provided the same is approved by at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the owners; subject, however, to the restrictions set forth in Article II, Section 1, of the By-Laws. All Unit Owners shall be bound by any amendment upon the same being duly passed and set forth in an Amended Declaration duly recorded in the Dare County Registry.

ARTICLE IX

MORTGAGES

Section 1. Notice to Association. An owner who mortgages his unit shall notify the President of the Board of Directors of the name and address of his mortgages; and the Condominium shall maintain such information in a book entitled "Mortgages of Units". Provided further, each condominium unit is subject to alienation, mortgage or transfer as is any other real property located within the State of North Carolina, however, no condominium unit owner may mortgage or convey by deed of trust his apartment or condominium unit or convey the same as collateral, to any person, firm or corporation except as said conveyance, mortgage or deed of trust shall be a first lien deed of trust or first mortgage or a purchase money mortgage or deed of trust on the condominium unit, unless prior approval is obtained from the Association.

- (v) To reconstruct improvements within the condominium property in the event of casualty or other loss;
- (vi) To enforce by any legal means, the provisions of the condominium documents, including the Declaration, these Articles, the By-Laws of the Association, and the rules and regulations for the use of the condominium property;
- (vii) To contract for the management of the Condominium and to delegate to such manager or managers all powers and duties of the Association except those powers and duties which are specifically required by the Declaration to have approval of the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association.
- (b) The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a non-profit corporation which are not in conflict with the terms of the Condominium Declaration and the Unit Ownership Act, and in addition shall have all of the powers of Condominium Associations under and pursuant to the Unit Ownership Act, including all of the powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association.

LV

MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership of Sea Oats Villas Condominiums Association, Inc. shall consist of all of the owners of condominium units in Sea Oats Villas Condominiums. Membership shall be established by acquisition of fee title to a condominium unit in Sea Oats Villas Condominiums, whether by conveyance, devise, or judicial decree. A new owner designated in such deed or other instrument shall thereupon become a member of the Association, and the membership of the prior owner as to the condominium unit designated shall be terminated. Each new owner shall deliver to the Association a true copy of such deed or instrument of acquisition of title.
- B. The share of a member in the funds and assets of the Corporation, and membership in the Corporation cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to a condominium unit.
- C. There shall be one class of membership in Sea Oats Villas Condominium Association, Inc. which shall consist of members owning condominium units in Sea Oats Villas Condominiums and the owners of any condominium units constructed on adjacent property owned by the owners, at the option of the owners.

V

DIRECTORS

A. The number of Directors and the method of election of the Directors shall be fixed by the By-Laws, however, the number of Directors shall not be less than three (3). Directors shall be elected at large from the Condominium owners.

VI

REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

A. The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is P. O. Box S, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina 27948, and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is E. Paul Breaux.

BY-LAWS OF

SEA OATS VILLAS CONDOMINIUMS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

PLAN OF UNIT OWNERSHIP

Section 1. <u>Unit Ownership</u>. Sea Oats Villas Condominiums hereinafter referred to as Condominium, located in the Town of Kill Devil Hills, Atlantic Township, Dare County, North Carolina is submitted to the provisions of Chapter 47A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, "Unit Ownership Act". The Administration thereof shall be by the Board of Directors herein described, subject to the powers of the owners as herein specified.

Section 2. By-Laws Applicability. The provisions of these By-Laws are applicable to the Condominium. The term "Condominium" as used herein shall mean The Condominium Buildings and shall include the land directly beneath as well as the improvements thereon. In construing these By-Laws, and the government of the Condominium thereto, the provisions of Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes pertaining to the government of nonprofit business corporations, shall be considered as governing to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of Chapter 47A of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Declaration of Unit Ownership and these By-Laws, the condominium being considered the corporation and the owners being considered the members.

Section 3. Personal Application. All present and future owners, tenants and future tenants, and their employees, and any other person that may at any time use the facilities of the Condominium in any manner are subject to the regulations set forth in these By-Laws and to the declarations set forth in the Declaration of Unit Ownership (hereinafter referred to as Declaration), to which these By-Laws are attached.

The mere acquisition or rental of any of the Condominium Units (hereafter referred to as "Units") or the mere act of occupancy of any of said units will signify that these By-Laws as they may be amended from time to time, are accepted, ratified, and will be complied with.

ARTICLE II

THE OWNERS

Section 1. Owners. The Condominiums are owned by the owners of the units, each of whom shal be entitled to a percentage vote for each unit owned by him. The vote to be determined by the percentage of ownership of the General Common elements as specified in Section 5 of the Declaration. No lessee, lienholder, mortgagee, pledge or contract purchaser shall have any voting rights with respect to the affairs of the Condominium.

Section 2. Annual Meetings. The Condominium shall hold each year, commencing with the year 1980, an annual meeting of the owners for the election of directors and the transaction of any business within the powers of the Condominium, at 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday in May, in each year if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the first day following which is not a Sunday or holiday. Any business of the Condominium may be transacted at an annual meeting without being specifically required by statute, by the Declaration or these By-Laws to be stated in the notice. Failure to hold an annual meeting at the designated time shall not, however, invalidate the Condominium's existence or affect its otherwise walld acts.

Section 3. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings of the Condominium may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors by vote at a meeting or in writing with or without a meeting, or by one third (1/3rd) of the record owners of Condominium Units.

Section 4. Place of Meeting. All meetings of owners shall be held at the principal office of the Condominium in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, except in cases in which the notice thereof designates some other place, but all such meetings shall be held within the State of North Carolina.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Not less than ten days nor more than ninety days before the date of every owners' meeting, the secretary shall give to each owner entitled to wote at such meeting, written or printed notice stating the time and place of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, either by mail or by presenting it to him personally or by leaving it at his residence or usual place of business. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the owner at his post office address as it appears on the records of the Condominium, with postage thereon prepaid, Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, a waiver of notice in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice and filed with the records of the meeting, whether before or after the holding thereof, or actual attendance at the meeting in person or by proxy, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice to such persons. Any meeting of owners, annual or special, may adjourn from time to time to reconvene at the same or some other permitted place, and no notice need be given of any such adjourned meeting other than by announcement.

Section 6. Quorum. At any meeting of owners, the presence in person or by proxy of owners entitled to cast a majority of the votes thereat shall constitute a quorum; but this section shall not affect any requirement under statute or under the Declaration of the Condominium for the vote necessary for the adoption of any measure. In the absence of a quorum the owners present in person or by proxy, by majority vote and without notice other than by announcement, may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 7. Votes Required. A majority of the votes cast at a meeting of owners, duly called and at which a quorum is present, shall be sufficient to take or authorize action upon any matter which may properly come before the meeting, unless more than a majority of votes cast is required by statute or by the Declaration.

Section 8. Proxies. An owner may vote either in person or by proxy executed in writing by the owner or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid after sleven months from its date, unless otherwise provided in the proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the owner or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed or acknowledged.

Section 9. List of Owners. At each meeting of owners, a full, true and complete list in alphabetical order of all owners entitled to vote at such meeting shall be furnished by the Secretary.

Section 10. Voting. In all elections for directors every owner shall have the right to vote, in person or by proxy, for as many persons as there are directors to be elected. At all meetings of owners, the proxies and ballots shall be received, and all questions touching the qualification of voters and the validity of proxies and the acceptance or rejection of votes shall be decided by the Chairman of the meeting. Unless demanded or ordered by a majority of owners present, no vote need be by ballot, and voting need not be conducted by inspectors.

Section 5. Regular Meeting. After each meeting of owners at which a Board of Directors shall have been elected, the Board of Directors so elected shall meet as soon as practicable for the purpose of organization and the transaction of other business, at such time as may be designated by the owners at such meeting; and in the event that no other time is designated by the owners, the Board of Directors shall meet at 12:00 o'clock noon on the day of such meeting of the owners, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the first day following which is not a Sunday or a legal holiday. Such first meeting shall be held at such place within or without the State of North Carolina as may be deisgnated by the owners, or in default of such designation at the place designated by the Board of Directors for such first regular meeting, or in default of such designation at the office of the Condominium in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. No notice of such first meeting shall be necessary if held as hereinabove provided. Other regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such dates and at such places within or without the State of North Carolina as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or by the Board of Directors by vote at a meeting, or by a majority of the directors in writing with or without a meeting: Such special meetings shall be held at such place of places within or without the State of North Carolina as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. In the absence of such designation, such meetings shall be held at such places as may be designated in the call.

Section 7. Notice of Meeting. Except as provided in Section 5 of this Article, notice of the place, day and hour of ever regular and special meeting shall be given to each director two days (or more) before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or by sending the same to him by telegraph, or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business, or, in the alternative, by mailing such notice five days (or more) before the meeting, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his last known post office address, according to the records of the Condominium. Unless required by these By-Laws or by resolution of the Board of Directors, no notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors, need state the business to be transacted thereat. No notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors need be given to any director who attends, or to any director who, in writing, executed and filed with the records of the meeting either before of after the holding thereof, waives such notice. Any meeting of the Board of Directors, regular or special, may adjourn from time to time to reconvens at the same or some other place, and no notice need be given of any such adjourned meeting other than by announcement.

Section 8. Quorum. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, one-half of the entire Board of Directors, but in no case less than two directors, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Except in cases in which it is by statute, by the Declaration or by the By-Laws otherwise provided, the vote of a majority of such quorum at a duly constituted meeting shall be sufficient to elect and pass any measure. In the absence of a quorum, the directors present by majority vote and without notice other than by announcement may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 9. Compansation. By resolution of the Board of Directors expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed to directors for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors or of committees thereof, but directors as such shall not receive any compensation for their services except such as may be authorized or permitted by vote of the owners. A director who serves the Condominium in any other capacity, however, may receive compensation therefor without such vote of the owners.

Section 10. <u>Informal Action by Directors</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if a written consent to such action is signed by all members of the Board of such committee, as the case may be, and such written consent is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or Committee.

Section 11. Committees. The Board of Directors may by resolution provide for such standing or special committees as it deems desirable, and discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with law, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

Section 12. Indemnification. Every Director and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel feen, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with a Court proceeding to which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been a director or officer of the Association, whether or not he is a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the Director or officer is adjudged guilty of malfeasance or negligence in the performance of his duties; provided, that in the event of a settlement, the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive all rights of indemnification to which such Director or officer may be entitled.

Section 13. Budget.

A. The Board of Directors shall adopt a budget for each calendar year which shall contain estimates of the costs of performing the functions of the Association including but not limited to:

1. COMMON EXPENSES OF THE CONDOMINIUM

- (a) maintenance and upkeep of common areas and elements
- (b) maintenance and upkeep of association owned real and personal property
- (c) staff payroll, supplies and office expenses
- (d) managers salary or fees
- (e) insurance
- (f) common utilities, waste water treatment and disposal system maintenance and upkeep, which shall receive first priority of common expense funds.
- (g) service contracts
- (h) fees and permits
- 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE
- 3. ANTICIPATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
- B. Copies of the proposed budget shall be transmitted to each member or unit owner on or before January 1 of the year for which the budget is made. If the budget is subsequently amended, then a copy of the amended budget shall be furnished immediately to each unit owner.
- C. Accounting shall be on a cash basis and conform to generally acceptable accounting standards.