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Watercrest Community Association, Inc. c/o Mr. Sean Noonan, Manager Sunstate Association Management Group 5602 Marquesas Circle, Suite 103 Sarasota, FL 34233

Via U.S. Mail and Email to: Sean@sunstatemanagement.com, Moekell@icloud.com and Watercrest.treasurer@gmail.com

Re: Recorded Certificate of Amendment

Dear Sean:

Enclosed is the original recorded Certificate of Amendment ("Certificate") to the Amended Articles of Incorporation of Watercrest Community Association, Inc. which was recorded at Official Records Instrument #2022156778 of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, on <u>October 4, 2022</u>. Pursuant to Section 720.306(1), Florida Statutes, the amendment is effective on this date.

Pursuant to Section 720.306(1)(b), Florida Statutes, <u>within 30 days</u> after recording (that is, on or before <u>November 3, 2022</u>) the Association shall provide a copy of the certificate and amendments to its members. The copies and notice may be provided electronically to those owners who previously consented to receive notice electronically.

If you or another Association representative has a question or comment concerning this or any other matter, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

LAW OFFICES OF WELLS I OLAH I COCHRAN, P.A.

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Enclosure

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Prepared by and return to: Thomas A. Marino II, Esq. Law Offices of Wells | Olah | Cochran, P.A. 3277 Fruitville Road, Bldg. B Sarasota, FL 34237 (941) 366-9191 RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS INSTRUMENT # 2022156778 4 PG(S) October 04, 2022 02:56:49 PM KAREN E. RUSHING CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT SARASOTA COUNTY, FL



#### CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF WATERCREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

We hereby certify that the attached Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of **WATERCREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC**. ("Association"), was approved and duly adopted at a properly-noticed and held meeting of the Board of Directors on <u>September 8, 2022</u>, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors, as required by Article 10 of the Articles of Incorporation. The Association further certifies that the amendment was proposed and adopted as required by the governing documents and applicable Florida law.

The Declaration of Restrictions for WATERCREST, to which the Articles of Incorporation were attached, was originally recorded in the Official Records at Instrument # 2016106654, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

DATED this Zee day of September, 2022.	
Signed, sealed and delivered: in the presence of: sign  print  Sean Name  sign  print  Terr, Rivenback	By: Maureen Kelley, President  Attest: Wallow, Secretary  (Corporate Seal)
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SARASOTA  The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or □ online notarization, this 2 to be day of September 2022, by Maureen Kelley, as President of Watercrest Community	
Association, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation, on behalf of the corporation. She is personally known to me or has produced as identification.	
TAMARA L WEAVER Notary Public - State of Florida Commission # GG 224379 My Comm. Expires Sep 29, 2022 Bonded through National Notary Assn.	sign Jamara & Weaver print Tamara L. Weaver State of Florida at Large (Seal)

### **AMENDMENT**

#### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

OF

## WATERCREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

[Additions are indicated by underline; deletions by strike-through]

# ARTICLE 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 6.3 Election Procedures.—Elections of Directors shall be by plurality vote.
  - A. Annual Membership Meeting. The election of Directors shall be conducted at the annual membership meeting.
  - B. Secret Written Ballot. The election of directors shall be by secret written ballot.
  - C. First Notice. The Association shall mail, email, or deliver to each Lot Owner entitled to vote, a First Notice of the date of the election of directors, The First Notice shall be mailed, emailed, or delivered to each Lot Owner not less than fifty (50) calendar days before the membership meeting at which the election will be held.
  - D. Open Nomination Process. Any Lot Owner or other person who satisfies the Director candidate eligibility requirements of the Bylaws, these Articles and Florida law may nominate themself as a candidate to be a Director by delivering a written notice of their intent to be a candidate (the "Notice of Intent") to the Association's management company by a date certain stated in the First Notice (the "Deadline Date").

The Deadline Date for the submission of the Notice of Intent shall be set on a date that is not less than thirty (30) calendar days before the scheduled election.

Any Notice of Intent received by the Association's management company after the Deadline Date stated in the First Notice shall not be accepted, including, without limitation, nominations from the floor of the annual membership meeting pursuant to Section 720.306(9), Florida Statutes.

An election is not required unless more candidates timely deliver a Notice of Intent to the Association management company than Director vacancies exist.

E. Second Notice. Not less than fourteen (14) calendar days before the membership meeting at which the election will occur, the Association's management company shall

- mail, email or deliver a Second Notice of the meeting to all Lot Owners entitled to vote, together with a written Director election ballot which shall list all Director candidates in alphabetical order by surname.
- F. Candidate Information Sheet. Upon request of a Director candidate received by the Association by the Deadline Date, the Association shall include with the second mailing of the Director election ballot a candidate information sheet, not larger than 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches, furnished by the Director candidate to the Association's management company. The costs of mailing and copying of the Director candidate information sheets shall be paid by the Association.
- G. Two Envelope Secret Ballot System. Director election ballots must be placed in an inner envelope with no identifying markings and mailed or delivered to the Association in an outer envelope bearing identifying information reflecting the name of the member, the Lot for which the vote is being cast, and the signature of the Lot Owner casting that ballot. If the eligibility of the member to vote is confirmed and no other ballot has been submitted for that Lot, the inner envelope shall be removed from the outer envelope bearing the identification information, placed with the ballots which were personally cast at the membership meeting, and opened when the ballots are counted. If more than one ballot is submitted for a Lot, the ballots for that Lot shall be disqualified. Any vote by ballot received after the closing of the balloting may not be considered.
- H. Director Ballots and Envelopes Made Available at Annual Membership Meeting.

  Written Director election ballots and envelopes will also be made available upon request for use by those Owners attending the annual membership meeting in person.
- I. Owner Must Cast their Own Director Ballot. Except for Lot Owners with a disability, no Lot Owner shall permit another person to cast his or her Director election ballot, and any such improperly cast ballot shall be deemed invalid.
- <u>Voting for Directors</u>. Each person voting is entitled to cast his or her vote for each of as many nominees as there are vacancies to be filled. The nominees receiving the greatest number of votes properly cast shall be elected. Elections shall be decided by a plurality of the votes cast. There shall be no cumulative voting.
- K. Board Certification Class or Form. As required by Section 720.3033(1), Florida Statutes, within ninety (90) days after being elected or appointed to the Board, each director shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Association that he or she has read the Association's Declaration of Restrictions, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and current written Rules and policies; that he or she will work to uphold such documents and policies to the best of his or her ability; and that he or she will faithfully discharge his or her fiduciary responsibility to the Association's members. Within ninety (90) days after being elected or appointed to the Board, in lieu of such written certification, the newly elected or appointed director may submit a certificate of having satisfactorily completed the educational curriculum administered by a Division-approved education provider within one (1) year before or ninety (90) days after the date of election or appointment. The written

certification or educational certificate is valid for the uninterrupted tenure of the director on the Board. A director who does not timely file the written certification or educational certificate shall be suspended from the Board until he or she complies with the requirement. The Board may temporarily fill the vacancy during the period of suspension. The Association shall retain each director's written certification or educational certificate for inspection by the members for five (5) years after the director's election. However, the failure to have the written certification or educational certificate on file does not affect the validity of any Board action.