Exhibit "C"

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ST. CROIX AT FELICAN MARSH CONDOMENUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

Pursuant to Section 617.0202, Florida Statutes, these Articles of Incorporation are created by Frank P. Potestio, Jr., of 7995-B Preserve Circle, Naples, Florida 34119, as sole incorporator, for the purposes set forth below.

ARTICLE

NAME AND ADDRESS: The name of the corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Association", is ST.CROIX AT PELICAN MARSH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. The initial principal office and mailing address of the corporation is 4600 St. Croix Lane, Naples, Florida 34109.

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PURPOSE AND POWERS: The purpose for which the Association is organized is to provide an entity pursuant to the Fiorida Condominium Act (Chapter 718, Piorida Statutes) for the operation of St. Croix at Polican Marsh, a Condominium, located in Collier County, Florida.

The Association is organized and shall exist on a non-stock basis as a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, and no portion of any earnings of the Association shall be distributed or inure to the private benefit of any member, Director or officer of the Association. For the accomplishment of its purposes, the Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers and duties of a corporation not for profit, except as limited or modified by these Articles, the Declaration of Condominium or the Florida Condominium Act, as they may hereafter be amended, including without limitation, the following:

- A. To make and collect assessments against members of the Association to defray the costs, expenses and losses of the Condominium, and to use the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- To protect, maintain, repair, replace and operate the condominium property.
- C. To purchase insurance upon the condominium property and Association property for the protection of the Association and its members.
- To reconstruct improvements after casualty and to make further improvements of the property.
- B. To make, amend and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the common elements and the association property, and the operation of the Association.
- F. To approve or disapprove the transfer of ownership, leasing and occupancy of units, as provided by the Declaration of Condominium.
- G. To enforce the provisions of the Florida Condominium Act, the Declaration of Condominium, these Articles, and the Bylaws and any Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- H. To contract for the management and maintenance of the Condominium and the condominium

property, and to delegate any powers and duties of the Association in connection therewith, except such as are specifically required by the law or by the condominium decuments to be exercised by the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association.

- To employ accountants, attorneys, architects, and other professional personnel to perform the services required for proper operation of the Condominium.
- To enter into agreements, or acquire less cholds, memberships, and other possessory or use interests in lands or facilities such as country clubs, golf courses, marinas and other recreational facilities. It has the aforementioned powers, whether or not the lands or facilities are configuous to the lands of the Condominium, if they are intended to provide enjoyment, recreation or other use or benefit to the unit owners.
- K. To borrow money without limit as to amount if necessary to perform its other functions hereunder.
- L. To participate in mergers or consolidations with other condominium(s), or their associations.

All funds and the title to all property acquired by the Association shall be held for the benefit of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP:

- A. The members of the Association shall consist of all record owners of legal title to one or more units in the Condominium, as further provided in the Bylaws.
- B. The share of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned or transferred in any manner except as an appartenance to his or her unit.
- C. The owners of each unit, collectively, shall be entitled to one (1) vote in Association matters, as further set forth in the Declaration of Condominium and the Bylaws. The manoer of exercising voting rights shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

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TRM: The term of the Association shall be perpetual.

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BYLAWS: The Bylaws of the Association may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided therein.

ARTICLE YI

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

A. The affairs of the Ascociation will be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the number of Directors determined by the Bylaws, but not less than three (3) Directors. In the

- absence of a Bylaw provision to the contrary, the Board shall consist of three (3) Directors.
- B. Directors of the Association shall be elected by the members in the manner determined by the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- C. The business of the Association shall be conducted by the officers designated in the Bylaws. The officers shall be elected each year by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the members of the Association, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS: Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

- A. Prior to the recording of the Declaration of Condominium of St. Croix at Pelican Marsh, a condominium in the Public Records, these Articles may be amended by an instrument in writing signed by the President or Vice President and the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. The instrument amending these Articles shall identify the particular Articles or Articles being amended, give the exact language of such amendment and give the date of adoption of the amendment by the Board of Directors. A certified copy of each such amendment shall always be attached to any certified copy of these Articles or a certified copy of the Articles as restated to include such amendments, and shall be an exhibit to the Declaration of Condominium upon the recording of such Declaration. This Article VII is intended to comply with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.
- B. After the recording of the Declaration of Condominium of St. Croix at Pelican Marsh, a condominium, in the Public Records of Collier County, these Articles may be amended in the following manner:
 - Proposal Amendments to these Articles may be proposed by a majority of the Board or by petition of the owners of one-fourth (1/4) of the units by instrument, in writing, signed by them.
 - Procedure. Upon any amendment or amendments to these Articles being proposed
 by said Board or unit owners, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be
 submitted to a vote of the members not later than the next annual meeting for which
 proper notice can be given.
 - 3. Vote Required. Except as otherwise required by Florida law, these Articles of Incorporation may be amended by vote of a majority of the voting interests at any annual or special meeting, or by approval in writing of a majority of the voting interests without a meeting, provided that notice of any proposed amendment has been given to the members of the Association, and that the notice contains the full text of the proposed amendment.
 - Effective Date. An amendment shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary
 of State and recording a certified copy in the Public Records of Collier County,
 Florida.

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ARTICLE VIII

INITIAL REGISTBRED AGENT:

The initial registered office of the Association shall be at:

c/o Contoy, Contoy & Durant, P.A. 2640 Golden Gate Parkway, Suite 115 Naples, Florida 34105

The initial registered agent at said address shall be:

J. Thomas Concoy, III

ARTICLEIX

INDEMNIFICATION:

To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, the Association shall indemnify and hold harmless every Director and every officer of the Association sgainst all expenses and liabilities, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by or imposed on him in connection with any legal proceeding (or settlement or appeal of such proceeding) to which he or she may be a party because of his or her being or having been a Director or officer of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be available if a judgment or other fisal adjudication establishes that his or her actions or omissions to act were material to the cause adjudicated and involved:

- A. Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association, in a proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor.
- B. A violation of criminal law, unless the Director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his action was unlawful or had reasonable cause to believe his action was lawful.
- C. A transaction from which the Director or officer derived an improper personal benefit.

In the event of a settlement, the right to indemnification shall not apply unless the Board of Directors approves such settlement as being in the best interests of the Association. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which a Director or officer may be entitled.

The indemnification hereby afforded to Directors and officers shall also extend to any entity other than the Association found responsible or liable for the actions of such individuals in their capacity as Directors or officers, including, without limitation, Developer.

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLLIER The foregoing instrument was acknowledge thank P. Potestio, It., who (_X) is pursonally knowledge.	ged before me this 15th day of April 2005, by own to me or who () has produced as identification.
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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for ST. CROIX AT PELICAN MARSH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept the appointment to act in this capacity and acknowledge that I am familiar with and agree to accept the obligations imposed upon registered agents under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

J. Thomas Conroy, III

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