

**VERIFIED DECLARATION OF
JOSEPH M. MASON, JR., AS MANAGING PARTNER OF
GOLD DUST FARMS, A FLORIDA GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**

The undersigned, JOSEPH M. MASON, JR. (the “**Declarant**”) under penalty of perjury, declares, deposes, and says:

1. Gold Dust Farms, a Florida general partnership (“**Gold Dust Farms**” and/or the “**Partnership**”), was formed pursuant to that certain *Gold Dust Farms General Partnership Agreement* dated effective as of August 31, 1987 (the “**Partnership Agreement**”).

2. Pursuant to Paragraph 8., of the Partnership Agreement, the undersigned, Joseph M. Mason, Jr., was designated as, and continues to be, the Managing Partner of Gold Dust Farms.

3. As its Managing Partner, the undersigned had, and continues to have, full and complete authority to sign, on behalf of the Partnership, the *Hernando County Zoning Amendment Petition* (the “**Petition**”) filed by Society Hill Capital Partners LLC, Hernando County Department of Development Services File N^o H-24-20, both confirming ownership by Partnership of the lands subject to the Petition, and authorizing the filing of the Petition.

4. A true and correct copy both of the first page of the Partnership Agreement, confirming the formation of Gold Dust Farms, and of Page 5 thereof, confirming the designation of the undersigned as the Managing Partner of Gold Dust Farms, are attached hereto, with irrelevant and proprietary information redacted therefrom.

5. The averments of this Verified Declaration are made based upon the personal knowledge of Declarant.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, JOSEPH M. MASON, JR. (the “**Declarant**”), on September 12, 2025, does HEREBY DECLARE, pursuant to §92.525(1)(b), *Fla. Stat.*, and under penalties of perjury, that the Declarant has read the foregoing *Verified Declaration of Joseph M. Mason, Jr., as Managing Partner of Gold Dust Farms, a Florida General Partnership*, and verifies that the facts stated therein are true, to the best of the Declarant’s knowledge and belief.



JOSEPH M. MASON, JR., Declarant
101 South Main Street
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GOLD DUST FARMS GENERAL
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

This is a General Partnership Agreement (the "Agreement") dated as of the 31st day of August, 1987, among those persons who become signatories to a duly executed counterpart of this Agreement.

1. Formation, Name and Office.

A. Formation. The signatories to the Agreement organize a General Partnership (the "Partnership") under the Uniform Partnership Act of the State of Florida (the "Act"). The rights and obligations of the Partners will be determined by the Act, except as otherwise provided in the Agreement.

B. Name. The Partnership shall operate under the name of Gold Dust Farms.

C. Office. The office of the Partnership shall be located at 101 South Main Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601, or at such other place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee from time to time.

2. Term. The Partnership shall commence on August 31, 1987, and shall continue until terminated as provided in this Agreement.

3. Principal Business. The principal business of the Partnership will be the owning, developing, operating, leasing and otherwise dealing with real and personal property of any kind or description. In this connection, the Partnership may engage in any and all other activities as may be necessary, incidental or convenient to carry out the principal business of the Partnership.

4. Partners. The names and addresses of the Partners are listed on Exhibit A to this Agreement. Further, the Partners are divided into Groups One, Two and Three for purposes of selections of members of the Executive Committee, and such groups are reflected in Exhibit A.

8. Powers and Duties of the Partners.

A. Managing Partner. The day-to-day affairs of the Partnership shall be handled by the Managing Partner, Joseph M. Mason, Jr. If at any time Joseph M. Mason, Jr. is unable or unwilling to serve as Managing Partner, the successor Managing Partner shall be the individual appointed by the Executive Committee.

B. Removal of Managing Partner. The Executive Committee may remove the Managing Partner at any time. In such event, the successor Managing Partner shall be the person appointed by the Executive Committee.

C. Record Keeping. The Managing Partner shall keep or cause to be kept full records of each transaction of the Partnership and shall maintain such records in the manner set forth in paragraph 11.

D. Bank Accounts. The Managing Partner shall cause the funds of the Partnership to be deposited in one or more of such bank accounts as he shall designate and withdrawals in the day-to-day affairs of the Partnership shall be made upon his signature, or upon such other signature as the Executive Committee shall authorize.

E. Liability of the Managing Partner. The Managing Partner shall not be liable to the Partnership or to any Partner for any mistake or error in judgment or for any act or omission believed in good faith to be within the scope of authority conferred by this Agreement. The Managing Partner shall be liable only for acts and/or omissions involving intentional wrongdoing.

F. Compensation. The Managing Partner shall receive no compensation for his services, but shall be reimbursed by the Partnership for out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Partnership.