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# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORA

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The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, of BFC FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a Florida corporation (the "Corporation"), are hereby

amended pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0602 of the Florida Business Corporation Act, and such amendment is set forth as follows:

FIRST: Article IV of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, of the Corporation is hereby amended to add the following language at the end of such article:

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- AA. Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes and creates a new series of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Corporation. The designation and number of shares and the relative rights, preferences and limitations of the shares of such new series of Preferred Stock of the Corporation are as follows:
- 1. Designation and Amount. The shares of such series will be designated as Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock (the "Series A Preferred") and the number of shares constituting the Series A Preferred is Two Million (2,000,000). Such number of shares may be increased or decreased by resolution of the Board; provided, however, that no decrease will reduce the number of shares of Series A Preferred to a number less than the number of shares then outstanding plus the number of shares reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding options, rights or warrants or upon the conversion of any outstanding securities issued by the Corporation and convertible into Series A Preferred.

### 2. Dividends and Distributions.

(a) Subject to the rights of the holders of any shares of any series of Preferred Stock ranking prior to the Series A Preferred with respect to dividends, including the Corporation's 5% Preferred Stock, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred, in preference to the holders of the Corporation's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (collectively, the "Common Stock"), and of any other stock ranking junior to the Series A Preferred (collectively, the "Junior Stock"), will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board out of funds legally available for the purpose, dividends payable in cash (except as otherwise provided below) on such dates as are from time to time established for the payment of dividends on the Common Stock (each such date being referred to herein as a "Dividend Payment Date"), commencing on the first Dividend Payment Date after the first issuance of a share or fraction of a share of Series A Preferred (the "First Dividend Payment Date"), in an amount per share (rounded to the nearest cent) equal to, subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, the greater of (i) \$1 and (ii) one hundred (100) times the aggregate per share amount of all

cash dividends, and one hundred (100) times the aggregate per share amount (payable in kind) of all non-cash dividends, other than a dividend payable in shares of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, as the case may be, or a subdivision of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, as the case may be (by reclassification or otherwise), declared on the Class A Common Stock and/or Class B Common Stock since the immediately preceding Dividend Payment Date or, with respect to the First Dividend Payment Date, since the first issuance of any share or fraction of a share of Series A Preferred. In the event that the Corporation at any time (i) declares a dividend on the outstanding shares of Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, (ii) subdivides the outstanding shares of Common Stock, (iii) combines the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares or (iv) issues any shares of its capital stock in a reclassification of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (including any such reclassification in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Corporation is the continuing or surviving corporation), then, in each such case, the amount to which holders of shares of Series A Preferred would otherwise be entitled immediately prior to such event will be correspondingly adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to such event.

- (b) The Corporation will declare a dividend on the Series A Preferred as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section 2 immediately after it declares a dividend on the Class A Common Stock and/or Class B Common Stock (other than a dividend payable in shares of Common Stock). Each such dividend on the Series A Preferred will be payable immediately prior to the time at which the related dividend on the Class A Common Stock and/or Class B Common Stock is payable.
- Dividends will accrue, and be cumulative, on outstanding shares of (c) Series A Preferred from the Dividend Payment Date immediately preceding the date of issue of such shares, unless (i) the date of issue of such shares is prior to the record date for the First Dividend Payment Date, in which case dividends on such shares will accrue from the date of the first issuance of a share of Series A Preferred or (ii) the date of issue is a Dividend Payment Date or is a date after the record date for the determination of holders of shares of Series A Preferred entitled to receive a dividend and before such Dividend Payment Date, in either of which events such dividends will accrue, and be cumulative, from such Dividend Payment Date. Accrued but unpaid dividends will cumulate from the applicable Dividend Payment Date but will not bear interest. Dividends paid on the shares of Series A Preferred in an amount less than the total amount of such dividends at the time accrued and payable on such shares will be allocated pro rata on a share-by-share basis among all such shares at the time outstanding. The Board may fix a record date for the determination of holders of shares of Series A Preferred entitled to receive payment of a dividend or distribution declared thereon, which record date will be not more than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the date fixed for the payment thereof.

- 3. Voting Rights. The holders of shares of Series A Preferred shall have the following voting rights:
- Subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth and (a) except as otherwise provided herein, in the Articles of Incorporation or in any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, or as otherwise required by law, each share of Series A Preferred shall entitle the holder thereof to one hundred (100) votes on all matters upon which the holders of the Common Stock are entitled to vote. In the event the Corporation shall at any time declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the number of votes per share to which holders of shares of Series A Preferred were entitled immediately prior to such event shall be adjusted by multiplying such number by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to such event. For purposes of Section 3, Voting Rights, of Article IV, including, without limitation, paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b) thereof, the Class A Common Stock and Series A Preferred shall collectively have the total voting power of the Corporation equaling the Class A Percentage, and the number of outstanding shares of Series A Preferred multiplied by a factor of 100 shall be added to the number of outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock for purposes of determining the number of votes that holders of Class B Common Stock shall be entitled to with respect to each share of Class B Common Stock that they hold (and in no event shall anything contained in this paragraph or any other provision or paragraph of this Section AA of Article IV be deemed to increase the Class A Percentage above the applicable amount set forth in Section 3, Voting Rights, of Article IV).
- (b) Except as otherwise provided herein, in the Articles of Incorporation or in any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation creating a series of Preferred Stock or any similar stock or as otherwise required by law, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred and the holders of shares of Common Stock and any other capital stock of the Corporation having general voting rights shall vote together as one class on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders of the Corporation.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided herein, in the Articles of Incorporation or in any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, or as otherwise required by law, holders of Series A Preferred shall have no special voting rights and their consent shall not be required (except to the extent they are entitled to vote with holders of Common Stock as set forth herein) for taking any corporate action.

#### 4. Restrictions.

- (a) Whenever dividends or distributions payable on the Series A Preferred are in arrears, thereafter and until all accrued and unpaid dividends and distributions, whether or not declared, on shares of Series A Preferred outstanding have been paid in full, the Corporation will not:
  - (i) Declare or pay dividends, or make any other distributions, on any shares of Junior Stock;
  - (ii) Declare or pay dividends, or make any other distributions, on any shares of stock ranking on a parity (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) with the shares of Series A Preferred (such stock, the "Parity Stock"), except dividends paid ratably on the shares of Series A Preferred and all such Parity Stock on which dividends are payable or in arrears in proportion to the total amounts to which the holders of all such shares are then entitled:
  - (iii) Redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration shares of any Junior Stock; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Corporation may at any time redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire shares of any such Junior Stock in exchange for shares of any other Junior Stock; or
  - (iv) Redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of Series A Preferred, or any shares of Parity Stock, except in accordance with a purchase offer made in writing or by publication (as determined by the Board) to all holders of such shares upon such terms as the Board, after consideration of the respective annual dividend rates and other relative rights and preferences of the respective series and classes, may determine in good faith will result in fair and equitable treatment among the respective series or classes.
- (b) The Corporation will not permit any majority-owned subsidiary of the Corporation to purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of stock of the Corporation unless the Corporation could, under paragraph (a) of this Section 4, purchase or otherwise acquire such shares at such time and in such manner.
- 5. Reacquired Shares. Any shares of Series A Preferred purchased or otherwise acquired by the Corporation in any manner whatsoever will be retired and canceled promptly after the acquisition thereof. All such shares will upon their cancellation become authorized but unissued shares of Preferred Stock and may be reissued as part of a new series of Preferred Stock subject to the conditions and restrictions on issuance set forth herein, in the Articles of Incorporation or in any Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation creating a series of Preferred Stock or any similar stock or as otherwise required by law.

- 6. Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up. Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, no distribution will be made (a) to the holders of shares of Junior Stock unless, prior thereto, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred have received an amount equal to accrued and unpaid dividends and distributions thereon, whether or not declared, to the date of such payment; provided, however, that the holders of shares of Series A Preferred will be entitled to receive an aggregate amount per share, subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, equal to a minimum per share liquidation payment of \$100 but will be entitled to an aggregate per share liquidation payment of one hundred (100) times the payment made per share of Common Stock or (b) to the holders of shares of Parity Stock, except distributions made ratably on the shares of Series A Preferred and all such Parity Stock in proportion to the total amounts to which the holders of all such shares are entitled upon such liquidation, dissolution or winding up. In the event the Corporation at any time (i) declares a dividend on the outstanding shares of Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, (ii) subdivides the outstanding shares of Common Stock, (iii) combines the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares or (iv) issues any shares of its capital stock in a reclassification of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (including any such reclassification in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Corporation is the continuing or surviving corporation), then, in each such case and regardless of whether any shares of Series A Preferred are then issued or outstanding, the aggregate amount to which each holder of shares of Series A Preferred would otherwise be entitled immediately prior to such event will be correspondingly adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to such event.
- 7. Consolidation, Merger, Etc. In the event that the Corporation enters into any consolidation, merger, combination or other transaction in which the shares of Common Stock are exchanged for or changed into other stock or securities, cash and/or any other property, then, in each such case, each outstanding share of Series A Preferred will at the same time be similarly exchanged for or changed into an amount per share, subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, equal to one hundred (100) times the aggregate amount of stock, securities, cash and/or any other property (payable in kind), as the case may be, into which or for which each share of Common Stock is changed or exchanged. In the event the Corporation at any time (a) declares a dividend on the outstanding shares of Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, (b) subdivides the outstanding shares of Common Stock, (c) combines the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares or (d) issues any shares of its capital stock in a reclassification of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (including any such reclassification in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Corporation is the continuing or surviving corporation), then, in each such case and regardless of whether any shares of Series A Preferred are then issued or outstanding, the amount set forth in the preceding sentence with respect to the exchange or change of shares of Series A Preferred will be correspondingly adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to such event.

- 8. No Redemption. The shares of Series A Preferred are not redeemable.
- 9. Rank. The Series A Preferred ranks, with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets, junior to all other series of the Corporation's Preferred Stock, including the Corporation's 5% Preferred Stock, unless the terms of such series shall so provide.
- 10. Fractional Shares. Series A Preferred may be issued in fractions of a share that shall entitle the holder, in proportion to such holder's fractional shares, to exercise voting rights, receive dividends, participate in distributions and to have the benefit of all other rights of holders of Series A Preferred.
- 11. Amendment. The Articles of Incorporation shall not be amended in any manner which would materially alter or change the powers, preferences or special rights of the Series A Preferred so as to affect such stock adversely without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred, voting together as a single class.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing amendment was duly adopted and approved by the board of directors of the Corporation on September 21, 2009, and the approval of the shareholders of the Corporation is not required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Amendment, effective as of this 215 day of September, 2009.

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Alan B. Levan, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President