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SUBJECT: THE AZALEA BAPTIST CHURCH INC.
Ref. Number: 711793

We have received your document for THE AZALEA BAPTIST CHURCH INC. and check(s) totaling \$43.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
to
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of

THE AZALEA BAPTIST CHURCH INC.

(present name)

711793

(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.

FIRST: Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER (S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED.)

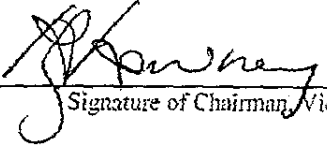
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SECOND: The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: October 20, 2002

THIRD: Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE)

- ☒ The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.
- ☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.



Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

David R. Downey

Typed or printed name

Pastor

December 10, 2002

Title

Date

AMENDED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE AZALEA BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
OF
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming and organizing a corporation not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida, and with our associate members do hereby adopt and declare the following as the Articles of Incorporation.

PREAMBLE

For the more certain preservation and security of the principles of our faith, and to the end that this body may be governed in an orderly manner consistent with the accepted tenets of the Southern Baptist Convention and for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of this church and the freedom of action of this body with respect to its relation to other churches of the same faith, we do declare and establish this Constitution and Charter of the Church.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation shall be "**THE AZALEA BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**" and it shall be located in the city of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The general nature of the object of the corporation shall be religious, benevolent, and educational, and as such it shall have all the powers incident to corporations of such character. The specific religious object of the church is for the worship of Almighty God, the extension of His Kingdom throughout the earth, and to associate its members in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, recognizing Him as their Savior and Ruler in all things.

Section 2. Policy: The government of this church is vested in the body of baptized believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist churches, and so chooses voluntarily to affiliate and cooperate in the work and fellowship of the Suncoast Baptist Association, the Florida Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 3. Doctrine: This church receives the Scriptures as its authority in all matters of faith and practice. It takes the Bible and the Bible alone as the standard by which all matters of belief and conduct are to be decided. It holds that true Christianity does not consist of creeds and confessions of faith but is essentially the relationship of the regenerate believer to God in Christ through the Holy Spirit on the basis of the revealed Word. It shall encourage the freedom of the individual conscience, the voluntary principle, not the coercive principle, in religion.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The church shall elect such officers as specified in these articles and as authorized by the church by-laws.

Section 2. The corporation shall have full power to acquire by gift, grant, purchase, devise, legacy or otherwise, real estate for use of said church, and to hold, possess, enjoy, mortgage, alienate and dispose of same. No property belonging to the church shall be at anytime alienated or encumbered except by a majority vote of the members of the church, present and voting, at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, the same having been presented and discussed at a regular or special meeting preceding by at least two weeks the said business meeting at which final vote is taken, and having been announced from the pulpit on the Lord's Day preceding such vote.

Section 3. The church shall elect an Administrative Council. They shall administer the business affairs of the corporation. The number, method of election, qualifications and duties shall be specified in the church by-laws.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Qualifications: The membership of this church shall consist of such persons as confess Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord, and who (1) after due examination by the church as to their Christian experience, and, if coming from other churches, as to their letters of recommendation, (2) have been accepted by vote of the church, and having been baptized, (3) enter into its covenant. Anyone having been a member of a Baptist church, or a church of like faith and order, and having accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and having been baptized, and in consequence of peculiar circumstances having no letter of recommendation, may be received by statement into the fellowship of the church.

Section 2. Duties: Members are expected to be faithful in all duties essential to the Christian life: to regularly attend the services of this church, to give regularly for its support and its cause, and to share in its organized work.

Section 3. Rights: Such members as are in full and regular standing, and such only, may act and vote in the transactions of the church. Each and every such member of the church has a right to a voice in the government, plans, and discipline of the church, since it is a true democracy at work.

Section 4. Quorum: A quorum for any regular or specially called business meeting shall be church members present and voting, except as otherwise stated in the church by-laws.

ARTICLE V

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, and church by-laws may be enacted, amended and rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular or specially called business meeting at least two weeks prior to the vote.

1. Any amendments to the Articles or by-laws must be presented in writing at a regular or specially called business meeting at least two weeks prior to the vote.
2. An announcement must be made from the pulpit during the Lord's day morning worship service preceding the business meeting notifying the church of the proposed vote and specifying the subject, time and date of the business meeting plus a reference to the published text of the amendment(s).

ARTICLE VI

THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE PERPETUAL. In the event of dissolution of this corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to another church of like faith and order, or to the Florida Baptist Convention or to the Southern Baptist Convention, and none of the remaining assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, or trustee of this corporation.