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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**OF****WINTER PARK FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned natural person of the age of 18 years or more, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be **WINTER PARK FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ARTICLE II. - PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to support the welfare and health of our small firefighter community.

In general, to do any and all acts and things, and to exercise any and all powers which now or hereafter are lawful for the corporation to do or exercise under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida for the purpose of accomplishing any of the purposes of the corporation.

The purposes for which this corporation is organized shall be limited to those which are strictly charitable. In no event shall this corporation engage in any activity which would be contrary to the purposes and activities: (1) permitted to be engaged in by any organization the activities of which are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or (2) of a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

The corporation shall not engage, nor shall any of its funds, property, or income be used, in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the corporation participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, nor shall the corporation engage in subversive activities.

The corporation shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on an unrelated trade or business as defined in Section 513 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

No compensation shall be paid to any member, officer, director, trustee, creator or organizer of the corporation or substantial contributor to it except as the reasonable allowance for services actually rendered to or for the corporation.

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The corporation is organized to serve public interest. Accordingly, it shall not be operated for benefit of private interest.

ARTICLE III. - POWERS

The corporation shall have all the powers granted to not for profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida which are necessary or convenient to effect any and all purposes for which the corporation is organized. In no event, however, shall the corporation have or exercise any power which would cause it not to qualify as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) or Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder; nor shall the corporation engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any particular individual.

ARTICLES IV. - MEMBERS

The initial members of the corporation shall consist of the officers and board of directors named herein. Additional members will be voted into the corporation in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation.

All members of the corporation shall be voting members.

ARTICLE V. - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI. - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) persons. The number of directors shall be fixed in the By-Laws of this corporation. Annual elections will be held on the 31st day of December, of each year or such other date as selected by the Board of Directors. Election shall be by a majority vote of the members of this corporation in attendance at the annual meeting of the membership of this corporation.

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer. Each officer shall serve for a term of two (2) years, beginning the 1st day of the month immediately following his election by a majority of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Officers may be re-elected to serve subsequent terms. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors or in any office for any reason, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

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ARTICLES VII. - NAMES OF OFFICERS

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election under the Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
Gene Rodriguez	President
R. Kevin Dixon	Vice-President
Eric Wheaton	Secretary/Treasurer

ARTICLE VIII. - FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of persons consisting of the first Board of Directors shall be three (3), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first election under these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Gene Rodriguez	610 Pine Avenue Oviedo, FL 32765
R. Kevin Dixon	2714 Riddle Drive Winter Park, FL 32789
Eric Wheaton	1448 Hidden Meadow Way Apopka, FL 32712

ARTICLE IX. - BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the corporation shall be initially approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and thereafter may be altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Members at the annual meeting of the members at a duly called meeting of the Members in accordance with the By-laws.

ARTICLE X. - AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE XI. - DISSOLUTION

Upon the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to, and only to, any one or more organizations qualified as exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the

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Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of a private individual.

ARTICLE XII. - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation shall be: 343 W. Canton Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789.

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation shall be: R. Kevin Dixon.

ARTICLE XIII - CORPORATION'S PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND/OR MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office and/or mailing address of this corporation shall be: 343 W. Canton Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789.

ARTICLE XIV. - INCORPORATOR

The following is the name and street address of the incorporator signing these Articles: Gene Rodriguez, 610 Pine Avenue, Oviedo, FL 32765.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and seal this 18 day of September 2012.

Gene Rodriguez
Gene Rodriguez, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ORANGE

BEFORE ME, an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgements, this 12 day of September 2012, personally appeared Gene Rodriguez, who has produced a Florida Driver's License as identification or who is personally known to me, who did take an oath and after being duly sworn, says that he is the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged before me that he executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 12 day of September 2012.



KRM
NOTARY PUBLIC

ACCEPTANCE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am a permanent resident of Orange County, Florida, residing at the place indicated above and I hereby accept the foregoing designation as Registered Agent.

RKD
R. Kevin Dixon