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SUBJECT: ROYAL PALM POINTE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC. Ref. Number: W96000016494

We have received your document for ROYAL PALM POINTE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

According to section 607.0202(1)(b) or 617.0202(1)(b), Florida Statutes, you must list the corporation's principal office, and if different, a mailing address in the document. If the principal address and the registered office address are the same, please indicate so in your document.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

ROYAL PALM POINTE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC. a Florida Corporation not for profit

The undersigned person, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: ROYAL PALM POINTE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II - EFFECTIVE DATE

Corporate existence shall begin upon the filing of these Articles with the Secretary of State of Florida.

ARTICLE III - DURATION

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE

The corporation is a not for profit corporation organized to operate exclusively as an association of persons (the term "persons" to include legal entities such as trusts and corporations) having a common business interest, whose purpose is to promote the common business interest and not to engage in a regular business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit, within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) and more particularly:

- (a) for the improvement of business conditions for merchants and businesses having a common business interest in the Royal Palm Pointe business corridor.
- (b) to present trade statistics and group opinions of the membership to government agencies, bureaus and others who have

jurisdiction over public rights of way and other matters germane to the common business interests of the corporation's members.

- (c) to disseminate information and promote interest in the Royal Palm Pointe corridor.
- (d) to hold such meetings and other instructional activities for the members and the public as needed to promote the organizations goals.

In addition, in furtherance but not in limitation thereof:

The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation except as an insubstantial part of its activities. The corporation shall not engage in any transaction or permit any act or omission which shall operate to deprive it of its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(6) of the Code. The corporation shall not in any manner or to any extent participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, nor shall it engage in any "prohibited transaction" as defined in Section 501(6) of the Internal In the event of dissolution or Revenue Code of 1986. liquidation of the corporation, any assets then remaining shall be distributed among such other organizations as shall qualify at the time as exempt organizations described in Code Section 501(c)(6) as the Board of Directors shall determine, such assets to be used for purposes consistent with those described in the immediately preceding subparagraphs lettered (a) through (d).

No part of the net earning of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member of the corporation or other private individual except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered herein. None of the property of the corporation shall be distributed directly or indirectly to any member of the corporation except in fulfillment of its charitable and educational purposes enumerated herein.

The corporation also has such powers as are now or may hereafter be granted under the laws of the State of Florida that are in furtherance of the corporation's exempt purposes within the meaning of Sections 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

The corporation is organized upon a nonstock basis as defined in Section 617.011 of the Florida Statutes, whose membership includes persons who have a common business interest. Qualifications for membership shall be set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The name and address of the initial registered agent is: John David Smith, Smith, Todd, McEntee and Company 49 Royal Palm Blvd Vero Beach Florida 32960

The principal address and the registered office address are the same.

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the corporation shall be set forth in the bylaws. The term of office and manner of selecting and removing Directors shall be set forth in the bylaws. The initial Directors shall be:

NAME

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- Craig Long, c/o Mr. Manatee's, P. O. Box 3058, Vero Beach, FL 32964-3058
- Bob Cooper, c/o Lobster Shanty, 1 Royal Palm Blvd., Vero Beach, FL 32960
- John David Smith, 49 Royal Palm Blvd., #200, Vero Beach, FL 32960
- Paul U. Dritenbas, 65 Royal Palm Blvd, Suite D, Vero Beach, FL 32960
- Jack Jackson, c/o Vero's Tackle & Sport Shop, 57 Royal Palm Blvd., Vero Beach, FL 32960
- John Michael Matthews, 29 Royal Palm Blvd., Vero Beach, FL 32960

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Regular Board of Directors meetings shall be held at a time and place specified by the President, or at such place or places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Paul Dritenbas 65 Royal Palm Blvd., Suite D Vero Beach Florida 32960

ARTICLE X - OFFICERS

The corporation shall have the following officers: President, Treasurer, Secretary, and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize. The qualifications, duties, method of selection and term of office for each officer shall be as set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE XI - BYLAWS

The bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the bylaws. Until bylaws shall be adopted providing for an alternative procedure, such action may be by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT

These articles of incorporation may be amended by affirmative voce of two thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the Board of Directors or, alternatively, as provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this <u>ZNO</u> day of <u>AUGUST</u>, 1996.

Paul Dritenbas, Incorporator

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATED AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED AND THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

ROYAL PALM POINTE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its initial registered office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, has named JOHN DAVID SMITH, of 49 Royal Palm Blvd. Suite 200, Vero Beach Florida 32960 as its registered agent to accept service of process within this state.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

Having been named as the registered agent for the above corporation for the purpose of accepting service of process at the registered office designated in this certificate, I hereby accept such appointment and acknowledge that I am familiar with and accept the obligations and responsibilities of such office as provided for in Florida Statutes.

Name

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