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# RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

# NORTH PENINSULA BAPTIST CHURCH OF ORMOND BEACH FL, INC

# (A Florida Not for Profit Corporation)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.1007 of the Florida Statutes, this Florida Not for Profit Corporation, hereby adopts the following Restated Articles of Incorporation:

#### **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, these Restated Articles of Incorporation required approval by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Corporation, pursuant to Article X of the initial Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation and/or Section 617.1002 of the Florida Statutes:

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2025, the Board of Directors/Elders adopted a resolution that: (i) approved these Restated Articles of Incorporation (with a complete copy of the Restated Articles of Incorporation included as an exhibit thereto) and (ii) directed that the members vote on these Restated Articles of Incorporation at a duly noticed special meeting of the members scheduled on February 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2025, these Restated Articles of Incorporation were duly adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the special meeting of the members of the Corporation. The actual vote of the members present at the February 16, 2025 special meeting was unanimous in favor of adoption.

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be: **NORTH PENINSULA BAPTIST CHURCH OF ORMOND BEACH FL, INC.** (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

#### **ARTICLE II - ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The address of the principal office (and the mailing address) of the Corporation is:

6 Sandra Drive Ormond Beach, FL 32176

## **ARTICLE III – PURPOSES**

A. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are as follows:

- 1. To be a church in Ormond Beach, Florida consisting of a body of followers of Jesus Christ who believe the Bible to be the written word of God, inspired by God and without error in its original manuscripts.
- 2. To make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in the greater Ormond Beach community and beyond, by walking the ancient paths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, abiding in Him, and living as He lived.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall be limited in its purposes, objectives and activities as follows:
  - a. The Corporation will not carry on any other activities that are not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or any other corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.
  - b. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and religious purposes under Section 501(c) of the Code, or any other corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### <u>ARTICLE IV – DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF FAITH & ORDINANCES</u>

The Corporation embraces the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention on June 14, 2000 as its doctrinal statement of faith.

The Corporation, in accordance with its doctrinal statement of faith (i.e. the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention on June 14, 2000), observes two ordinances: (i) Baptism; and (ii) the Lord's Supper.

<u>Baptism</u> is the immersion of a new believer in water in obedience to the command of Christ and is to be administered in the presence of the Church. Baptism is to follow a profession of faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

The Lord's Supper will be observed on a recurring basis by the congregation at the church during Sunday worship services, in the manner more specifically described in the Bylaws. All persons in the congregation who have trusted Christ as their Savior and who have publicly professed their faith in Him are encouraged to partake of the Lord's Supper.

### ARTICLE V - AFFILIATIONS

The Corporation is a cooperating and supporting church affiliated with the East Central Florida Baptist Network, the Florida Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

# **ARTICLE VI- DURATION**

The period of the duration of the Corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

# **ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ELDERS**

The number of persons constituting the Board of Directors/Elders shall be at least three (3). The number of members of the Board of Directors/Elders may be increased, as provided in the Bylaws, but in no event shall the number of Directors/Elders be less than three (3). The Board of Directors/Elders are elected by the Corporation as expressly provided provided in the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the current Board of Directors/Elders are as follows:

Name of Director/Elder:	Address:
Pastor Jeff Eckert	6 Sandra Drive Ormond Beach, FL 32176
Pastor Stephen Collins	6 Sandra Drive Ormond Beach, FL 32176
Brad Gornto (Chair)	6 Sandra Drive Ormond Beach, FL 32176
Tim Harbuck	6 Sandra Drive Ormond Beach, FL 32176
Tom Tacker	6 Sandra Drive Ormond Beach, FL 32176

#### ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

The day-to-day affairs of the Corporation shall be administered, subject to the direction and authority of the Board of Directors/Elders, by the officers of the Corporation, which include a President, Vice President, and Secretary and such other officers as permitted by the Bylaws. The officers shall be appointed by the Board of Directors/Elders

and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors/Elders. The names and addresses of the current officers who shall continue to serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors/Elders are as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President	Pastor Jeff Eckert	6 Sandra Drive Ormond Beach, FL 32176
Vice President	Pastor Stephen Collins	6 Sandra Drive Ormond Beach, FL 32176
Secretary	Brad Gornto	6 Sandra Drive Ormond Beach, FL 32176

## **ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS**

The Corporation has duly adopted Bylaws that govern the leadership, management, and day-to-day operations of the Corporation. The Bylaws of the Corporation may, from time to time, be amended, altered, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted, pursuant to the procedures specifically set forth in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT**

These Restated Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered, or repealed pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation. If no such procedures are set forth in the Bylaws (as determined by the Board of Directors/Elders of the Corporation), then these Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered, or repealed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at any annual meeting of the Corporation, or at any special meeting of the Corporation called for that purposes and duly noticed to the members of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE XI - REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and office address in the State of Florida for the Registered Agent of the Corporation is:

Bradford B. Gornto, Esq. Gornto Law, PLLC 310 Wilmette Avenue, Suite 5 Ormond Beach, Florida 32174

#### **ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of a private individual. Without modifying or limiting the above requirements upon the dissolution of the Corporation, which are statutory requirements for all 501(c) tax exempt charitable organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, if the Corporation is dissolved its assets shall be distributed to one or more churches and/or Christian ministries that are qualified 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organizations and preferably cooperating churches or otherwise affiliated with the East Central Florida Association, the Florida Baptist Convention, and/or the Southern Baptist Convention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Restated Articles of Incorporation of NORTH PENINSULA BAPTIST CHURCH OF ORMOND BEACH FL, INC., on this the day of February, 2025.

NORTH PENINSULA BAPTIST CHURCH OF ORMOND BEACH FL, INC.

Name: Jeff Eckert

Title: President