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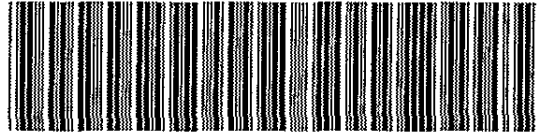
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NAME OF CORPORATION: Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.

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The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Virginia J. Haley

(Name of Contact Person)

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(Address)

Sarasota, FL 34235

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**Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of**

Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.
(Name of corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

764035
(Document number of corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

NEW CORPORATE NAME (if changing):

no change

(must contain the word "corporation," "incorporated," or the abbreviation "corp." or "inc." or words of like import in language; "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name of a not for profit corporation)

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED- (OTHER THAN NAME CHANGE) Indicate Article Number(s) and/or Article Title(s) being amended, added or deleted: (BE SPECIFIC)

Article one through thirteen are being replaced by the attached.

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SARASOTA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, INC.**

(A Corporation Not for Profit)

Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (the "Corporation"), filed its original articles of incorporation with the Florida Secretary of State on July 6, 1982 (the "Original Articles"). The Original Articles were amended on the September 29, 1986, when the Corporation filed Articles of Amendment. The Corporation's board of directors adopted a resolution setting forth the following Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "New Articles") and directed that the New Articles be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Corporation's members entitled to vote on the proposed amendment. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment was given to each member entitled to vote at such meeting in accordance with the articles of incorporation and/or the bylaws. The New Articles were adopted by the members on the 26 day of October 2006 by a sufficient number of member votes, from members entitled to vote and present at such meeting or represented by proxy, to approve the New Articles. These duly adopted New Articles supersede the Original Articles and all amendments to them. Articles I through XIV are hereby amended and restated as follows:

**I.
NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this corporation shall be:

Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.

The principal address and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be:

766 Hudson Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236

**II.
STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE**

This is a nonprofit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporation Not for Profit Act (the "Act") set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

**III.
PURPOSES**

- (a) The purpose of the Corporation shall be to be a full service destination management organization to promote the advancement and development of tourism in Sarasota County, Florida.
- (b) The general purposes for which this Corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such charitable and education purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of and subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making

of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Code.

- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 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 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.
- (d) This Corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Eligibility. The Corporation's Board of Directors may admit firms and corporations interested in tourism and who have an established record of ethical business practices and consumer relations.
- (b) Rights and Liabilities of Members. The members of this Corporation shall have no right, title, or interest whatsoever in its income, property or assets, nor shall any portion of such income, property or assets be distributed to any member on the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation. Members of this Corporation shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Corporation and shall not be subject to any assessments.

V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of not less than three (3) persons, as determined pursuant to provisions of the Bylaws. The board of directors of the Corporation shall be elected at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, held in September of each year, to serve until the next annual meeting or until their respective successors are duly elected. The method of election of directors shall be as stated in the bylaws.

VI. OFFICERS

The board of directors shall elect the following officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as the bylaws of this Corporation may authorize the directors to elect from time to time. The method of election of officers shall be as stated in the bylaws.

VII. CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The existence of this Corporation shall be perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

**VIII.
BYLAWS**

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Act, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the Corporation, bylaws of this Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of directors or by following the procedures set forth therefore in the bylaws.

**IX.
REGISTERED OFFICE**

The street address of the registered office of the Corporation is 200 S. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236, and the name of the registered agent of this Corporation at that address is Mitchell O. Palmer.

**X.
COMMITTEES**

The Corporation may establish such committees as may be necessary to efficiently carry out the general purposes and activities of the Corporation.

**XI.
DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

**XII.
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets and income of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations described in Sections 501(c)(6) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

**XIII.
MISCELLANEOUS**

- (a) Distribution of Income. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax law.
- (b) Self-dealing. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law.

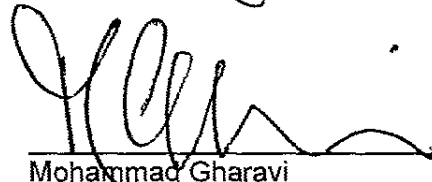
- (c) **Excess Business Holding.** The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (d) **Investments Jeopardizing Charitable Purpose.** The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent tax laws.
- (e) **Taxable Expenditures.** The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

**XIV.
AMENDMENT**

Amendments to these articles of incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the board of directors and presented to a quorum of the board of directors for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of three-quarters (3/4) of a quorum of the board of directors of the Corporation."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the President of this Corporation, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 5 day of January, 2007.

By:



Mohammad Gharavi
As its Chairman

SARASOTA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
Board of Directors Slate of Officers and Board Members
2007

Officers	Members at Large
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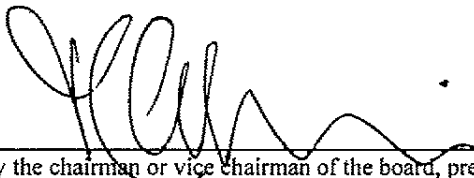
The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: November 1, 2006

Effective date if applicable: December 28, 2006
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

Adoption of Amendment(s) **(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


(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer- if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator- if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary, by that fiduciary.)

Mohammad Gharavi

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Chairman

(Title of person signing)

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