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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
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GADSDEN COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, I, the undersigned natural person competent to contract, acting as incorporator of a corporation not-for-profit, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation is GADSDEN COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office and mailing address of the Association is 2132 Lake Forest Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

ARTICLE III

REGISTERED AGENT

JOHN C. LOVETT, ESQ., whose address is 106 East College Avenue, Suite 1200, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, is hereby appointed the initial registered agent of this Association.

ARTICLE IV

PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is

formed are to provide for maintenance and preservation of the Common Area, and other maintenance as is further provided in the Declaration, to provide for the architectural control of the Building Sites (as defined in the Declaration referred to hereinafter) within that certain Project known as Gadsden Commercial Exchange; and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the above described property and any additions thereto as may hereinafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association, and in furtherance of these purposes, to:

(a) exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in that certain Declaration hereinafter and above called the "Declaration", applicable to the property and recorded or to be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth at length;

(b) fix, levy, collect and enforce payment of, by any lawful means, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association;

(c) acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise) own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease,

transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association;

(d) borrow money, and with the assent of seventy-five percent (75%) of the members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;

(e) dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any Public Agency or authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be provided in the Declaration;

(f) participate in mergers and consolidation with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional residential property and common area, provided that any such merger, consolidation or annexation shall have the assent of seventy-five percent (75%) of the members; and

(g) have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, by law may now or hereafter have and exercise.

## ARTICLE V

### MEMBERSHIP

Each Building Site which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the Association shall have appurtenant thereto a membership in the Association, which membership shall be held by the person or entity, or in common by the persons or entities, owning such unit, except that no person or entity holding an

interest or title to a unit as security for performance of an obligation shall acquire the membership appurtenant to such Lot by virtue of such interest or title. In no event may any membership be severed from the Lot to which it is appurtenant.

## ARTICLE VI

### VOTING RIGHTS

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Declarant and shall be entitled to one vote for each Building Site owned. When more than one (1) person holds an interest in any Building Site, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class B. Class B member(s) shall be the Declarant (as defined in the Declaration), and shall be entitled to two (2) votes for each Building Site owned. The Class "B" membership shall cease and be converted to Class "A" membership on the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) When the total votes outstanding in the Class "A" membership equal the total votes in the Class "B" membership; or
- (b) Fifteen (15) years from the date of filing of the Declaration; or
- (c) At such time as the Class "B" member voluntarily relinquishes its right to vote.

## ARTICLE VII

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs and property of this corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors composed of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members, and in the future the number will be determined from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the corporation. The number of Directors on the Board of Directors shall be an odd number.

The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of Director until the selection of their successors are:

| <u>NAME</u>             | <u>ADDRESS</u>                                       |
|-------------------------|--|
| Hurley H. Booth, Jr.    | 1124 Alachua Avenue<br>Tallahassee, Florida 32308    |
| Gene Smith              | 2132 Lake Forest Drive<br>Tallahassee, Florida 32303 |
| Frances Booth Sheffield | 1124 Alachua Avenue<br>Tallahassee, Florida 32308    |

At the first annual meeting and at each succeeding meeting until such time as the Class B membership lapses, the Declarant shall appoint three (3) directors, each for a term of one (1) year.

At the first annual meeting after the Class B membership ceases to exist, the members shall elect two (2) directors for a term of one (1) year, two (2) directors for a term of two (2) years, and a fifth (5th) director for a term of three (3) years. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall serve as director for three (3) years; the two candidates receiving the second and third largest vote shall serve as directors for two (2)

years; and the two candidates receiving the fourth and fifth largest vote shall serve as directors for one (1) year. At each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect the appropriate number of directors for a term of three (3) years.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a President and a Vice President, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors; a Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors which shall follow each annual meeting of members. The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of appointments are:

|           |                      |
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| President | Hurley H. Booth, Jr. |
| Secretary | Gene Smith           |
| Treasurer | Gene Smith           |

#### ARTICLE IX

##### INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A. The Association hereby indemnifies any Director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding:

Whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, other than one by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such

person in his capacity of Director or officer of the Association, or in his capacity as Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal therein, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not in itself create a presumption that any such Director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association or that he had reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful.

B. By or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Association, or by reason of his being or having been a Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Association, against the reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense or



settlement of such action, or in connection with an appeal therein if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Association. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of gross negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Association, unless and only to the extent that, the court, administrative agency, or investigative body before which such action, suit or proceeding is held shall determine upon application that despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such tribunal shall deem proper.

C. The Board of Directors shall determine whether amounts for which a Director or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and whether such Director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.

D. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the powers of the Association to indemnify under applicable law.

## ARTICLE X

### TRANSACTION IN WHICH DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS ARE INTERESTED

A. No contract or transaction between the Association and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between the Association and any other corporation, partnership, association or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are Directors or officers, have a financial interest, shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Director or officer is present at or participates in the meeting of the Board or Committee thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose. However, such Director or officer must disclose such financial or other interest. No Director or officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that he is or may be interested in any such contract or transaction.

B. Interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee which authorized the contract or transaction.

## ARTICLE XI

### BY LAWS

By-Laws shall be initially adopted by the Board of Directors after which these By-Laws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of members present in person or by proxy.

## ARTICLE XII

### ANNEXATION

Commercial property, common area and recreational facilities may be annexed to the Property with the consent of a majority of the Board of Directors of the Association. Such Annexation shall become effective upon the recording of an amendment to this Declaration in the Public Records of Gadsden County, Florida.

## ARTICLE XIII

### AMENDMENTS

Proposals for the alteration, amendment or rescission of these Articles of Incorporation may be made by a majority of the Board of Directors or twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members. Amendment of these Articles of Incorporation shall require the assent of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of votes of the membership, except that the Board of Directors may amend these Articles of Incorporation without the assent of the membership to correct any ambiguities, scrivener's errors or conflicts appearing within these Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE XIV

### DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by the holders of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of the members. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or

consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for the purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. In the event dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes. Any action under this Article is subject to the procedures and requirements of Florida Statute 617.05.

#### ARTICLE XV

##### DURATION

The corporate shall exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE XVI

##### INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

##### NAME

John C. Lovett

##### ADDRESS

106 East College Avenue, #1200  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, I, the undersigned, constituting the incorporator of this Association, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 23 day of June, 2000.

  
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Incorporator

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS 00 JUN 27 PM 3:57

FOR SERVICE OR PROCESS WITHIN

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THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

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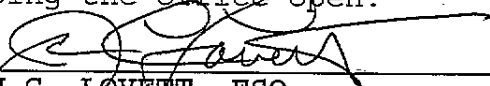
Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Statute:

THAT GADSDEN COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal offices at 2132 Lake Forest Drive, Tallahassee, County of Leon, State of Florida, has named JOHN C. LOVETT, ESQ., whose office is located at 106 East College Avenue, Suite 1200, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, as its agent to accept service of process with the State.

  
Incorporator

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping the office open.

  
JOHN C. LOVETT, ESQ.