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The East Lee County Council, Inc.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE EAST LEE COUNTY COUNCIL, INC.
(A Corporation Not for Profit)

We, the undersigned, are desirous of forming a corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, and agree to the following:

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this corporation shall be The East Lee County Council, Inc.

ARTICLE II
Address

The initial location of this corporation shall be 1625 Hendry Street, Suite 301, Fort Myers, FL 33901. The mailing address of this corporation shall be the same as the initial location.

ARTICLE III
Purpose

The purpose of the East Lee County Council, Inc. shall be to promote and protect the quality of life in East Lee County. This will be accomplished through the advocacy of environmental protection, sound planning and development regulations, conscientious code enforcement, and the provision of adequate physical infrastructure.

ARTICLE IV
Board of Directors

Section 1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of directors shall be set out in the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3).

Section 2. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws.

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Section 3. The initial members of the Board of Directors and their addresses are:
Jim Green, P.O. Box 218, Alva, FL 33920
Harold Waters, 9513 Windsor Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33905
Theodore Budd, 13280 Marquette Avenue, Ft. Myers, FL 33905

ARTICLE V
Registered Office

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 1625 Hendry Street, Suite 301, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and the name of the registered agent of this corporation at that address is Michael E. Roeder.

ARTICLE VI
Incorporators

The incorporators are: Jim Green, P.O. Box 218, Alva, FL 33920 and Harold Waters, 9513 Windsor Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33905.

ARTICLE VII
Term of Existence

The corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VIII
Officers

The officers of this corporation, and their respective duties, shall be as provided in the Bylaws of this corporation.

ARTICLE IX
Bylaws

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they deem necessary from time to time.

Section 2. Upon proper notice, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose, according to the procedures set out in the Bylaws.

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ARTICLE X
Amendments to Articles

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or as otherwise provided by law.


ARTICLE XI
No Private Inurements; Restrictions on Activities


No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities, not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

ARTICLE XII
Distribution upon Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunder set our hands and seals this 25th day of September, 2000, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under laws of the State of Florida.



JIM GREEN


HAROLD WATERS

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ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for The East Lee County Council, Inc., at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, Michael E. Roeder of 1625 Hendry Street, Suite 301, Fort Myers, FL 33901, agrees to act in this capacity and agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and accepts the duties and obligations of Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

Dated: October 6, 2000



Michael E. Roeder

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